

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! After the omission of the Alleluias in the liturgical Season of Holy Lent and during our Holy Week; our “Alleluias” are back in this liturgical Season of Easter. I bring you Easter greetings in the blessed name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday joyfully proclaims to us the beautiful gospel message of the empty tomb of Jesus and the victory that the emptiness of the tomb represents. I would like to also mention that we really had a blessed and meaningful Holy Week that led us to Easter, keeping us busy with so many services in our church.

One might feel inclined to ask the question, “Why observe the passion and death of Jesus Christ during Holy Week while we can directly celebrate Easter Sunday? After all, aren’t we resurrection people? The answer to that question rests in the teaching of Jesus. Jesus taught us that there is no glory without suffering. The earthly ministry of Jesus was that of a suffering servant. Similarly, there is no resurrection without dying.

The miracle of Easter, the greatest miracle or sign of God’s presence calls us to a transformative experience both in life and death. It calls us to experience Christ who is fully alive in our midst and exhorts us to go beyond the empty tomb. The good news of the gospel assures us that God is real and that we are always surrounded by God’s loving presence. The good news of the empty tomb powerfully declares that Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Additionally, Easter calls us to examine ourselves and ask ourselves the question: Has Christ Jesus risen within us? How does the Easter “Alleluias” translate into our life? Unless we internalize Jesus Christ and everything that Jesus Christ represents, Easter becomes just a liturgical season or merely a holiday. Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to empower our life to experience the transformation that we are called to experience, and let our life become a proclamation of that transformation.

In Christ’s Love,

Varghese+
The Rev. Dr. Varghese Mathew

MAY 1 OUTREACH SUNDAY: EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE FUND

Working through the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief & Development is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other humanitarian assistance to people fleeing from the violence and brutality of the war in Ukraine. Please pray for all those affected and please give as generously as you can to help the victims of this terrible criminal war against a peaceful, democratic nation and its citizens.

MIDNIGHT RUN: MAY 20

We are so grateful to our friends from the Presbyterian Church in Darien CT who have joined us in making recent runs and for their generosity in providing clothing and other supplies. Our role is to sort through and package the clothing and supplies, to prepare the lunch bags for the run and to go on the run. Sorting of clothes, etc. will take place on Wednesday May 18 at 9:30 AM in the Undercroft. If you can come and help, please do!

MILESTONES

Emily DeVivo has earned her Master of Arts degree in Gender, Society and Representation from University College London. As part of her degree she completed a dissertation titled: “The Myth of Democratic Women: Unconscious Gender Bias and Female Vote Choice in the 2016 and 2020 U.S. Presidential Elections.” In mid-March, Emily and her mom, Sharon, travelled to the United Kingdom for Emily’s commencement ceremony where they also had the chance to visit with family and thank them for supporting her during the pursuit of her degree.



Philip Gotthelf was elected to the position of 2nd Lieutenant by the members of the Ardsley Engine Company on April 4th at the Ardsley Fire House. He was sworn in by Mayor Nancy Kaboolian of Ardsley. He has been a member of the Ardsley Fire Department for six years, and previously a member of the Department Explorer Post since the age of 15.



Bethsaida Mathew’s eighth birthday was celebrated at St. Barnabas on April 27 with a delicious buffet of Indian food and lots of good wishes.

Congratulations to all!



ORGAN DONATIONS (THE MUSICAL KIND)

The St Barnabas sanctuary is a great acoustical setting for music, which is why so many professional musicians like to use it for concerts. As a parish we enjoy the blessings of the sound of our organ and choir. After 40 years of great service, our old organ was declining in many ways. Recently one of the keyboards stopped working entirely and there was also a bad sputtering sound in one set of speakers.

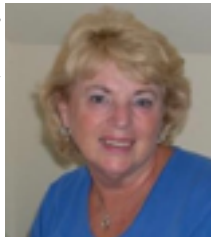
Our options were to purchase a new organ (over \$40,000) or explore an inventory of used organs. Allen Organ offered us a used organ that is almost 20 years old, but has new technology that wasn't available 40 years ago and therefore is a significant upgrade from what we had, which was basically NO technology. Our vestry voted to purchase the organ for \$14,000, which included new speakers, installation, and a five-year warranty. If during the five years we decide we want to purchase a new organ, the purchase price would be applied to the cost of a new organ.

While this was a great "buy", and a necessary expense, it was not in our 2022 operating budget. We are asking for your help in funding this important project, and hope you'll be as generous as you can. Checks can be sent to St Barnabas or online via Zelle (from your bank, using this email address as the identifier: stbarnabasardsleytreasurer@gmail.com)

DONNA SCHEELER

For many years St. Barnabas parishioners were greeted with great warmth and a big smile every Sunday at the church entrance by Donna Scheeler. Newcomers especially remember her for her energetic caring ways and for shepherding them into the fold of parish life. Donna and her husband, Ron, who served as our treasurer for many years, retired and moved to South Carolina where they became part of our "St. Barnabas South" parish.

Donna and Betty Godley and Nancy Gotthelf, who vacations in S. Carolina, periodically enjoyed luncheon get togethers. Sadly, Donna passed away in April. Acknowledging her great service to St. Barnabas a friend has observed that St. Peter will no longer have to greet newcomers at the Pearly Gates because Donna is now there. Rest in peace, dear sister.



THE LORD IS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

The long, somber, reflective days of Lent and Holy Week ended in the joyful celebration of Easter and we experienced that joy both in the Easter Sunday Eucharist and the holiday coffee hour.

