

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEE BELOW FOR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LETTER FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear people of God,

Greetings to all of you in the Blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I hope everyone is having a blessed Season of Holy Lent. Our Lenten observance paves way to Palm Sunday and the Holy Week observing the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Holy Week is an observance reflecting sorrow and solemnity. We go back in time to the context and history surrounding Jesus' Crucifixion. We join the earliest followers and disciples of Jesus in experiencing their fears, tears, and uncertainties.

However, in the midst of grief and uncertainty, there exists the message of resurrection. We are called to be people of life thru Jesus Christ. There exists hope beyond the grave. The empty tomb of the risen Lord and the joy of Easter await us in proclaiming Christ's victory over death.

I welcome you all to partake in the different Holy Week services and meditations at St. Barnabas. Also, let me specially encourage everyone to join us for the Easter Sunday service and the celebration that follows.

Peace,

Varghese+
The Rev. Dr. Varghese E. Mathew
Priest-in-Charge

SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

Easter is a day of triumph and a time for celebration. Please consider sharing Easter with friends or families who do not have a church home. The choir anthem will be a popular traditional carol, *Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day*. Our coffee hour following the service will be a special celebratory spread. The Good News of Easter is something we all need to spread beyond the confines of our parish! Just tell your friends we have a beautiful service on Easter Sunday with great music followed by a holiday coffee hour and that they are most welcome to join in the festivities. You may find your friends or family members are just waiting to be asked!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29, 9:45 AM

Procession with palms starts from the parking lot
10 AM Palm Sunday Service

Holy Monday, March 30, 7:30 PM

“Seven Words from the Cross”

Meditations that focus on the seven last words of Jesus

Holy Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 PM.

The Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Service including *Praise to the Eternity of Jesus* from *Quartet for The End of Time* by Oliver Messiaen, Peter Seidenberg, 'cello and Larry Wolf, piano

Good Friday: April 3, 7:30 PM

Good Friday Service including *Praise to the Immortality of Jesus* from *Quartet for The End of Time* by Oliver Messiaen, April Johnson, violin and Larry Wolf, piano

Holy Saturday, April 4, 10 AM

Holy Saturday Service

Easter Sunday, April 5, 10 AM

Easter Sunday Service followed by a celebratory coffee hour



APRIL 5 OUTREACH SUNDAY WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (USA)

In the world's most dangerous conflict and disaster zones, families are struggling to find enough food to survive. By supporting World Food Program USA, you provide these families with more than food – you provide hope for people living through immense crises beyond their control.

Your Outreach gift will help provide more emergency food boxes, cash assistance and lifesaving school meals to families facing extreme hunger. This is the last month in our Outreach Program for supporting the World Food Program so please give as generously as you can.

APRIL 17 MIDNIGHT RUN

Kathy Wolf reported that practically everything—food, clothing, etc.— was given away on the March run because there were so many more homeless on the streets, a sign perhaps that times

are getting harder for many Americans. Are you pitching in to help on the runs? We can always use more hands to sort clothes on April 15 starting at 10 AM. Or you could supply fruit or a packaged dessert, like cookies, or make sandwiches, or boil eggs for the lunch bags we fill on April 17. Just sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of the church

GRACE MISSION CHURCH AND ST. BARNABAS

April 6 will be the start of the eleventh year of sharing our church facilities with members of Grace Mission Church. The mission, which is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, uses our sanctuary for their service starting at 1 PM on Sundays. We are blessed to have such a wonderful sharing relationship with Grace Mission Church

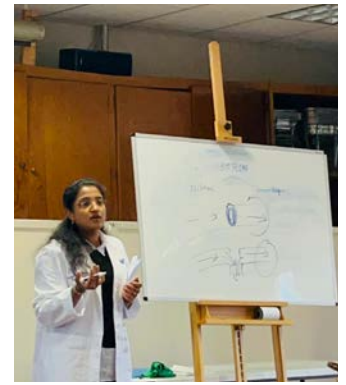
A CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8

A round of applause for Sabina Gaston who organized our coffee hour celebration of International Women Day on March 8. Parish women brought food that reflected their family origins. Posters displayed many women of accomplishment and Sabina put together a remarkable booklet containing photographs and brief citations about women who have left an imprint on the world. We thank Sabina for her thoughtful preparations in organizing this event and also thank her sister, Priscilla, who came all the way from Georgia to help with the lovely set up and decorations in the undercroft.



A HEALTHCARE TALK ON STROKE, MARCH 22

There are not many churches who are fortunate enough to have a Family Nurse Practitioner and Hospitalist in their midst who from time to time can give presentations on major health issues. But we are blessed to have Anu Koshy-Mathew who gave us all a wake-up talk on stroke during coffee hour on March 22. She explained the two different kinds of stroke, symptoms and what do if you are dealing with a stroke. In addition she discussed the main health issues that can lead to a stroke and the importance of prevention. Thank you, Anu!



HELP!!!



We have a collection of over 35 brand new Ashton Drake collectible bride dolls that were intended to be offered at our Attic Sales, which we are unable to do anymore because of a people shortage. The dolls are beautiful and their clothes are exquisite. Each one cost over \$100 when originally purchased. Kathy Wolf has tried Facebook, Nextdoor, ebay with little success. If anybody has any ideas on how to sell the dolls, especially as one lot, to raise money for St. Barnabas, please let Kathy know.

A NEW WELCOME SIGN IN THE FRONT WINDOW OF THE SANCTUARY

Our thanks to Sabina Gaston and Sharon DeVivo for writing the words and creating the new sign in front of the church, assuring the world that everyone is welcome at St. Barnabas.

*Welcome to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Ardley, New York*



We are delighted to have you here.

As a faith community, we believe in the holiness of every human being and, following in the teachings of Jesus, are committed to being an inclusive and heart-centered group.

Each of us has experienced God's amazing love and grace in the moments when we stumbled, and seek to hold each other up as an outwardly expression of that love.

Regardless of your national origin, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, gender identification, and anyone not mentioned here, you are welcome

– ALL ARE WELCOME –
to be part of our church family.

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