

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

### SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST  
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEE HEREIN FOR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,

I greet you all in the blessed name of Jesus Christ. As I write this letter, we are in the middle of the pilgrimage together in the Season of Holy Lent. A variety of activities marked the season for us at St. Barnabas this year. We started this journey with Pancake Supper or Holy Tuesday Supper together in our fellowship room and our Ash Wednesday services (at noon and in the evening) with the imposition of ashes. I am delighted to say that later on during this season; our Sunday school organized a program called Sandwich Saturday. The children and their families from our community came together at St. Barnabas to prepare sandwiches, and these sandwiches were distributed in a local homeless shelter.

The Season of Lent presents an invitation to us: It invites us to self-examination, repentance, and above all to discover the grace of God available to us through Jesus Christ. Lent invites us on a journey to take up spiritual initiatives. We are invited to identify with Jesus Christ in his suffering, death on the cross, and above all the experience of resurrection that proclaims the message of eternal joy and hope to humanity. I gladly extend this invitation that the season offers, inviting you to come participate in our Holy Week services at St. Barnabas and the joy of Christ's resurrection that we proclaim through our "Alleluias" in the Easter Sunday Service.

In Christ's Love,  
Varghese Mathew+

## SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

Easter is a day of triumph and a time for celebration. Please consider sharing this great event with friends or families who do not have a church home. 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. Sometimes people are just waiting to be asked!

## APRIL 15 MIDNIGHT RUN

Sorting of clothes for the Run starts at 9:30AM on Wednesday April 13. The more hands pitch in, the faster the job is done, so please join us in the Undercroft if you can help. As always, please sign up to make sandwiches, or donate fruit, desserts or hard boiled eggs. If you can go on a run please let Nancy Gotthelf know.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 10, Sunday

9:45 AM Liturgy and Blessing of the palms *lower parking lot*  
10:00 AM PALM SUNDAY EUCHARIST

APRIL 11, Monday

7:30 PM "SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS", a service of prayer that focuses on the seven last sayings of Jesus

APRIL 13, Wednesday

7:30 PM THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 14, Thursday

7:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

APRIL 15, Friday

7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

APRIL 16, Saturday

10:00 AM HOLY SATURDAY LITURGY

APRIL 17, Easter Sunday

10:00 AM EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARIST  
followed by special holiday coffee hour



## APRIL 3 OUTREACH SUNDAY: EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE FUND

We have all been watching the horrible events unfolding in Ukraine and our hearts go out to all the victims of this Russian government atrocity.

Episcopal Relief & Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners in order to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working through the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief & Development will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. "Ecumenical and orthodox faith networks are on the ground in the border areas of Poland and Hungary," said Abigail Nelson, Executive Vice President, Episcopal Relief & Development. We will continue to coordinate with these networks, in order to meet the needs of people who have been displaced."

Please pray for all those affected. Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund are one way we can help provide humanitarian assistance for the crisis in Ukraine.

## SANDWICH SATURDAY

Service to God is Service to Humanity! Congrats to the children and the wonderful parents for participating in our Lent program



called Sandwich Saturday on Saturday, March 19, 2022. This Season of Lent; our church and our hearts were opened for the community to come together, prepare sandwiches, and observe as Sandwich Saturday. The wonderful kids along with help from the adult volunteers prepared a

variety of sandwiches which we delivered to the local homeless shelter (Fifty sandwiches along with fruit or dessert). What was really appreciable is that the children wrote encouragement notes to the residents in the shelter. One of the notes said, "Remember that you are always loved." Another note said, "Wassup." Let us spread the gospel of love whenever and wherever we can. Thanks to Anu Mathew for taking the initiative to organize this event.

## GRACE MISSION CHURCH AND ST. BARNABAS

April 6 will be the start of the seventh 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. The Reverend Kim and his wife are a cherished part of our St Barnabas family, and we are blessed to have such a wonderful sharing relationship with them and with Grace Mission Church.

## WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE

Larry Wolf made a special plea to zoom attendees on a recent Sunday. Now that life is returning to something a little more normal he stressed the importance of actually being present in church if you are able. Citing the benefits of a packed church during the River Arts Concert and for the funerals of Dave Cobleigh and Mike Federico he described how uplifting it was for those who serve at the altar and for the choir to feel the presence of a supportive church family. So, if you are able, please add your presence to our Sunday Eucharists.

## OUR NEW KITCHEN CART

Our thanks to Roger and Diane Sherwood for the donation of a new kitchen cart to St. Barnabas. Our old cart was being held together by duct tape and prayers and even with that was unreliable. Everyone who does any work in the kitchen is ever so grateful for the new cart which is much bigger than the old one and saves an infinite number of steps that need to be taken between the kitchen and the undercroft for coffee hours and all other food-related events. Thanks again to the Sherwoods for this very thoughtful and useful new addition!



## THE LORD IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

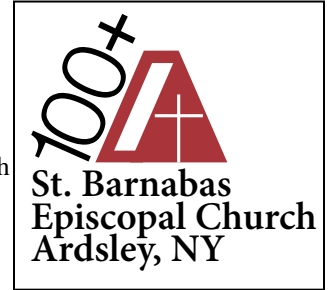
## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

No one went home hungry on Shrove Tuesday after having their fill of pancakes and sausages, thanks to the Men's Group who cooked and served. The women who cleaned up afterward, marveled at the locations where pancake batter could be found. We thank the men for a wonderful evening.



## NEW ST. BARNABAS WEBSITE!

A huge shout-out and thank you to Sabina Gaston for spearheading the total revamping and rebuilding of the St. Barnabas website, along with her nephew, Alan Gordon. The site has many new pages and photos, and is now a welcoming introduction to our church. We are still adding a few things, but are almost there, so take a look: [www.stbarnabasardsley.com](http://www.stbarnabasardsley.com)



## OUR NEW ACOLYTE

Congratulations to Bethsaida Mathew who is now serving as an acolyte, pictured here with Sabina Gaston and her proud grandmother in the background.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO DENNIS DI VINCENZO

Pictured here is Sabina Gaston presenting the Eucharistic Minister License to Dennis DiVincenzo.



In the Episcopal church a Eucharistic Minister is a lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist. Lay eucharistic ministers may be licensed to administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priests and deacons to assist the celebrant. They may also be licensed to go from a Sunday eucharist or other principal celebrations of the eucharist to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who were unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity. Lay eucharistic ministers may be licensed for either or both ministries.

At St. Barnabas we now have four Eucharistic Ministers serving at the altar. In addition to Dennis, they are Sharon De Vivo, Sabina Gaston and Kathy Mau. Our beloved brother, Dave Cobleigh who passed away this year, also served in this capacity for many years at St Barnabas.