



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

### SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST  
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,  
I greet you all in the blessed name of Christ Jesus. Also, I prayerfully wish a happy, healthy, and blessed year ahead. The first month in this year of 2022 was a sad month for the St. Barnabas parish family. The month of January was a month of mourning; mourning the passing away of two of our beloved parish members. The parish family received with great shock, the news of the passing away of David (Dave) Cobleigh, who served as our Eucharistic Minister. Following that, our longest standing member and volunteer parish administrator, Doris Brown, also went to be with the Lord. When loved ones pass away; there is a period of mourning. After that, we transition into the phase of continuing the legacy of those dear ones. Very often, we wonder about the road ahead.

Beyond the uncertainties of life we face, each moment of life offers us a renewal of our faith, hope, and above all it binds us with the greatest emotion known as love. In the midst of a pandemic that has blind sided us and in the moment of counting our losses; we can certainly be assured that we have God and each other. I like to conclude my short letter by echoing the sentiment of St. Paul who powerfully proclaims in the Epistle to the Romans that nothing can separate us from the love of God – not even death (Romans 8: 38-39). The good news of the gospel is based on this emotion of love encouraging us and motivating us to abide in God's love (John 15: 9). Let us hold strong in love and navigate forward in our journey ahead. May the blessing of Almighty God be with us all.

In Christ's Love, Varghese Mathew

## FEBRUARY 6 ANNUAL MEETING 12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

2021 turned out to be yet another challenging year for St. Barnabas due to the pandemic. We need everyone's help in charting the future of our church, so it is important that everyone attends the Annual Meeting which will be held at 12:30 PM on February 6 via zoom. At that time everyone will receive the financial report for 2021 and budget projections for 2022. We will be electing new members to the vestry and there will be reports from the heads of the various committees serving St. Barnabas.

Please watch for Kathy Wolf's email giving instructions on how to join the meeting via zoom.

## OUTREACH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6 BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND, DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY

The damage, destruction, and loss of lives resulting from the unprecedented tornadoes that struck Kentucky in December have left many people not only homeless but without jobs because many businesses that were destroyed do not plan to rebuild in the area. Much of the help that is being made available to those impacted the storm comes from churches in the region which is why we have chosen the Bishop's Discretionary Fund of the Diocese of Kentucky as our February Outreach.

Please consider giving generously to those whose homes and jobs have been swept away and replaced with uncertainty and despair.

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW BARITONE, RUSSELL ASHLEY

Since moving to New York from Arizona over 30 years ago, Russell Ashley has been a familiar figure to audiences in the tri-state area. In addition to appearing as a guest soloist with the Gregg Smith Singers, Mr. Ashley has been a featured soloist at Madeleine and Chartres Cathedrals in France as well as the Madeira-Bach Festival. He has been a chorister-soloist with the National Chorus for 30 years, and was a member of The Metropolitan Opera extra-chorus for over 25 years. He has also performed frequently with New Jersey State Opera and National Grand Opera, as well as the Robert DeCormier Singers and Musica Sacra. He has been the bass-baritone soloist at West Center Congregational Church in Bronxville and Riverdale Temple.



## MIDNIGHT RUN, FEBRUARY 18

One of Doris Brown's many services to St. Barnabas was sorting clothes to be given to the homeless on the Midnight Run. In her absence we need help on Wednesday morning, February 16 at 9:30 AM to get ready for this month's run. We have been giving out pre-made bags of clothing to ensure less hand to hand contact with the homeless during the pandemic. We are also giving out over 80 lunch bags. Please come to the church on Wednesday morning if you can help with this task. Thanks to all who have been helping to make sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, supply fruit and desserts and set up and go on the runs.

## REMINDER: AN EASY WAY TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE

A very convenient way to pay your pledge is through automatic withdrawals. For many years the Diocese offered a service enabling automatic payments, however that service ended last year. If you would like to save yourself the trouble of trying to remember to make payments and write checks, please consider setting up automatic payments online through Zelle as part of your online banking service. When asked for the recipient's email address, use [stbarnabasardsleytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabasardsleytreasurer@gmail.com)

## ST BARNABAS FINANCIALS

Our financial picture for the full year 2021 was better than 2020, but certainly has room for improvement.

As shown below, our net operating profit for the year 2021 was

- \$17,124 under plan, due mostly to:
- \$6,623 shortfall in interest from the Diocesan Investment Trust due to timing issue
- \$10,356 shortfall in pledge and weekly income
- \$5,308 overage in expenses due to some unexpected purchases

This underscores the importance of fulfilling your pledge to the best of your ability, as we depend on these funds!

|                      | 2021        | Budget        | Excess/(Shortfall)        |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Pledge Collections   | \$36,159    | \$55,000      | (\$18,841)                |
| Plate Collections    | \$15,485    | \$7,000       | (\$8,485)                 |
|                      | \$51,644    | \$62,000      | (\$10,356)                |
|                      | <b>2021</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b> |
| Operating Income     | \$120,165   | \$132,000     | (\$11,835)                |
| Operating Expenses   | \$137,308   | \$132,000     | (\$5,308)                 |
| Net Operating Profit | (\$17,143)  | \$0           | (\$17,143)                |

## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

January was a cruel month for St. Barnabas when we lost two of our dearly beloved parishioners, Doris Brown and Dave Cobleigh.



We celebrated Dave's life in a service at St. Barnabas on January 22 which was packed with relatives, friends and Dave's St. Barnabas family. We all remember Dave's resonating baritone voice which Fr. Mathew likened to "the voice of God" when Dave welcomed him to our church. Over the years Dave served St.

Barnabas in many ways—as a Eucharistic minister at the altar where he often was joined by his son, Waites, as a singer in our choir and as a Senior Warden and member of the vestry where he was always a reassuring, practical problem solver. What many of us at St. Barnabas didn't know which we learned at the service was Dave's love of the theater, The Grateful Dead, his years as a radio DJ and his life as "everyone's best friend". Dave and his wife Kay and their family lived in Ardsley in Oscar Hammerstein's old Victorian house which they renovated. Dave was always ready for a new adventure and usually led the way so we can easily envision him rounding up singers in heaven for a performance of his favorite Grateful Dead song, "Ripple"



## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN (continued)

Our dear Doris was her practical down to earth self to the very end when she told Fr. Mathew when he visited her in the hospital, that she hoped we would be able to find everything. In 2019 when we celebrated Doris' 90th birthday we wrote in the Beacon that without her "this church would be in serious trouble! Doris is the person we all go to when we want to find something, remember someone, learn about the history of our church, fix everyday crises, etc. etc."

Doris came every single day to the church as a volunteer to keep the office running and the building afloat. The list of her activities which now have to be taken over by volunteers fills a mind boggling page and we are grateful to all those who have stepped up to help try to fill her shoes. The little baptismal font that sits in front of the church is a reminder that Doris was baptised at that font 92 years ago earning her the right to be our official church historian. Doris was a "no nonsense" person who loved children and remained sharp as a tack to the very end. We were blessed to have her in our St. Barnabas family for so many years.



## A Tribute to Dear Doris

By Francis Mathew

Sunday after Sunday I don't see you  
Sundays got sad after you passed!  
No one to compliment my ties  
In disbelief I sigh!  
I still remember that cold winter night  
When I heard the news that you are gone  
Sad was I, but I tried not to cry  
Missing your beautiful laughs  
In sorrowful tears I say  
"Dear Doris, can't you come back?"