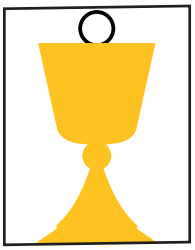
The Saint Barnabas Beacon

NOVEMBER 1-30, 2026

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

LETTER FROM FR. MATTHEW

Dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! As we are stepping into another month, I hope and pray that all of us are doing fine.

Very recently, I attended a multi-faith clergy gathering. During the meeting, we went around the table of discussion and each clergy person was asked to identify one thing that brought them happiness during the month. One of our clergy colleagues mentioned that the changing season from summer to fall gave her great happiness. Each season and each moment proclaims the cycle of life that continues. Psalm 19: 1 states, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

For me personally, the pet blessing service honoring the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi filled me with immense joy.



St. Francis Day is not merely a day to celebrate and pray for our pet companions on this earth, but it is also a reminder to us to take good care of God's creation and the environment.

After all, God's handiwork or artisanship revealed through creation is amazing! Isn't it? We are also reminded to be thankful for life within us, life around us, and our natural surroundings that proclaim life. The gospel is good news because it is all about life in Jesus Christ.

I wish everyone great joy and blessings!

Peace,
Varghese Mathew+
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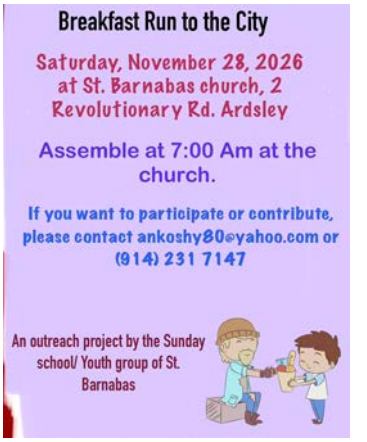
OUTREACH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
MIDNIGHT RUN



In a more perfect world there would be no need for the Midnight Run, but alas we do not live in such a world. Here are a few facts about homelessness in New York City:
—In recent years, homelessness in New York City has reached the highest level since the Great Depression of the 1930s.
—In August 2026, 96,852 people slept each night in NYC shelters. Thousands more slept unsheltered in public spaces, and roughly 250,000 people slept temporarily doubled-up in the homes of others. Thus, it can be estimated that more than 350,000 people were without homes in NYC in August 2026.
—The primary reason people in NYC become homeless is the lack of affordable housing
—Compared to homeless families, homeless single adults have higher rates of serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and other severe health problems.

While volunteers do most of the work of the Midnight Run, funds are also needed to maintain a base of operation, to purchase some items like underwear and socks, and to collect donations in kind. Our Outreach donations this month and in Decenber will go to help support the Midnight Runs base of operation. Please give as generously as you can.

BREAKFAST RUN
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28



Once again our Sunday School is supporting a breakfast run for the homeless in New York City on Saturday November 6. Homelessness in Westchester County is not as visible as it is in New York City where some people actually live on the streets. Witnessing their plight and providing food is a good learning experience for kids. Please let your neighbors who have kids know about the run and that they are welcome to join. Time and place are shown on the poster.

MIDNIGHT RUN NOVEMBER 20

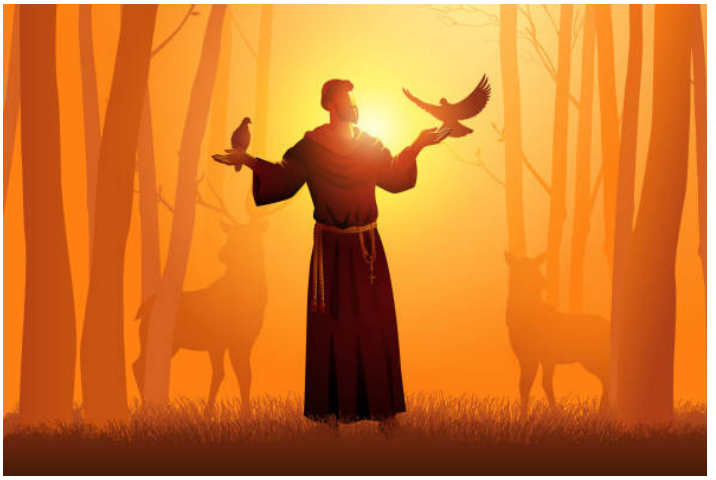
Sorting of clothes for this run will start on Wednesday November 18 at 10 AM. We are grateful to all of the regulars who have been helping sort clothes on Wednesdays, preparing food, filling lunch bags and going on a run on Fridays. We invite those who have never participated in the work of the run, to lend a hand in whatever way you can and add your name to the list of regulars. Speak with Nancy Gotthelf if you can help.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact
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REMEMBER TO BRING DONATIONS FOR THE DOBBS FERRY FOOD PANTRY

OCTOBER 4 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



For the most part all those receiving a blessing on St. Francis Day were well behaved and wagging their tails. A few barked with excitement. Pet parents whose pets are not enthusiastic about travel, brought photos of their pets. The day was bright and sunny and somehow Fr. Mathew managed to bless them all in honor of the patron saint of animals.







STEWARDSHIP

November is the month when we focus on giving thanks for all our blessings. In the Episcopal Church it is also the month when we consider stewardship, the act of giving to God Both acts (thanks + giving) are exquisitely combined in the single word Thanksgiving. We need to be mindful of both of these actions through the month of November. Sharon de Vivo is spearheading our stewardship program and will be announcing the theme of this year's stewardship campaign during the month of November.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT ST. BARNABAS



Anyone who owns a house or an apartment knows that things always break down and are in need of repair. Emergencies happen when you least expect them. We want to express our thanks to Bill Sullivan who faithfully comes to the rescue whenever these sorts of things happen to our church.

Most recently the crews who have been working in Ardsley to replace the water pipes inadvertently shut off the church water supply, and it took some detective work on Bill's part to track down the offender and get the water turned back on.

We have renters who use our facilities practically every day and obviously we need a fully functioning space throughout the week. Some churches can afford to hire a sexton to handle such maintenance issues, but Bill does the job on a purely volunteer basis, and we are most grateful for the gift of his time and talent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16 7PM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

We live in a world of "isms": communism, fascism, socialism, etc. And now we have to deal with three Christian "Ism's": Christian Nationalism, Christian Zionism, and Christian Fundamentalism. What do we make of these movements and their relation to our Christian beliefs? Please mark your calendars and plan on joining the discussion on December 16.

THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 26

As we gather with our families to give thanks for all our blessings in these contentious times we might find it helpful to share the prayer for the Human Family from our Book of Common Prayer:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

