



WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

EPIPHANY 2023

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,
I bring you greetings in the blessed name of Jesus Christ. The month of December kept us really busy with the Christmas experience of different services, traditions, and the festivities proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Now, we are getting ready to bid farewell to the year 2022 and transition to the New Year of 2023. I thank you my parish family for your generous love and support throughout this year.

While reflecting upon the year 2022; it was also a year in terms of counting our losses. Life is a mixture of both joys and concerns. Christmas that we just celebrated is not a day nor it is merely a season, but it is an experience of the living Christ. It is about Christ and the presence of Christ in us. Christmas is about God's pure reconciling love finding us in whatever condition we are. As we look forward to a New Year; let us listen to the voice of the angel proclaiming, "Emmanuel – God is with us." Let us become that angelic voice of proclamation in the world. I once again bring you Christmas greetings and also wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Blessed, and Prosperous New Year.

Peace,
Varghese Mathew+

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (OBSERVED), SUNDAY JANUARY 8

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. We celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. Although Epiphany falls on Friday, January 6, we will be celebrating it on Sunday January 8. Please join us in the sanctuary or by zoom or phone to celebrate this last day of Christmas.



JANUARY 1, OUTREACH SUNDAY: MIDNIGHT RUN

What better way to start the New Year than by making an offering to support The Midnight Run, the charity which is the focus of so much that we do at St. Barnabas. Midnight Run coordinates over 1,000 relief missions per year, in which volunteers from churches, synagogues, schools and other civic groups distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City. The late-night relief efforts create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission.

Midnight Run is not a solution to homelessness. It's goal is to forge a bond between housed and homeless people by establishing a foundation of sharing and caring from which solutions may evolve. Through Midnight Run, volunteers come to see people on the streets as real people, not a commodity. And homeless men and women interact with mainstream adults and teenagers whose commitments and concerns go beyond their own lives and families.

At St. Barnabas we donate food and clothing to the Midnight Run and we go on runs the third Friday of each month. But money is also needed to buy things like clean underwear and socks and to help keep the store in Dobbs Ferry operating. So please consider making a donation to help meet the needs on Outreach Sunday or during the month of January.

JANUARY 20: MIDNIGHT RUN

If you haven't already participated in the Midnight Run, please lend a hand in some way for this run. Sorting of clothes will be on Wednesday, January 18 starting at 10 AM Or you can help pack lunch bags on Friday January 20 at 6 PM. Sign up to donate food! Go on the run! Many hands make iight work!

Our thanks to everyone who helped with our Midnight Run mission in 2022 and especially to our new friends from Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien CT.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ST. BARNABAS

On December 17 we offered Lessons and Carols in a service that was attended by many of our parishioners. The traditional service tells the story of the birth of Christ interspersed with carols which everyone sang and four anthems which were sung by the St. Barnabas choir. The service was followed by a wine and cheese (and more) reception in the undercroft.

The beautiful Christmas Eve Family service at 5 PM was enhanced by a magnificent performance of "The Seven Joys of Christmas" by our choir, enlarged by the addition of three singers and harpist, Hannah Murphy. Everyone enjoyed the offering of food and desserts that followed in the undercroft.

The Midnight Watch service at 11 PM reflected the quiet stillness of the night Christ was born. Our tenor soloist, Charles Curtis, sang "St. Ita's Vision: and "Oh Holy Night".

Our thanks to the angels who decorated the Undercroft and prepared the holiday spread following the 5 PM service. The beautiful lighted garland display shown here was orchestrated by Sabina Gaston. Others who helped with the Christmas decorations and who organized the reception were



Kathy Wolf, Carolyn Ricci, Pat Breinin and Nancy Gotthelf. And to the ladies who cleaned up afterwards, we nominate you for sainthood! Thanks also go to the Altar Guild ladies who decorated the sanctuary for the holiday and to Larry Wolf and the choir for the offerings of music that so greatly enhance our services.

