



St. Barnabas

Banner

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June 2007

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays

8 a.m.: Rite I

Holy Eucharist

10 a.m.: Rite II

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

5 p.m.: Rite II

Holy Eucharist

(July-August)

4th Sunday

8 p.m.: Sung

Compline

Wednesdays

10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
in the Chapel

2nd Wednesday
includes Service
of Healing

Rev. Bob announces September retirement

THE VESTRY HAS CALLED FOR PARISHIONERS to assemble a transition committee to help prepare the way for the Rev. Bob Appleyard's retirement in September and see the parish through the interim and search process as we select our new rector.

"As a parish we will embark on the adventure of transition, which is a very special opportunity to engage together in a journey of faith," wrote wardens Joyce Harrington and Doris Weeks.

The diocese has a clearly defined process and protocol in place for each step of the transition period, from appointment of an interim priest, self-study, the search process, and welcoming a new rector (see page 6). The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard will serve as our liaison with the diocese throughout the process.

In late summer the vestry will assemble a search committee and plan a retreat in late September. The vestry is confident that every step of the transition will be as transparent as possible, and will publish regularly updates in the *Banner* and on the St. Barnabas Web site.

In September 1992, Bob was called to Saint Barnabas, and will complete 15 years of ministry among us this year. He and Debby will retire to their home in Maine.

"I have loved being here with you--worshipping, baptizing, marrying, burying," Bob said. "We have laughed together and cried together as we faced the many events which have filled the years. I have watched as parishioners have assumed new leadership responsibilities. I have been proud as we have dared to take on new ministries to respond to the needs of the world around us. I have enjoyed watching you welcome new members into our parish family. And I have been pleased to see our Vestry set goals and strategize plans for the next five years.

"We will be quite sad to leave all of you, our home for the past 15 years, the larger Falmouth community and Cape Cod. This really has been the best setting I could have ever wished for to complete this phase of parish ministry."

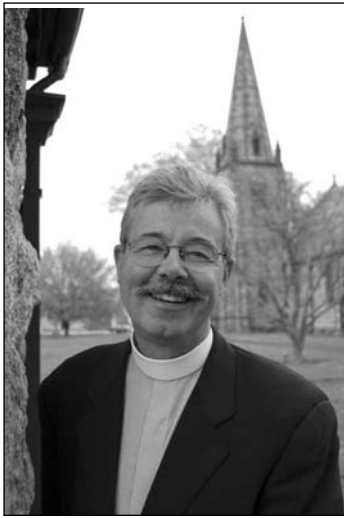


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From the rector: The Rev. Robert Appleyard, Jr.

Extraordinary ordinary time

THIS MORNING, AS I WAS GREETING PEOPLE just prior to the Wednesday morning Eucharist, I noticed the petals of the pink cherry trees falling lightly in the breeze. Those petals so pretty both while they are in the trees and when they carpet the flagstones of the Chapel Garden. They only last about a week and then they are gone for another year. A brief but beautiful spring sight, the cherry trees are just one of the many special things which make our buildings and grounds so wonderful. A thought touched lightly on my brain: “this is the last time you will have watching the Saint Barnabas cherry trees shed their petals before retirement.” Then I went back to greeting the similarly special people who had come to worship. I thought again, “like the cherry trees – singular, fleeting, and what makes Saint Barnabas so wonderful.”

I want to experience their goodness and rightness--for that is what has made these last 15 years together so precious. Yes, there will be deep sadness in our having to say good-bye. Yet, there would be no sadness at all if we had not mattered to each other. We have experienced God's love together.

I am not going to spend my *Banner* articles and sermons from now until the end of September talking about all that I am feeling surrounding my retirement. However, I can promise you, I will be noting many, many things which matter so very much to me as I realize that I can no longer take them for granted. There will not be another spring together and so, this one, fleeting as it is, needs to be appreciated and cherished. The weeks ahead will be filled with so many “lasts” and, rather than only grieve over them, I want to experience their goodness and rightness--for that is what has made these last 15 years together so precious. That especially has to do with our relationships. Yes, there will be deep sadness in our having to say good-bye. Yet, there would be no sadness at all if we had not mattered to each other. We have experienced God's love together. And in our farewells we will also celebrate that.

Kate mentioned in last month's *Banner* that with the arrival of Pentecost, we will be moving into the season of “ordinary time.” It is a long season during which the theme we celebrate and worship through is “what it means to be the church.” This year the “ordinary time” will seem a bit extraordinary as you and I experience our leave-taking and you continue on to the new adventures which await. In reality, they will be as “ordinary” as they are each year. They will just be heightened by goodness and rightness of the much we have shared. Like the cherry petals, this ordinary time will be singular, fleeting, and what makes Saint Barnabas so wonderful.

From the curate: The Rev. Katharine E. Stebinger

A view from the edge

WHEN MY BROTHER AND I WERE CHILDREN, my father used to let us look over cliff edges on the top of whatever mountain peak we were climbing at the time. He would grab us by the back of our shorts, or tie a rope around our waists, and let us lie down, one at a time, and stick our heads over the edge of the mountain top. It was terrifying, gave us an exhilarating view of the universe we'd never had before, and gave my mother fits. Even as she trusted my father she was certain one of us would end up falling off the mountain. We never did, and we gained both self-confidence around heights and a reliance on the support of whoever was willing to anchor the other end of the rope.

Aside from encouraging you to take your children, friends and grandchildren hiking this summer, which I do, we at Saint Barnabas are standing on a pretty exciting mountaintop right now, looking over a cliff edge. With our rector, Bob, retiring, some of us are probably feeling as though we could tumble right over that cliff edge. Change is scary. Bob has been here for fifteen years, guiding, encouraging and nurturing. But Bob's retirement is not the same thing as his throwing our safety ropes over a cliff and encouraging us to follow them down into a gorge below, because Bob is not the only person who holds us in safety here at Saint Barnabas. As a community, we have a complex set of support ropes and safety lines connecting us, and we keep one another from falling.

Just a few weeks ago, with Bob away with his own family, Arthur Pina collapsed in our parish hall, at an event with other parishioners, and we all kept one another from falling over the cliff edge. Parishioners of this parish tried to revive Arthur, and parishioners of this parish gathered in the chapel to pray. Parishioners surrounded Cynthia and the Pina family at the hospital, and they supported her and one another. Parishioners mourned Arthur's loss and celebrated his life, and welcomed three hundred twenty-five people to our church and chapel that we might do so together. Never did I hear anyone say, "I don't know where we go from here," without someone else being there, to hug, to pray, to hang on to their safety rope for them as they looked over the cliff edge. Saint Barnabas stood together and met sadness without surrender, and continues to stand together, in support and love. What a legacy for Arthur Pina to leave Saint Barnabas, the realization that even when Bob cannot be with us, we stand together and support one another.

Bob's retirement is for us a climb up a mountain, with views at the top none of us can yet imagine, and it will undoubtedly have cliff edges to gaze over—and to be wary of. It's a glorious, scary adventure—an opportunity to hold one another secure as we look over the edge and ask, "Who are we as Saint Barnabas? Who do we want to be? Where are we going?"



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News and Notes:

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Strategic Plan update

Cynthia E. De Bellis, Paul Gentile, and Dick Boyden have held two meetings to discuss the status of the Strategic Plan and implementation. In the next weeks, committee and program chairpersons will be contacted by the Strategic Plan Committee to discuss what progress has been made to date and plan the next steps. The adopted Strategic Plan with time line is available electronically on the St. Barnabas Web site and in print form in the narthex. The deadline for returning the updates is July 31. At that time, the information will be collated and published on the St. Barnabas Web site and in print form. If there are any questions, please contact Cynthia E. De Bellis.

Hospitality Committee

Jane Hinckley and the Hospitality Committee would like to thank the parishioners of Saint Barnabas for their generous outpouring of food and support for Arthur Pina's funeral and reception. The love and support this parish showed for one another and the Pina family goes beyond what words can express.

Beach Book Club

Join us at Saint Barnabas for a summer lunchtime getaway! Our Beach Book group will explore two

books over the course of the summer. Our first book will be *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. Bring a sandwich and your book Tuesdays at noon, beginning on July 3 in the Parish House. (If you are interested but that time is bad, please let us know at the church office.)

Summer exercise in Beebe Woods

Need motivation or companionship to spice up your exercise routine? On Wednesday mornings at eight, beginning on June 6, meet other Saint Barnabas-ites at Beebe Woods. We'll have a running group and a walking group; both dogs and humans (including children) are welcome!

God in Our Garden

Our Sunday morning Education Hour takes a summer break from June through the end of August, but on Saturday afternoons in July and August we are offering a time for all ages to ask what it means to be disciples, God in our Garden. Join us at 4 p.m. in the Chapel garden—we'll talk about the scripture for the week, do mini-service projects and express our faith creatively. Each Saturday stands alone, so you can come whenever you're in town. We'll be done in time for our summer 5 p.m. worship in the Chapel.

FROM THE VESTRY

The Rev. Robert Appleyard called the vestry meeting to order at 7 p.m. on May 7 in the Parish House. For the opening meditation, John Schmidt read "The Eyes of a Child" by the Reverend Lowell E. Grisham from Stepping Stones for Spiritual Growth (www.explorefaith.org/stepstone_eyes.html). John shared the email he had received from the author thanking him for his interest.

The agenda included a discussion of a proposal for listing pledgers as a "thank you" (2008) from the Stewardship Committee and a review of a proposed schedule of presenting committee/ministry reports to the vestry. Don Johnson gave the treasurer's report and an update on the Property Committee's work and parish formal financial audit.

Bob gave the rector's report and announced his retirement effective Sept. 30. Preliminary information about the transition and search process was shared by Senior Warden Joyce Harrington, and Junior Warden Doris Weeks. The meeting concluded with comments without discussion and was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Approved vestry minutes for April 2007 are available on the St. Barnabas Web site and in the narthex. The next Vestry meeting will be June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. Parishioners are welcome to all vestry meetings.

—Cynthia E. De Bellis, Clerk

News and Notes:

Strawberry Festival: June 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to participate in making this year's Strawberry Festival the best yet!

The **Elegant Elephant, Book and Jewelry Tables** will start accepting donations June 10 on the Parish Hall stage. For Elegant Elephant, we cannot accept large electrical items such T.V.s, computers, stereos micro-waves, etc.; everything must work and be clean. No donations will be accepted on the date of Festival. The Books Tables seeks books, CDs and videos; no encyclopedias, magazines or self-recorded media are accepted.

Help is needed for **jam-making** on June 9 in the Parish Hall kitchen, 8 a.m. to noon.

Set-up and clean-up needs a chair and helpers this year; please contact Doris Weeks if you can help.

If you have not done so, please fill out the Strawberry Festival volunteer sign-up sheet that is in the Church *Bulletin* each week.

If you have **questions** or would like to **volunteer** to help, please contact the following chairpersons for information:

Bake Table: Cynthia Ogden (540-2505)

Books: Jayne Iafrate & Barbara Stephens (564-5339)

Chicken, Ribs, Chowder: Greg Strohm (457-4637)

Children's Games: (chair needed): Doris Weeks

(548-6671)

Cold Drinks: Bill & Michele Dumas (477-7440)

Cotton Candy/Slush: (chair needed): Doris Weeks (548-6671)

Elegant Elephant: Jeanne Platt (457-0023)

Entertainment: Randolph James (540-7196)

Hot Dogs: Larry & Sally Ferreira (540-3356)

Jewelry: Lois Ferriera (540-6739) & Debbie Hamilton (457-9756)

Lobster Rolls: (chair needed): Doris Weeks (548-6671)

Plants: Brad & Ginny Barnes (495-0150)

Procurement: Gregg Strohm (457-4637)

Publicity: Dicky Allison (548-4971)

Strawberry Hulling: Jane Scalli (548-0955)

Strawberry Jam: Ingrid Frank (548-5647)

Strawberry Shortcake: Kathy Wessling (540-4680)

Set-up and Clean-up: (chair needed)

T-Shirts & aprons: Alice Batchelor (548-2221)

Treasurer: Kathe Rabbitt

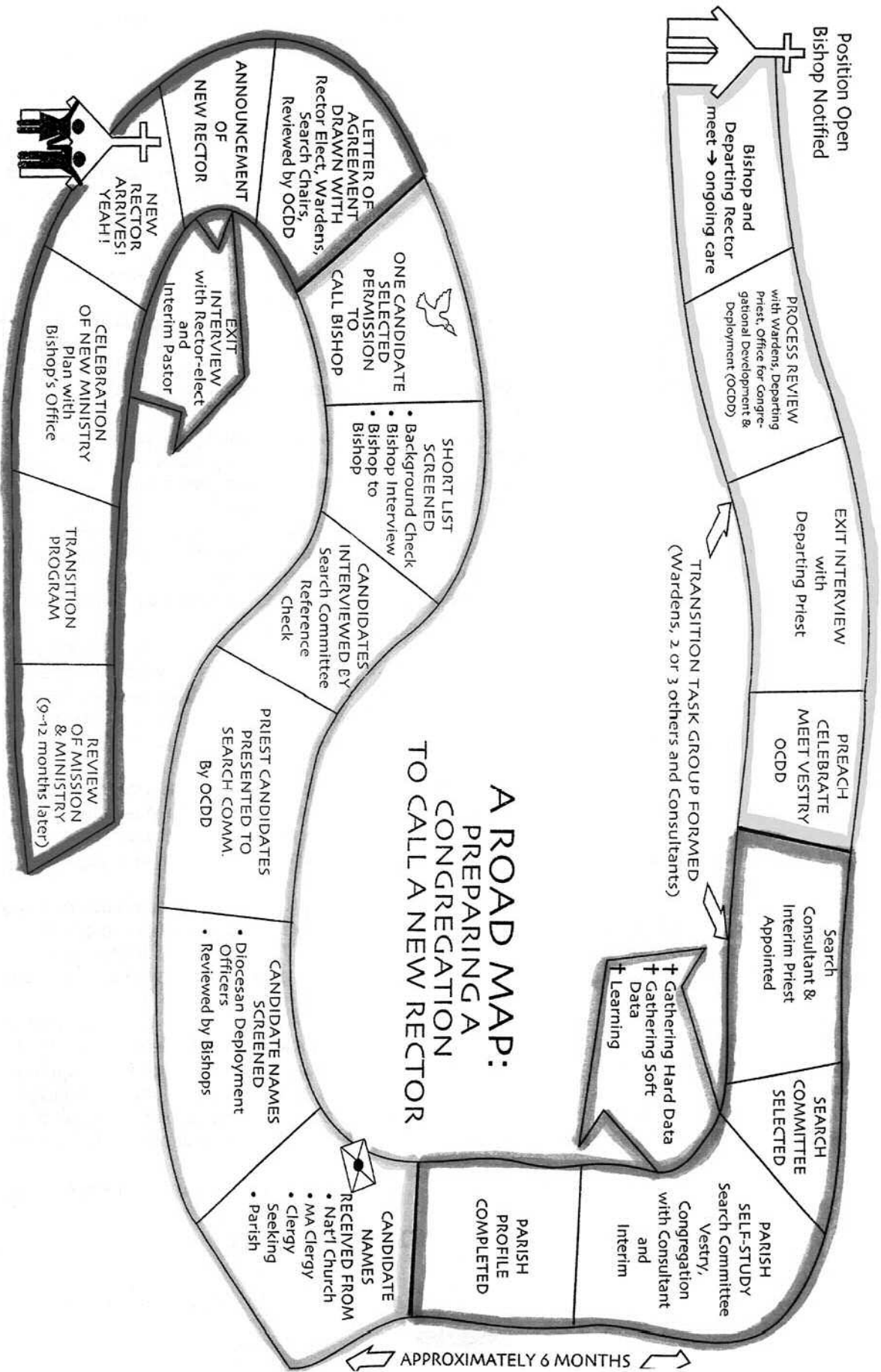
Watermelon: (chair needed)

Note to chairpersons: Anyone who will need supplies, food, etc., should contact Greg Strohm no later than June 14—the absolute cut off.



Confirmation 2007

Among the St. Barnabas parishioners who were confirmed, received or reaffirmed in our faith on May 19 in Plymouth were: Anna Bohnenberger, Sheryle Correia, Stephen De Bellis, Donna Lynds, Krystl Lynds, Darlene McGuire, Joe McGuire, Timothy Reichel, John Schmidt, Judy Stoll, Priscilla Stoll and Sam Terra. officiants included The Right Rev. Gayle Harris, the Rev. Robert Applyard and the Rev. Katharine Stebinger.



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Transition: “A Faith Journey”

The Road Map: On page 6, you will find a copy of the “Road Map for Preparing a Congregation to Call a New Rector,” which illustrates the journey of faith on which we as a parish are about to embark (from the Diocesan Office for Congregational Development and Deployment). We have one correction and one addition: If you look at the top of the drawing you will see the phrase “Transition Task Group Formed.” We are calling this small group the Transition Team and adding a Transition Committee whose tasks will be described below. So that phrase should read “Transition Team and Transition Committee Formed.”

Transition Committee: Time to sign up! If planning and organizing a party or designing colorful invitations and posters is your special talent; if a lifetime in the military and/or corporate life has taught you to plan and execute a major move easily ; if calling lists and mailing lists are a joyful challenge—then you should be a member of the Transition Committee. If you are known by one and all as the Queen (or King) of Hospitality, then join us.

The Transition Committee will play a major role at the beginning and again at the end of our Faith Journey—being responsible for everything from the details of the retirement celebrations to the delegation of tasks such as who will provide the coffee and

doughnuts on the day the movers arrive. And at the other end, they will be responsible for the welcoming celebrations and—the coffee and doughnuts on moving day. We will have many tasks in the next six months; disband temporarily, then reconvene. Join us for all or part of the adventure.

Please complete the Invitation to Participate below and mail it to Joyce Harrington or Doris Weeks. Copies of the invitation will be inserted in the Sunday Bulletin and can be returned via the collection plate. We would like to have the committee in place and in full force by the end of June, so let us know as soon as possible.

Remember: many tasks + many volunteers = a joyous time for all!

—Joyce Harrington and Doris Weeks

Energy Audit Committee to meet

The Energy Audit Committee met for the third time on May 23. Bill and Elizabeth Dickinson, Bill Borden, Arline Vernet, Kathy Murray, Ellie Shaver and Kate Stebinger have assembled the necessary information to satisfy the diocesan resolution to provide an in-house environmental energy audit for the 222nd Convention. We plan to move on as a committee and address how can St. Barnabas reduce its carbon footprint. Our next meeting is June 27 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

TRANSITION: A Faith Journey Transition Committee Invitation to Participate

I am interested in participating in The Journey as a member of the Transition Committee.

My name is _____

I can be reached at _____ or _____
telephone email

Return to Joyce Harrington or Doris Weeks in care of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church no later than June 30.

News and Notes:

Summer music and study programs

Compline

The Saint Barnabas Church Schola offers the service of Compline the 4th Sunday evening of each month at 8PM in the church. The order for Compline has changed very little since the 4th century. You are invited to come at least once to experience this very soothing and relaxing end of the day liturgy. For more information about this service, or to schedule an audition to join this ensemble, please contact Randolph James at (508) 548-3863, ext. 5.

Lobster on the Lawn

On Monday afternoons 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Department of Music will offer “Lobster on the Lawn” again this year as a fundraiser and community-building event. We will need lots of help from everyone in the parish. This event will help to expose Saint Barnabas to the summer tourists and also to the greater community of the Cape. To sign-up or get more information, you may talk to any chorister or call Randolph James.

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir will sing during the months of July and August. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings 7-8 p.m., and again on Sunday mornings at

9 a.m., for warm-up in preparation for the 10 a.m. liturgy. Our first gathering will be Sunday, July 1. No rehearsal on the 4th, but we will sing again on July 8. Our first Wednesday rehearsal will be July 11. You do not have to be able to read music, and there is no commitment requested, so you may drop in as your summer schedule permits. This choir is open to all! We will learn new hymns, rehearse the service music, learn the setting of the psalm for the day and offer an anthem as time permits. Call Randolph James in the parish office at for more info.

Group Spiritual Direction

Jeannette A. Hanlon, LICSW, M.Div., will offer an 8-week course on “Spiritual Direction,” starting in late June at St. Barnabas Church. She says the course is designed to give participants support to more fully notice and claim God’s workings in their lives even as they more keenly seek God through prayer and meditation.

The group is open to anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God, regardless of church affiliation, and is modeled after Shalem Institute’s Group Spiritual Direction program. Cost is \$200 and pre-registration is required. Contact Hanlon at j_hanlon@comcast.net or (508) 477-5704.

St. Barnabas 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.



June Birthdays



1 Johnson, Mr. Donald
1 McGuire, Christopher
2 Savery, Cindy
2 Pilch, Allan
2 Pilch, Ben
3 Breivogel, Robert
3 Sylvia, Frank
3 Doud, Elizabeth
3 Worthington, Jill
3 Tremarche, Abigail Victoria
4 Jenney, Robert
4 Lynds, Arthur
6 Eicher, Jennifer Drew
7 Bevilacqua, Rebecca
9 Hill, Diane (Dee)
10 Davis, Clara H.
10 Michon, Ted
10 Rocheleau, Marc Mathieu
10 Kelliher, Gates
12 Pottle, Ralph
13 Thomas, Maude
13 Lowery, Betsy
13 Michon, Ms. Evie

13 Scalli, Jane
14 Pratt, Lois
14 Bibbo, Stephen
14 Decker, Jonathan (Jon)
15 Johnson, Del
15 Phillips, Hannah
16 Penfield, Carol
16 James, Randolph S
16 Barron, Whitney Pearce
16 O'Brien, James Patrick
17 Edgarton, C. Frederic

17 Higbe, Charlene
17 Hocking, Juli Brynn
18 Edgar, Jameson M (Jamie)
19 Duffany, Todd Sheldon
20 Baker, Kitty
21 Scovill, Samantha
22 Greetham, Douglas
23 Payne, Julie
23 Deyo, Allison
24 Adams, Emily Mae
24 Caianiello, Morgan
25 Albrecht, Mr. George
26 Gabriel, Mrs. Bridget
26 Leberherz, Caroline Grace
26 Leberherz, Shannon Leigh
27 Ferreira, Elizabeth
28 Craver, Mr. Nelson
29 Hunter, Eve
29 Young, Sarah
30 Wilsterman, James
30 Guptill, Emily
30 McMahan, Jackson Stone

June Lectionary

June 3, 2007: Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 10, 2007: Proper 5

I Kings 17:8-16, (17-24)
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 17, 2007: Proper 6

I Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a
Psalm 5
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 24, 2007: Proper 7

I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

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Calendar

Please visit our online calendar:

<http://stbarnabasfalmouth.org/WebCalendar/>

Leadership Directory

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Bob Appleyard
Curate: The Rev. Kate Stebinger
Organist/Director of Music
Randolph James
Administrative Assistant
Kathe Rabbitt
Sexton Stephen Paltz

Officers and Vestry

Sr. Warden Joyce Harrington
Jr. Warden Doris Weeks
Treasurer Don Johnson
Clerk Cynthia De Bellis
Dicky Allison
Ginny Barnes
Dick Boyden
Sue Davis
Helen Gordon
Faith Kolodziejcki
Sue O'Brien
John Schmidt
Kim Strohm
Youth Rep Tim Reichel

Deanery Marcia Donovan
Reps. Mimi Frank
Helen Gordon
Andy Payne
Ellie Shaver
Andy Reichel

Ministries and Group Contacts

Buildings and Grounds (Vestry)
Memorial Garden Debbie Gentile
Property Harvey Williamson
Historians Jeanne and Bill Platt

Christian Formation

Committee Joyce Harrington
Adult Ed. Joyce Harrington
Church School Kate Stebinger
Youth Group Kate Stebinger
Librarian Mary Heard

Ministries and Group Contacts (cont.)

Fellowship (Bob Appleyard)

Coffee Hour Ingrid Frank
ECM Bill Platt
ECW Doris Weeks
Cynthia Ogden

Finance (Vestry)

Finance Bill Smith
Stewardship Brad/Ginny Barnes

Inreach/Outreach (Vestry)

Banner Jayne Iafrate
Hospitality Jane Hinckley
Newcomers Joan Stephenson
Outreach Annie Holden
Overnights of Hospitality
Ellie Shaver
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Debbie Gentile
Sunshine Notes
Edie McKean

Pastoral Care (Bob Appleyard)

Hospital visits/Home visits on request
Bob Appleyard
Lay Eucharistic Visitors
Prayer Chain Susan Schmidt

Strategic Planning (Vestry)

Committee Paul Gentile

Worship (Bob Appleyard)

Acolytes Sue O'Brien
Altar Flowers Eileen Bergstrom
Altar Guild Pie Smith
Lectors Kathe Rabbitt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Kathe Rabbitt
Music/Choirs Randolph James
Ushers Open

June Events

June 3

Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., St. Barnabas Church

June 23

Strawberry Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the lawn

June 24

Compline, 8 p.m., St. Barnabas Church

June 30

Lobsters on the Lawn Kick-off Party, 4 p.m.

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