

# The St. Barnabas Banner

*Declare among the nations and proclaim,  
set up a banner and proclaim, do not conceal it. Jeremiah 50:2*

January, 2005

## *A New Year, A New Beginning*

It's time to experience our new schedule! Beginning January 2, we will gather at 8 and 10 a.m. to celebrate our worship time together. Sunday School will meet during part of worship time. Coffee Hour fellowship will be offered after the 10 a.m. service. There is great anticipation as well as great anxiety – change is never easy. But we are a strong community of faith and we are committed to moving forward in ways that are life-giving and energizing to all.

Other than beginning 15 minutes later, the 8:00 a.m. service will experience little change. This service will continue to be an opportunity for quiet, meditative worship. Rite I will be the primary liturgy, although the season of Easter celebration may move us back unto Rite II for a brief period!

The 10 a.m. service will experience the most change. On January 2<sup>nd</sup> and then for each first Sunday of the month following, our children will join us in church at the beginning of the service and remain for the Liturgy of the Word. We will offer an interactive children's homily (don't let the name fool you, lots of adults hear something new in these conversations!) and then after the Creed, the children will process together to go to Sunday School. They will join us again for Coffee Hour. On the other Sundays of the month, the children will begin in Sunday School at 10 a.m. and then join us in worship for the Eucharist, coming in at the Offertory Hymn.

Below, please find some useful tips for all of us that might help our families with children know they are welcome. Tips for Parents to keep children interested in the pews can be found later in this newsletter under *Christian Formation News and Events*.

### *Worship Schedule*

#### Sundays

8:00 a.m.

Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Rite II Choral Eucharist

Sunday School

11:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

8:00 p.m.

Sung Compline

#### Wednesdays – (in the Chapel)

10:00 a.m.

Rite I/Rite II

Holy Eucharist

(alternates by week)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month

includes Service of Healing

## *Welcoming children into our midst*

**Smile and make eye contact** – Our families with children want to know you are glad to see them. Take time to say hello. Learn their names.

**Pay attention to body language** – You may believe that you have never said a harsh word to a squirming child in church, but the expression on your face will show your feelings!

**Share the pews** – With the merger of two services, “your pew” may no longer be “your pew”! Understand that someone else may be accustomed to sitting where you have always sat. Share the space. If you arrive early, be willing to sit toward the walls. If you must sit on the aisle, please stand up and move into the aisle, welcoming others into the pew with a warm smile. Please try NOT make people climb over top of you!

**Volunteer to become an adult mentor** – Please see the article *From the Associate*. We would like to pair adults up with our children and youth and we need your help.

**Relax and enjoy the presence of these wonderful gifts** – you might be surprised at the spiritual depth and faith-filled curiosity that comes from our children. Their presence among us is something to be celebrated, not just tolerated.

## *From the Rector Annual Meeting Time*

### *Mission Statement*

The mission of Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church is to follow the way of Jesus and to show his compassion, forgiveness and love to others. The center of our life together is Holy Eucharist. Nourished by our worship, we are committed to spiritual growth, mutual support, witness and service in our daily living.

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The wind is blowing briskly. The sky is dark for early morning and the chill in the air makes the threat of a snowfall very real. Your bed is cozy. Your eyelids are still heavy. It is Sunday morning; the temptation to skip church and sleep in is great. Then you remember it is January 30, 2005. Today is the Saint Barnabas Annual Parish Meeting ... “I’m going to skip church, for sure!”

“Lead us not into temptation” is my prayer as we make plans for the day of our Annual Meeting. Yes, it is Sunday, January 30 at 10 o’clock. And yes, it will probably be a day in which you will be tempted to sleep in and skip. However, resist the temptation. You know where such evil thoughts come from; do not let them prevail. Allow the spirit to move you towards the goodness and faithfulness and rightness of gathering with the community of Saint Barnabas to acknowledge the year past and to anticipate our year together ahead. An Annual Meeting does not have to be a “necessary evil.” It can be informative, beneficial and even a moving experience - especially when we do our business within the context of the Eucharist.

On January 30, there will only be the one service. We do this so that members who worship at different times can, on this Sunday, be joined together. We will be having Church School, also starting at 10 o’clock, so that our younger parents can participate as well – the children and teachers will join us, after our business is done, for the sacrament. Following the service, we will gather for a potluck lunch.

This will be our one hundred and seventeenth Annual Meeting. Imagine, for one hundred and seventeen years members of our parish have taken the time to gather together as a corporation which bears fiscal responsibility for the ongoing life of the body of believers, which bears prayer-filled responsibility for the health of the body of believers, which invites God’s presence and vision for the future of the body of believers. Will you take the time and let your name to be added the membership that has gathered over those one hundred and seventeen years?

The wind is blowing briskly. It is January 30, 2005. Let us resist the temptation “blow it off” and instead come to the Annual Meeting to find where the Holy Spirit is leading.

### *Annual Meeting Potluck Lunch*

*If your last name begins with:*

A-J  
K-S  
T-Z

*please bring:*

Main Dish  
Salad or Side Dish  
Dessert

## *From The Associate Rector*

*Jesus said, "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life"*

A few years back, we talked briefly about setting up individual adult mentors for our children and young people. Nothing came of it then, but I wonder if now is not the perfect time! What a better way to share the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus than to become an **Individual Adult Member** (an "I AM"! ) and take on one family with a toddler, or one child in Sunday School, or one youth in Youth Group and become an active part of their time with us!

An "**I-AM**" is someone who will get to know a child by name. An "**I-AM**" is someone who will look for that child every Sunday, greet them, and maybe even sit with them in church! An "**I-AM**" might send a birthday card, an Easter card, or even a get well card if the child is sick. An **I-AM** is someone who is willing to pray for a child, and might even get to know them well enough to offer specific prayers and help the child look for God's answer! An "**I-AM**" is someone willing to be a new church friend and help a child or youth feel valued and welcomed as part of the St. Barnabas family.

Those of us who are parents of our parish children, Sunday School teachers, Youth Group leaders, or clergy try to do these kinds of things anyway. We are looking to connect those of you who are not already part of the lives of our young people but who have expressed a desire to have them back in worship so that you could be a part of their growing up. Are you an "**I-AM**"?

During the first few weeks of January, look for a sign up sheet in your Sunday bulletin, or call me and let me know if you are interested. I will pair you up with one of our young people for a six-month period (through then end of the school year). We can use the Annual Meeting potluck lunch as a time to acquaint you with your charge so that you each can put a name and a face together.

You know what? This new change in schedule may just be a door opening for us as we seek ways to be connected with each other in deeper and more meaningful ways. As we have pondered how to merge the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, I have been struck by the suggestions for assuring that our families with children feel welcomed that really apply to ways in which we can welcome all! If we are serious about strengthening our sense of community as being the reason for returning to two services, then we have some work to do that involves all of us.

St. Barnabas is filled with some of the most delightful people I know. Our members have an incredible richness in life-experiences, depth in gifts, and hearts a mile long. These are graces from God that must be shared! Getting involved in one ministry, one activity, one group is all that it takes. Finding something that feeds you can only result in feeding others. Even if that just means learning how to seek out an unfamiliar face in church, extending a hand, a warm smile, and an inviting eye contact.

### *Ways you can connect with the young people in our parish*

- Meet them at the Annual Meeting, or at future coffee hours
- Get to know their names, what school they attend, what sports they play, what other activities fill up their days
- Look for them in church before the service on the first Sunday, and offer to sit with them
- Look for them at coffee hour on the other Sundays and ask them to tell you about the day's Sunday School class
- Find out their birthday and send them a card
- Even better, find out their baptismal birthday and send them a card!
- Pray for them daily, even if it's just letting their name come into your conscious thoughts
- Ask to be reminded when they have a school play, a concert, or a sports event, and go watch! Let them know you were there.
- Call them if you haven't seen them in church for a while

## *Vestry News*

### *New Vestry Members Nominated*

A Vestry Nominating Committee composed of retiring Vestry members and the Rector undertook the sometimes daunting but very rewarding task of reviewing names of parishioners who are willing to serve on the Vestry. A slate of Officers and Vestry nominees will be presented at the Annual Meeting, January 30, 2005. Additional nominations from the floor are also accepted.

Many, many names were submitted! What a wonderful celebration to realize that so many parishioners are willing to step into Vestry leadership roles to guide our parish into the future God has in store for us! We thank all who agreed to have their names included for consideration.

Our thanks go to the Nominating Committee members: Krista Hennessy, Bill Smith, George Liles, Chance Reichel, Judy Allen, Brad Barron, and Scott Muma.

### *Vestry Nominee Profiles*

#### **Paul Gentile – nominee for Senior Warden**

Paul has been a member of St. Barnabas since 2000, when he was married to his wife, Debbie, in this very church. He became a member of the Vestry last year and has also joined the ranks of the Newcomers Committee.

Paul was the Registrar of the College of Engineering at Cornell before coming to Cape Cod. He worked for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation before moving to Cornell. On the Cape, he is responsible for computer technical support for the Development, Communications and Media Relations departments at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He also serves on the Board of Trustees at the Deer Crossing Condominiums in Mashpee.

#### **Joyce Harrington – nominee for Junior Warden**

After serving on the vestry for the past year, Dr. Joyce Harrington has agreed to assume the responsibilities of Junior Warden. With an agreement by the out-going Junior Warden, Bill Smith, and the newly-structured Buildings and Grounds Committee to provide on-going leadership for our property, Joyce has agreed to a more broad-reaching role for Junior Warden with the understanding that she will be asked in two years to consider the position of Senior Warden.

Joyce returned to the Falmouth area six years ago to assume the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Bourne Public Schools after living and working in New York, Missouri and Illinois. She is a member of the Altar Guild, serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and is a Vestry liaison and adult mentor for the Youth Group.

#### **Don Johnson – nominee for Treasurer**

Don, and wife Jean, joined St. Barnabas after moving to Falmouth in 1967. Don served as treasurer of St. Barnabas in 1971 and 1972. He also co-chaired the Strawberry Festival for three years. Presently, Don serves on the Property Committee and has participated on several church audit committees, including an audit of Grace Church in Tisbury.

Don's professional career has included Business Manager for the Falmouth Public Schools (1967-1980) and Director of Fiscal Affairs for the Dennis-Yarmouth regional School District (1980-present)

Don believes that the development and support of the family is an important work present at St. Barnabas. Continued outreach to youth and family as well as support for the community of Falmouth are an important focus for the future. "This would include stress on respect for others and the application of God's love for all people."

## *Vestry Nominee Profiles (cont.)*

### **Dick Boyden – nominee for Vestry**

Dick and his wife, Jane, joined St. Barnabas five years ago upon retirement from Navel career experiences in Ohio and Indiana. Their grown-up children John (33) and Cindy (30) work in Fairfax, Virginia and Columbus, Ohio respectively. Dick's involvement at St. Barnabas has included serving as an usher, as well as a St. Barnabas delegate to the Cape and Islands Deanery Assembly and the annual Diocesan Convention.

Upon the recent death of his wife, Dick has found great strength in being part of the St. Barnabas community. He looks forward to working with the vestry, clergy, and staff in strengthening the sense of community and parish member involvement in the life of St. Barnabas as well as the larger Cape community.

### **Helen Gordon – nominee for Vestry**

Helen's priority is to improve communication in our parish. From her past involvement at St. Barnabas, some of you may know her as the Sunday School music lady. Others may think of her as a youth group leader (last year) or the bell choir leader (two years ago). Still others may know that she worked on the Banner. Helen maintains the church web site and helps create press-quality documents for use in the parish. She is currently one of our Diocesan & Deanery delegates.

Helen finds worship through music, so she attends the late service so she can sing in the choir. She has missed being with families and children during worship and eagerly anticipates the return of a multi-generational service on Sunday mornings.

### **John Mason – nominee for Vestry**

John is a newcomer to St. Barnabas, having been here in just over one year. He believes that Vestry participation is the best way to take an active role in where the church is going and how we will get there. He is truly interested in seeing our church grow and prosper and, in his short time here, has already helped at the Strawberry Festival and Christmas Fair,

attended Diocesan Convention, driven for the Overnights program, and joined the Tuesday adult education class. He has served on the vestry and Bishops Committee of his previous churches on Long Island and has been a delegate to Convention. "I believe that in order for the vineyard to flourish, we have to get in and do the digging."

### **Sandy Reichel – nominee for Vestry**

During her seven years at St. Barnabas, Sandy has been involved in the education and music programs, special events and most recently the Envisioning Process and the newly created Service Planning Committee.

She views our church family as a spiritual and emotional support system for each and every member. Her hope for the vestry is that they will listen to the needs and concerns of the parish, address them in monthly meetings and communicate regularly with the congregation regarding discussions and decisions as well as future business. She is looking forward to being part of this process.

### ***Behren's Fund Update***

The Behrens Fund is an endowment fund for St. Barnabas that resulted from a generous bequest from former parishioner, Hank Behrens. His request was that these funds be used for non-budgeted and community-profiting needs. It has taken several years for the fund to mature to the point where a percentage could be used each year according to Hank's request. A subcommittee of the Finance Committee now has been formed to consider relevant needs and to make recommendations about annual dispersal of these funds.

Some parish groups, as well as individuals, have already submitted ideas. If you have a suggestion that you would like the Committee to consider at their February meeting, please contact Committee Chair, Al Irish, or Committee members Ned Heard, Bob Peterson, Ellie Shaver, or Bill Smith

## *Outreach News*

### *Nights of Hospitality Christmas Feast*

Oh what a wondrous time we had on December 11, when 25 volunteers and six special guests came together for a magical night of favorite home cooked foods, friendship and fabulous music! The Parish House was aglow with the fire burning, silver candelabras and fine china while busy kitchen elves prepared a feast of sentimental foods that our women guests – who are homeless – had specially requested: shrimp cocktail, pot roast, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, turnips, string beans, and german chocolate cake.!

After our delicious meal, the real dessert of the night was sitting together in reserved pews at the Congregational Church, listening to the angelic voices of the Falmouth Chorale and Falmouth High School Repertory Singers performing their holiday concert. There were tears of joy and gratitude at the pleasure of spending a night together relishing the gifts of the season.

Thank you to all who generously contributed time, talent and treasure to make this night full of magical and heartwarming memories!

And thank you to all who continually financially contribute to our Overnights Program. Your gifts must surely be celebrated by God through the warm smiles they bring to our guests.

### *Falmouth Service Center*

There are people in Falmouth who cannot always afford to buy food, or to heat their home during the winter. There are people who live for days/weeks at a time with no electricity because they've fallen behind on their bills.

#### **Who are these people?**

- the cafeteria worker at your child's school who is a single parent
- the checkers and baggers at your local grocery and retail store
- the teacher assistant in your child's day care center
- your neighbor down the street who has been laid off and is having trouble meeting his/her mortgage payment
- the elderly woman/man on a fixed income who lives across the street
- your next door neighbor whose husband left her with three small children
- the families who have chronically ill children, or are themselves struggling with incapacitating illness
- the man or woman who drives your child's school bus

**Possibly, you or someone you love who may have the need for assistance within the next year. You can never know what will happen, but it's good to know that the Falmouth Service Center is here to help.**

In 2001 FSC provided 4,714 bags of food for Falmouth individuals and families. Additionally, they distributed toys and food certificates to over 300 families at the holidays. Last year they provided 305 Falmouth residents limited financial support with electric, fuel or rent bills to ease their overwhelming life situation. They see a number of elderly people whose sole income is Social Security. Their average income is \$657 per month. The average rent for a two bedroom rental in Falmouth is \$1,000, 3 bedroom \$1,300+. Many jobs in Falmouth are seasonal, leaving people unemployed or underemployed. Most are part-time, paying low hourly wages with no benefits. Many residents who are working and come in for food or financial assistance earn less than \$150 per week.

January is the most difficult time of the year for the Falmouth Service Center. Donations seem to drop drastically after the incredible generosity of the community during the holidays. And yet the needs of the Center's clients still continue. Non-perishable foods are always accepted and gratefully appreciated, especially peanut butter, jam or jelly, tuna fish, canned meats, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, juice, cereal, coffee... etc. Food donations can be brought to the church and placed in the basket on the back pew.

# *Christian Formation News and Events*

## *Child-Friendly Features of New Worship Schedule*

### **Opportunities for Young Lectors:**

Young lectors (readers of the first lesson) will be scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. If your child is interested in becoming a reader, please contact Lisa.

### **Opportunities for Young Acolytes:**

- Two children will be selected each week to be bell ringers – ringing the church bells before the service on the first Sunday of the month, and after the service on the other Sundays.
- On the first Sunday of the month, one child age 10 or older will be vested and serve as Gospel Bearer. After the homily, this child will lead the children out of Church with the Gospel Book.
- On Sundays when children begin in Sunday School, one child will be selected to serve as an unvested crucifer to lead the children into church with the small wooden cross.

Other than the Gospel Bearer, there is no age limit for these roles. If your child would like to be scheduled as an acolyte (in training!), please contact Lisa. Schedules will be mailed out each month.

### **Opportunities for Family Ushers**

- Families can still usher together! Children can assist their parents in greeting and handing out bulletins before the service (as long as they get to Sunday School a few minutes before 10!) and then can return to assist with communion.
- Sunday School children will be collecting their own offerings and bringing them into church when they rejoin us during the Offertory Hymn. One child from Sunday School will be selected to bring the offerings forward.

### **Parents of toddlers:**

The first two pews on the lectern side will be reserved for parents of toddlers, so that you may have a place where your children can see. There will be a rug placed on the floor in front of the first pew, along with crayons and coloring books, where you may also sit with your children. Please help your children learn to find their “church voices”!

An **Epiphany Pageant** is scheduled for the 10 am service on January 9, 2005. This will be an extended version of a “Build the Manger” Christmas Pageant, where the wise men can be included into the story. Youthful readers will narrate the story while costumed

children will enter at the appointed time to help us all relive that wonderfully magical story of Jesus’ birth.

Selection of children for roles, rehearsal, and costume-fitting will take place in the Parish Hall during Sunday School time on January 2. If your child is interested in being part of the pageant, please make sure you join us on January 2.

If your child is interested in being a reader/narrator, please contact Lisa. If you can help with the organization of this event, please contact Kim Strohm.

## *Keeping Children Interested in Worship*

**Get close to the action** – Sit where you can see what’s happening, like watching acolytes light candles or the choir singing. If you’re at the back of the church, chances are your children are just looking at the backs of people in front of them.

**Help children read along** – For children just learning to read, try numbering the main sections of the service in the bulletin and let them check off each part as the service progresses.

**Teach the traditions** – Encourage your children to memorized the *Opening Acclamations*, the *Lord’s Prayer*, and the *responses in the Great Thanksgiving*. Encourage them to bring their own money for the offering plate. Show them how to follow the hymn texts and scripture lessons.

**Check it out** - When you arrive for the service, point out any new features such as new colors for the liturgical season, the lit Pascal candle if there is a baptism, the name of a friend or family member with a special part in the service (found in the worship bulletin).

**Share your family** – Invite one of your children’s favorite church friends to sit with your family.

**And remember . . .** You teach by example. Being a steady worship-attende yourself says much to little ones who are watching you.

## *Youth Acolytes*

A special thanks to all acolytes who served extra time for the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols as well as the three Christmas Eve services. Your presence among us is always a wonderful sight.

The Acolyte Schedule for January is on the Web site. Parents, please help your teens remember their commitments to be here when scheduled.

## *Annual Acolyte Ski Trip*

Dates for the *Annual Acolyte Ski Trip* have been set for March 4-6. The cost for each teen is \$112 plus \$44 for ski or snowboard rental. The cost includes two nights lodging, five meals, two-day ski lift tickets, and a Ben & Jerry's party on Saturday evening! This trip is open to any acolyte age 13 and above who has served during this fall.

Remember, this trip is subsidized by your parish (we pick up the other half of the full cost) as an expression of thanks for all that you do. If you have a friend who wants to join you, they may come for full cost (\$224), provided we have space. Look for a registration form and additional information in the mail coming soon.

## *Youth Group*

Members of the Youth Group include any teen in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above. We gather the second Sunday of the month and are seeking to identify new ways in which we can have some fun! Come be a part of it all.

**Sunday, January 9**

**4-6 p.m.**

This will be a joint Youth Group event with the Church of the Messiah. We will gather together, partially as a reunion for those who attended the Confirmation Retreat last year, and partially to encourage the high school youth to attend the upcoming Diocesan High School Retreat in February. We are working on a possible gathering at the house of a Messiah parishioner, which would include a party and tour of Nobska Lighthouse. Please stay tuned for details.

## *Senior High Weekend Retreat (grades 9-12)*

**February 4 – February 6**

**Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center**

This is a wonderful opportunity to “get off Cape” and find some connections with other youth in our Diocese. Parents, please encourage your teen to join us for this incredible event. Yes, our youth have so many commitments that they don't know which way to turn! Help us make Youth Group time a priority. We can't build a community unless we have a community on which to build! Cost of Retreat: \$100.

## *Adult Education*

**Lectionary-Based Bible Study**

**Fridays 11:00 am**

**Associate Rector's Office**

A lectionary-based bible study is one in which the readings for the following Sunday are read and discussed. This format allows participants to attend as their schedules allow. Each session stands on its own.

**Adult Education Open House**

**Tuesday, January 4 6:00 p.m.**

**Parish House**

For those of you interested in the Tuesday evening Adult Education classes but unsure how to enter in, you are invited to an informal gathering to check us out! During this evening, we will meet others who have been part of previous classes, and preview the book for our Epiphany series. If the topic sounds interesting and the ambiance of the group feels good, you just might decide to join us! If the topic does not intrigue you, at least you will know a little more of what we are about and that newcomers are always welcome! Books will be available for purchase at that time.

**Four-Week Epiphany Adult Education Class**

**Tuesdays, January 11 – February 1 6-7p.m.**

**Elaine Pagel's "The Gnostic Gospels"**

**Parish House**

In December 1945 an Arab peasant made an astonishing archeological discovery in Upper Egypt: some fifty-two texts from the early centuries of the Christian era—including a collection of early Christian gospels, previously unknown. Besides the **Gospel of Thomas** and the **Gospel of Philip**, the find included the **Gospel of Truth** and the **Gospel to the Egyptians**. Another group of texts consists of writings attributed to Jesus' followers, such as the **Secret Book of James**, the **Apocalypse of Paul**, the **Letter of Peter to Philip**, and the **Apocalypse of Peter**. These so-called “Nag Hammadi” texts, and others like them, which circulated at the beginning of the Christian era, were denounced as heresy by orthodox Christians in the middle of the second century, but nearly all we knew about them came from what their opponents wrote attacking them. Princeton Professor, Elaine Pagels, has written an awarding winning introduction to the ideas and theology of the Gnostics that reads easily but will get us thinking about our traditions regarding the Resurrection, the primacy of the Episcopate, the place of women in the early Church, and many others.

## *New Opportunities!*

### *A New Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Prayer Shawl Ministries are cropping up all over the country. These are groups of women who like to knit – or who would like to learn to knit – and who gather together to create shawls (or other items) to be given to someone in need of healing or a special sense of God's presence. Special prayers are offered for the recipients and even the symbolism in the knitting patterns themselves draw the knitters into a deeper spiritual place.

Anyone interested in learning more may want to come find Debbie Gentile and Lisa DiNunno at the January 2 Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. service. A more formal introductory gathering will be held Wednesday, January 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Women from beyond St. Barnabas are invited to join us as well. If you are interested but cannot attend this gathering, please call Debbie.

### *A Winter Evening of Books and Treats*

Friday, February 18th      5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Parish House

(blizzard date is Wed., February 23rd)

An event not to be missed, hosted by Cam Beale and Elizabeth Adams!

Warm up your winter by spending a fireside evening in the Parish House enjoying munchies, hot chocolate, sparkling cider, a special wine sampling and dessert table. The centerpiece of our evening together is the swapping of three favorite books with each other. This is an evening to be together sharing books we love with friends, old and new. We are limited by time and space to 24-30 people, so sign up early by calling Elizabeth at 508-548-0387.

## *Tidbits*

### *Pictorial Directories are Here!*

If you had your picture taken and haven't picked up your directory yet, please come to the church and get your copy. They are in the Narthex in alphabetical order. For those of you who did not have your picture taken, we have extra copies, so if you want one, it is available for you.

### *Pledge Envelopes*

If you requested pledge envelopes for your weekly contribution, they can be found in the hallway of the Parish Hall in alphabetical order. Please come by and get your envelopes as soon as possible. The people who count your money every week appreciate it when you use the envelopes. It makes for easier counting and less room for errors.

## *ECW News*

*ECW Silent Auction* – Thank you to all parishioners who supported our auction with your donations and purchases. With your support we had another successful year.

Jeanne Platt

*ECW Luncheon* – Come and join us by the fireplace (in the Parish House) on Tuesday, January 25 at noon! A hot lunch will be provided.

## *Notes from the Library*

Did you know that St. Barnabas has a parish library? At the top of the steps, as you go into the Parish Hall, you can find shelves and shelves of books. Come and see! And if you have read a book that you think others would enjoy and would like to purchase a copy for the parish Library, please speak with our Librarian, Mary Heard.

Our *books this month:*

We begin with the exciting discovery in 2,000 of **THE CAVE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**, by Shimon Gibson, and a re-examination of the importance of John and the time in which he lived.

We also see Mary Magdalene in a fresh light in **THE GOSPELS OF MARY**, by Marvin Meyer.

A new Teaching Company 5-part series on CD gives us a survey on the **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS**, and Alan Segal studies what various religions have thought about **LIFE AFTER DEATH**.

James Finley, who used to be a monk and a student of Thomas Merton, has written **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**, and Henry Gariepy has put together **DAILY MEDITATIONS** based on texts of the Bible.

Surprisingly, the well-known mystery writer, Nevada Barr, has written an interesting book about how she has come to religion reluctantly, going to church because it gave her a chance to show off her hats and choosing the Episcopal church because it was right down the road. Her book is called **SEEKING ENLIGHTENMENT HAT BY HAT**.

We end with 2 books for children and 2 for young adults. Award-winning Sandy Sasso has written the picture books, **ADAM & EVE'S FIRST SUNSET: GOD'S NEW DAY** and **CAIN AND ABEL: FINDING THE FRUIT OF PEACE**. Cynthia Rylant has also won a lot of awards. In her **GOD WENT TO BEAUTY SCHOOL**, winner of the Boston Globe Horn Book award just this year, she imagines God's coming to earth now and doing simple things like making spaghetti and trying to rollerblade.

Finally, in 1899, over a period of seven consecutive nights, the poet, Rainer Rilke, wrote **13 STORIES OF GOD**. He was only 23, these are still in print, and they are wonderful!

Mary Heard, Librarian

<i>C</i>	<i>Music Event</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>O</i>		<i>O</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>Contemplative Prayer For the</i>	<i>M</i>
	<i>Close of the Day</i>	
<i>P</i>	<i>Sunday, 23 January</i>	<i>P</i>
	<i>8 o'clock in the evening</i>	
<i>L</i>		<i>L</i>
<i>J</i>	<i>Saint Barnabas Church</i>	<i>J</i>
<i>N</i>	<i>Sung by the</i>	<i>N</i>
	<i>Saint Barnabas Schola</i>	
<i>E</i>	<i>Randolph S. James, Director</i>	<i>E</i>

## January Lectionary

1 January – Holy Name of Jesus	<i>First Lesson:</i> Exodus 34:1-8
	<i>Psalm:</i> 8
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> Romans 1:1-7
	<i>Gospel:</i> Luke 2:15-21
2 January – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	<i>First Lesson:</i> Jeremiah 31: 7-14
	<i>Psalm:</i> 86 or 84: 1-8
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
	<i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
6 January – Epiphany	<i>First Lesson:</i> Isaiah 60:1-6, 9
	<i>Psalm:</i> 72 or 72:1-2, 10-17
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> Ephesians 3:1-12
	<i>Gospel:</i> Mathew 2:1-12
9 January – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<i>First Lesson:</i> Isaiah 42:1-9
	<i>Psalm:</i> 89:20-29
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> Acts 10:34-38
	<i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 3:13-17
16 January – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<i>First Lesson:</i> Isaiah 49:1-7
	<i>Psalm:</i> 40:1-10
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
	<i>Gospel:</i> John 1:29-41
23 January – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<i>First Lesson:</i> Amos 3:1-8
	<i>Psalm:</i> 139:1-17 or 139:1-11
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
	<i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 4:12-23
30 January – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<i>First Lesson:</i> Micah 6:1-8
	<i>Psalm:</i> 67
	<i>Second Lesson:</i> 1 Corinthians 1: (18-25), 26-31
	<i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 5:1-12

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## *Remember These Dates*

<b>4 January</b>	<b>Open House for Adult Education</b> 6:00 p.m. – Parish House	<b>17 January</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b> Office Closed
<b>9 January</b>	<b>Epiphany Pageant</b> 10:00 a.m. – Church	<b>23 January</b>	<b>Service of Compline</b> 8 p.m. - Church
	<b>Joint Youth Group with Messiah</b> 4-6 p.m. – Location to be announced	<b>25 January</b>	<b>ECW Luncheon</b> noon – Parish House
<b>10 January</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. – Parish House	<b>30 January</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b> 10 a.m. – Church (one service only this Sunday)
<b>11 January</b>	<b>Prayer Chain</b> 5:15 p.m.. – Chapel		
<b>12 January</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> 6:30-8:00 p.m. Parish House		

May your New Year be Blessed!



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