



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

### SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST  
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

## A LETTER FROM FATHER MATHEW

Dear People of God,

With the observance of our Ash Wednesday liturgy, we have officially stepped into another liturgical season according to our church calendar - The Season of Holy Lent. The pancake supper known as Shrove Tuesday and the Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes are important traditions to many Christians, including all of us at St. Barnabas. Holy Lent marks the beginning of a wilderness experience or a sacred journey to experience God's holiness. This journey takes us back in time to experience the passion, death, and then the joy of the victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us remind ourselves that it is the Season of Holy Lent that leads us to the destination of the Easter experience. Or in other words, there is no Easter without Lent. Jesus Christ taught us that there is no glory without suffering. This liturgical season helps us to meditate about Jesus Christ as both the suffering servant and the glorious king. The Season of Holy Lent offers us a period of theological reflection, self-examination, and repentance. Lent is an experience for us to come closer to God and to become aware of God's presence in our lives. Let us journey together on this pilgrimage of faith by participating in the various services at St. Barnabas.

In Christ's Love,  
Varghese Mathew+

## MARCH 5: OUTREACH SUNDAY: EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT



Healing a hurting world

The whole world has watched in horror at the aftermath of the earthquake that struck parts of Turkey and Syria in February. The need for help for the survivors is both urgent and ongoing. Recovering will take years. We have a way to help through Episcopal Relief & Development, which partners with Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance to respond to the

emergency. Their work includes providing temporary accommodations and safe shelters, distribution of emergency supplies including food baskets and hygiene kits, repairing damaged

bakeries to restart bread production, constructing solar power systems to provide electricity for schools, homes for the elderly, providing clean water, implementing cholera prevention awareness, and conducting life skills and job training for youth. ACT has also made amazing progress in dealing with the thousands of buildings destroyed or made unstable.

The need is enormous and endless. Please help the survivors with your prayers a generous donation on Outreach Sunday as we support Episcopal Relief & Development.

## MARCH 5: RIVERARTS CONCERT AT ST BARNABAS.

RiverArts is kicking off its spring this week with a presentation of *Legends, Legacy & Longevity: A concert celebrating 200 years of great women composers*, on Sunday, March 5, at 4 PM at St. Barnabas. The concert, in honor of International Women's Day, is an afternoon of musical power, elegance, whimsy and love, enhanced by a journey into the 20th century with several seminal works written by notable composers Hilary Tann, Kim D. Sherman and Thea Musgrave. The concert will feature Allison Charney, soprano, April Johnson, violin, Craig Ketter and Tomoko Uchino, piano, and Peter Seidenbert, cello. Our parish is offered a 15% discount on tickets, so use the code INTL-WOMEN when making your purchase at [riverarts.org/event/legends-legacy-longevity/](http://riverarts.org/event/legends-legacy-longevity/)

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**Legends, Legacy & Longevity**  
A concert celebrating 200 years of great women composers to commemorate International Women's Day  
Sunday, March 5th 4:00pm  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church  
2 Revolutionary Rd, Ardsley  
Tickets: \$40/ea  
\*reduced-price tickets available; email [info@riverarts.org](mailto:info@riverarts.org) for discount code

Further information:  
[riverarts.org/event/legends-legacy-longevity](http://riverarts.org/event/legends-legacy-longevity)

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## MARCH 17: MIDNIGHT RUN

Do you already play a part in our monthly Midnight Run? If not, please consider ways in which you can help. We always need small toiletries, such as toothpaste, soap, and shampoo, and if you can come to the church on Wednesday, March 15 at 10 AM to help sort clothes, that would be great. If you're looking for ways to help, please speak to Nancy Gotthelf.



## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Our annual meeting was held in the Undercroft on February 5, following the 10 AM service. Kathy Wolf, Sabina Gaston, Bill Sullivan, and Philip Gotthelf were elected to the Vestry, which includes current members Laura Andrade, Pat Breinin, Sharon DeVivo, and Ethel Rosally.

Fr. Mathew compared 2022 to a twilight zone, during which we had to function under the safety requirements created by the COVID pandemic, and spoke of how we managed to come together, thanks to the spiritual gifts of those determined to keep us all involved and functioning.

Kathy Wolf, our Senior Warden, reported on the state of our finances, which are keeping our doors open, and spoke of our many services and accomplishments, including: the Midnight Run, our music program, the Altar Guild, Interfaith, The Beacon, the Men's Group, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, and our Corps of Ushers. She gave special thanks to Carolyn Ricci, who faithfully pays bills, keeps records, and more, on an almost daily basis in her role as Treasurer. Father Mathew also added our 2022 Vacation Bible School, which was attended by 22 children, as another success.

Sharon DeVivo, our Junio Warden, announced that we had 23 parishioners make pledges for 2023, and that almost everyone increased the amount of their pledge over last year. She also gave thanks to Doreen Kolditz and Betty Godley, whose generous bequests to St. Barnabas have been fundamental to our ability to keep our doors open. We are one of many small churches in the Diocese of New York, practically all of whom are in need of help. She expressed the hope that the new Bishop of the Diocese will focus more attention on our needs.

## A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Sunday, February 12, in celebration of Black History Month, parishioners had a special treat from our choir, joined by guest singers and lauded soprano, Liz Lang. They sang several beloved African-American spirituals and Lang gave a heart-rending performance of He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. If anyone had Zoom issues that day, Kathy plans to email links to both performances.



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Special thanks go to Marcie and Rick Weaver, and Dennis DiVincenzo for a splendid pancake and sausage feast on Tuesday, February 21st. Marcie is a food service pro, so this year's supper was especially appreciated by the Men's Group, who hosted the Supper, and by everyone who attended. No-one went home hungry!



## PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE



We organized a family praise and worship service focused on the children and youth in our community and neighboring communities. The family service was conducted on Saturday, February 25 at 3 PM, and those who attended the service (including the adults) had an opportunity to sing songs and freely share about their faith journeys in a supportive environment. Thirteen people participated in this contemporary style of service. Rev. Varghese Mathew stated that the children and youth ministry in our church is a very tiny mustard seed ministry, but this mustard seed has the potential for tremendous growth. A special thanks to our parishioners Anu, Philip, and Nancy for helping coordinate this program. The parents who attended along with the children expressed hope for continued initiatives like this in the future.

## ST. BARNABAS REPRESENTED AT THE FEAST OF ABSALOM JONES AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Every year, the Cathedral celebrates the life of Absalom Jones, an African-American abolitionist and clergyman who, in Philadelphia, founded the first black Episcopal congregation. On February 11, Sabina, Kathy, and Dennis represented St. Barnabas by marching in the procession with the St. Barnabas Banner, and attending the service of Holy Eucharist, which included inspiring music of African-American origin, and a sermon by Catherine Meeks, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing.



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO ST. MARK'S FOR THEIR GENEROUS GIFT OF MUSIC!

Marcie Weaver was able to procure a gift from St. Mark's Episcopal Church to fund our music program at St. Barnabas. A former St. Mark's parishioner, the late Elizabeth Morgan, had given \$10,000 to St. Mark's specifically for music, and since St. Mark's is closed, Marcie got permission to set up the Elizabeth Morgan Memorial Music Fund at St. Barnabas with those funds. This will fund four extra singers once a month for the choir, and we are so grateful to be able to lift our voices in song in greater number!