



WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR JULY & AUGUST SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,

I greet you in the blessed name of Jesus Christ. We have stepped into another beautiful season: the season of summer with schools being closed, various summer activities enjoyed, family trips planned and all the excitement that the season brings. I enthusiastically look forward to a beautiful summer vacation! Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall; each season has its own beauty and testifies to God's handiwork. However, we have to find meaning in life around us.

Let me narrate a short illustration for you. Two families went on a road trip to a camping center. On the way, on separate cars, both families faced some terrible traffic on the road ahead. One family decided to take the nearest exit and take alternate routes to escape the main traffic. But still they encountered some traffic on the side roads as well. Whenever they encountered any traffic, they kept on taking other roads deviating from that traffic. The second family decided to stay on the main road and face the slow moving traffic. Both families and cars arrived at the destination. The first family remarked, "we were able to avoid some of the major traffic because we kept on deviating and taking so many other roads. We sure had a good tour of all the streets." The second family remarked, "Being stuck in the slow moving traffic, we had plenty of family time to talk to each other and share jokes."

In the end, both families found meaning from the situation one way or the other or perhaps in different ways. I believe each moment, each season in life conveys to us a meaning. I believe that we can find meaning in each situation of life —in both sticking to the main road and in deviation. What do we make of life? How can we find that meaning? Just something to think about! Wishing you all a happy summer.

In Christ's Love,

Varghese+

The Rev. Dr. Varghese Mathew

JULY 15 AND AUGUST 15: MIDNIGHT RUN

Driving in the summer is a little easier than in the winter, so if you can possibly help us out by driving a car for the July and August runs, that would be great. Sorting of clothes for the runs will take place on the preceding Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. We could really use some extra hands for this. Please let Nancy know if you can drive a car or help sorting clothes for the runs this summer.



JULY 3 AND AUGUST 7: OUTREACH SUNDAYS EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT: UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE FUND

It has been a nightmare watching Russia invade and destroy so much of the peaceful democracy of Ukraine for no reason beyond a desire for power. We see these horrible events unfolding in Ukraine and our hearts go out to all the victims.



We marvel at the courage and determination of the Ukrainian people to fight for the survival of their country, which is a fight for all democracies around the world including our own.

Working through the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief & Development has been providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance for the millions of refugees. Please pray for all those affected and please donate to this worthy cause. (Checks are payable to St. Barnabas). It is one way we can help provide humanitarian assistance for the crisis in Ukraine.

AUGUST 12-14: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Anu Mathew will once again lead a team of St. Barnabas volunteers in holding a two day Vacation Bible School on Friday and Saturday, August 12-13. On Sunday, August 14, following the event the children will do a little presentation about the event. Thirteen children attended last year's Bible School which was filled with songs, dances, Bible stories, skits, art and crafts, fun games and activities, and this year's program promises to bring more of the same.



The hours are tentatively scheduled to be between 10 AM and 3 PM each day. If you know of any young families who are looking for a church home, please invite them to bring their children to this event. Faith, instilled at an early age, can give a child support in dealing with everyday life experiences. In these stressful times we all need that faith.

COFFEE HOUR

Please raise your hand if you enjoy visiting with each other at coffee hour. Hmm. That looks like just about everybody. Please raise your hand if you have hosted a coffee hour. Oh dear. How many hands does Kathy have? Plus we see a couple of others. For the timid, we repeat: coffee hour does not have to be elaborate. Can you make coffee and set up a pot of water for tea and bring some donuts? We'll take that! It gives us a chance to relax and schmooze, which is why we love our coffee hours. If doing that is more than you can handle, could you perhaps do it with a friend? If you are doing it for the first time, please ask someone who has done coffee hour to show you where everything is in the kitchen and how much coffee to make. We are not picky. We just want to relax and enjoy each other's company!

REMEMBER THE DOBBS FERRY FOOD PANTRY

It's hard to believe that in Westchester, the second wealthiest county in New York, one in every five children lacks reliable access to a sufficient quantity of nutritious food. The Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry has long been a source of help to address that need. Last year in a single day a worker reported serving 154 families, including 48 deliveries and totaling 549 people! On a typical day clients pick up a box of pre-packed shelf-stable items, a bag of produce and, if needed, diapers.. At the beginning of summer vacation for our local schools, the pantry will be launching a new program called S.O.S. – School's Out Supplement. School children will not be getting their daily free lunch that the school normally provides, once vacation starts, so the pantry will be offering a supplemental bag of kid-friendly foods to needy families with children each week. They are looking for donations of easy to prepare items for kids home alone such as canned soup and pasta, snack foods, juices. Items Most Needed now: kid-friendly foods (see above), personal hygiene products, household cleaning supplies, low-sugar cereals. Dennis di Vincenzo takes donations from St. Barnabas to the pantry each Wednesday. You can put your donation to the pantry in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

ST. BARNABAS MAKES GRANTS FROM AGNES AND JOHN BOSTONIAN MEMORIAL FUND TO TWO HASTINGS ON HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Anijah Clegg and Amil Miller, both Hastings on Hudson High School graduates, were awarded \$1,000 each by St. Barnabas from the Agnes and John Bostonian Memorial Fund. Amil attended the reception and presentation of the award at St. Barnabas on Sunday June 26 with her mother and brother. Nancy Gotthelf, a graduate of Hastings High school herself, made the presentation. The other award recipient, Anijah Clegg, was unable to attend.



LOOKIN' GOOD

Those who were disturbed by the unsightly growth of weeds at the entrance to St. Barnabas should be happy at the sight of the restored area. After Pat Breinin with the aid of Bill Sullivan, pulled out two garbage barrels (plus more) full of weeds from the area, Sabina Gaston bought mulch and had her nephew put it down to keep the weeds away. It looks beautiful now and we hope to keep it that way! We are trying to find a service that will pull out the weeds along the outside staircase between the undercroft and the sanctuary, which is difficult because the area is full of poison ivy which few landscapers are willing to handle.



JUNE 12: BAPTISM OF COOPER JONATHAN MAXWELL

It was so great to see the Maxwell family back at St. Barnabas to celebrate the baptism of Jonathan and Kara Maxwell's son, Cooper Jonathan. The celebration had been postponed due to COVID, so Cooper, who is now an adorable toddler, was able to enjoy the event. Jonathan and Kara now live in Dutchess County, and Marge and Jack now live in Florida, so it was a wonderful reunion for all. Kathy Wolf and the Maxwells hosted the reception that followed in the Undercroft.



OUR FAREWELL TO DORIS BROWN

On June 18 St. Barnabas celebrated the life of our dear Doris Brown in a service held in the sanctuary and attended by many parishioners, friends and family. Doris' sister, Laura McCormick, gave the eulogy full of wonderful insights into Doris' life and especially her childhood in a family of mostly boys. It helped us understand the source of the strength and toughness that sustained Doris throughout her life and why she was dubbed "Butch" as a kid (who knew?). During the service, Sabina Gaston presented Doris' son, Glenn, with a booklet of memories of Doris from parishioners and friends. Following the service there was a reception in the Undercroft where Sabina outdid herself in the preparation of food and hors d'oeuvres. She was helped by her nephews and with food contributions, set up, and clean up from Kathy Wolf, Pat Breinin, Nancy Gotthelf, Carolyn Ricci, and Laura Andrade.



Doris's Senior Picture

