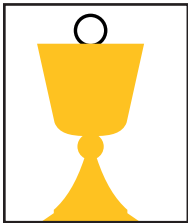


The Saint Barnabas Beacon

MAY 1-31, 2023

100+ Years of Building Faith, Family & Fellowship



WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00AM SUNDAYSCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,
Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! The empty tomb testifies about our risen Christ and Savior. I bring you Easter greetings! I believe that we had a blessed Season of Holy Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Palm Sunday indeed marked the beginning of Holy Week for us celebrating the kingship of Jesus and his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We also joined the crowd going back in history waving our palm leaves and shouting "Hosanna." Is Jesus welcome into the beautiful sanctuary within us?

During the Monday of Holy Week; we visited the outdoor labyrinth located at St. Joseph's of Arimathea Episcopal church, our neighboring sister parish. The Labyrinth is a path to walk that leads to the center. Each person has a path to walk in life and each walk might be different. Regardless, let us focus on Jesus Christ who is the center of the journey, our spiritual destination on that journey called life. On Wednesday of Holy Week, we participated in the Stations of the Cross reflecting on Jesus Christ's painful journey to his crucifixion.



The special services of Maundy Thursday with the washing of the feet, the stripping of altar followed by music added a special feeling to church. On the solemn service of Good Friday we did an enactment of the narrative according to John's Gospel followed by our short contemplative Holy Saturday morning Service. The services certainly added a spiritual, emotional, and very meaningful dimension to us. But we are called to go beyond the beautiful liturgies, traditions, and rituals that add beauty to the worship experience. We are called to live the gospel and witness the good news!

Our Easter Sunday service was a really blessed experience of having a combined Easter Service with St. Joseph's of Arimathea Episcopal Church. It was a sacred Easter experience to see both the churches come together and participate in worshipping the risen Lord. I extend my sincere appreciation to all those who made this special day happen including the parishioners and leadership of both parishes. Easter is not a one day celebration or merely a liturgical season in our Sunday schedule. Instead, every Sunday is Easter Sunday for us because we worship an ever living or eternal God. We are resurrection folks! Jesus has risen from the tomb and the large stone blocking or guarding the tomb has been moved away. Are there any barricades that prevent us from experiencing the risen Lord? Has Jesus risen within us? May each worship experience help us to focus on Christ who is always present in our midst.

Peace, Varghese Mathew

MAY 7: OUTREACH SUNDAY: WESTCHESTER ALPHAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SUIT UP! PROGRAM

The mission of Westchester Alphas Educational Foundation is to provide information and access to educational opportunities, scholarships and financial assistance to young men of color in Westchester County heading to accredited two or four-year colleges and universities. The foundation features an initiative called Suit Up!, a mentoring program that provides high school men with the tools they need to be successful through hands on experiences and monthly workshops covering a range of topics including career counseling, relationships, life skills and the opportunity to make a difference. Part of striving for success is looking the part which is why each participant is given a good suit for participating in the program. A special bonus this year will be a donation of suits from Brooks Brothers.

St. Barnabas has a personal connection to this worthy charity through our tenor, Charts Curtis who is a volunteer mentor for the program. Donations support all activities of the foundation.

MAY 7: BIG DAY! JOIN US!

Sunday, May 7, 2023
10 AM Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Robert J. Godley will be named

Rector Emeritus
of
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church



"God Bless a Good Shephard"

With special music; gala reception to follow



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We will also be dedicating our new memorial niche.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Mathew 914-572-1568

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REMEMBER TO BRING DONATIONS FOR THE SOUTH CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

MAY 19 MIDNIGHT RUN

Sorting of clothes for the run will take place in the undercroft starting at 10 AM on TUESDAY May 16 (NB:change in usual day) . When we have many hands we can be finished by noon, so please consider joining the group if you can. Everything is very well organized and each person is given a special task to perform. Easy, peasy. Just show up if you can help, or join the run on Friday.

EASTER SUNDAY: ST. BARNABAS AND ST. JOSEPH'S OF ARIMATEA HOLD A JOINT CELEBRATION

What a beautiful day we had for our Easter Sunday service which was joyfully shared with parishioners of St. Joseph of Arimathea. The church was full for this great day of celebration in which members of both parishes participated in the service and at the altar. There was an element of pageantry when each church's banner was carried up to the altar behind the cross. Children and eucharistic ministers from both churches served at the altar and we had an expanded choir of 8 to perform a glorious anthem and lead us in song. Tables in the undercroft were full during the special coffee hour that followed, and we can safely say no one went home hungry.

It took many angels to prepare the church sanctuary and undercroft for the service and hide easter eggs for the hunt.. The church was beautifully decorated with candles and flowers. Tables in the undercroft were a picture in pastels and both hot and cold food was plentiful. Our thanks to all the angels who generously gave of their time and talent to make this celebration so memorable.

A NEW ROOF IN THREE DAYS!

The 50+ year old roof over our sanctuary certainly served us well but we had patched it as much as possible over the years and the time came when it had to be replaced. We got bids from roofing contractors, and we obtained some help from the Diocese to aid in moving forward with the project. Hastings Roofing got the job and proved their skills by taking off the old shingles, making necessary repairs, replacing the shingles and installing new gutters and leaders in a period of 3 days, starting on a Thursday. Our cleaning people came after the



work was done to clean up all the dust in the sanctuary so we could hold our Sunday service on April 23 as though nothing had happened. Our thanks to Bill Sullivan who masterminded the whole project and to Kathy Wolf who did the massive paperwork that led us to obtain a partial grant from the Diocese.

MORE EASTER PHOTOS

