



Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church

The Banner

November 2008

An Episcopal parish in the Cape & Islands Deanery of the Diocese of Massachusetts

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m. Rite I
Holy Eucharist (Church)

10 a.m. Rite II
Holy Eucharist (Church)

10:15 a.m. Rite III
Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

4th Sunday
8 p.m. Sung Compline
(Church)

Wednesday (Chapel)
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

2nd Wednesday includes
Service of Healing

Thanksgiving Day
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Education

Sunday
9 a.m. Education Hour

- Children's Classes (Lower Parish Hall)
- Adult Lectionary Bible Study (Small Conference Room)

Tuesday
6 p.m. Shalom Series
Parish House

Wednesday
10:45 a.m. Bible Study
Small Conference Room

Thankful!

November is a month of remembrances and thanksgiving. We begin the month with **All Saints Sunday** on **November 2**. An additional reminder about November 2: **Turn your clocks back!** November 2nd is the first day of 'winter time' or 'standard time.'

The 223rd **Annual Convention** of the Diocese of Massachusetts will be held on **Friday and Saturday, November 7-8** in Hyannis. Our delegates, Marcia Donovan and Helen Gordon, will be reporting on Convention next month. You can help our Deanery be a welcoming host by signing up for a shift of an hour or two at the Deanery's display table at Convention. Contact Marcia or Helen for details.

In thanksgiving for the pledges to support our parish, the Stewardship Committee is hosting an **In-gathering luncheon** after our Rites II and III services on **November 9**. Many thanks to Brian and Susan Bint for making this possible!

The weekend of **November 15-16**, we are co-hosting an **Alternative Gift Market** with Falmouth's Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship and Jewish Congregation. We hope you will consider taking a turn staffing a table in addition to financially supporting the worthy causes represented.

November 21-23 is the diocesan **Junior High Retreat** at the Barbara Harris Camp in New Hampshire. Rev. Kate will be there, so on **Sunday, November 23**, we will **combine our later Rites II and III** services into one at **10:00 a.m.** in the Church.

November 23 is also the **fourth Sunday** of the month. Please join us for **Compline at 8:00 p.m.** This Sunday is the Last Sunday After Pentecost, the start of the final week of the liturgical year. Sometimes, this day is also referred to as 'Christ the King.' Read the Collect (Proper 29) in the prayer book on page 236 to see why!

Thanksgiving Day, November 27, we will have **Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Church**.

November 30 is the **First Sunday of Advent**, the start of the new church year. In addition to our regular three services (8, 10 & 10:15), we encourage you to join us to **make an Advent Wreath** to take home. Join us at **9:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. Bring your own greens and ribbons!

Looking ahead to early December, don't forget the ECW **Christmas Fair** is **Saturday, December 6**. How will you help? With the luncheon? At a table? Making Wreaths or Crafts?

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From the interim priest: The Rev. Patricia Eustis

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing...
Hymn 433, *Nederlandisch Gedenckclank*, 1626

This is one of my favorite hymns. It was translated from German to English by Theodore Baker (1851-1934). He also translated other lovely hymns such as *How Great Our Joy*, and *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (which we sing on Christmas Eve). *We Gather Together* was written in 1597 by Adrianus Valerius. He wrote the hymn as a song of praise to celebrate a Dutch victory. Sailing from the Netherlands, the Pilgrims probably sang this hymn. It has been associated, along with *Over the River and Through the Woods*, and (our family's favorite) *Alice's Restaurant*, as the music we

sing and hear on Thanksgiving.

The hymn is my favorite because it conjures up many happy Thanksgiving days. For our family, Thanksgiving has always seemed special. It doesn't have the hurry and worry of Christmas gifts and decorations, but just good food and good fellowship. It is a time, when we sit around the table, hopefully any past challenges are put aside, and we share in God's bounty. The "good" dishes, small pumpkins, gourds, candles, and other small

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decorations set the table. Each place has a funny name tag and a little cup of candy corn. The food is brought to the table, joining hands we stand and say Grace and then each person says one thing for which they are thankful. Then, as we take our seats, the noise and laughter begin. It is a joyous time full of shared memories as well as a welcome to new friends who join us each year. We are all reluctant for the meal to end, so after dinner, we sit around talking into the evening. Finally, someone says, "Let's play Trivial Pursuit" or "Scattergories" or whatever is the current favorite.

My youngest son, Bryan, went to University in London. Of course, the British don't celebrate Thanksgiving, so on his first Thanksgiving he was unable to come home. Early Thanksgiving morning, he called to get my turkey and stuffing recipe. An hour later, forgetting that turkeys have to thaw, he called asking, "How do I cook a chicken, and how many do I need for 10 people?" When he called the next day, he told me they had stood around the table and each one said something for which they were thankful. Traditions make the meal!

In life, thankfulness or "An Attitude of Gratitude" is an important tradition to carry on. No matter the day, we have much for which to be thankful. Even in these difficult financial times and times of sadness or grief, God has offered us love and support that is only a 'prayer' away. When we gather in church on any occasion, and especially Thanksgiving, we are always fed through the Eucharist. No matter how hungry our spirits may be, God offers the bounty of Christ's body and blood to nourish us.

As St. Barnabas parishioners, you have much for which to be thankful. This year has been an exciting time; you have new ministries, more grades in the Sunday school, new members in the Property Committee, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Acolytes, and Lectors. You have new parishioners, many of them young families with delightful children. You have offered the grounds to the community, and have benefited through others' ministries: the Samaritans, The Walk for the Homeless, Antique Car Club, Cape Crèche, Falmouth Palliative Care, and Falmouth Newcomers. As the Transition time ends and you await a new spiritual leader, you can be assured you are ready for whatever God is offering.

I am thankful for the wonderful year God has given me to spend with you. I will always remember your enthusiasm for ministry, your joy in laughing (even when my jokes are terrible or I forget the punch line), and your willingness to try "new" things. In the coming week, God will let me know where I am to serve next, but it is important that we take time to say goodbye. As soon as I know, I promise to let you know, where and when I am going. For now, with Paul, I say, "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly" (1 Thessalonians 1:2).

—Rev. Pat+

From the assistant priest: The Rev. Katherine Stebinger

Evangelism can be a scary word for Episcopalians. If you mention to your average person that we are to be evangelists for the gospel, he or she may launch into a story about being assaulted by an aggressive Christian who demanded to know when she or he had been saved. While my preferred answer to whether I have been saved is that Christ saves me daily, this sort of Christian “attack” is what turns many of us away from the idea of evangelism.

And yet, we are called in our baptism to be evangelists. The baptismal covenant asks, “Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?” This proclamation is evangelism, the sharing of the good news. And we at Saint Barnabas are evangelists, individually and as a congregation. Sometimes, we share the truth of gospel in action: in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, tending the sick, driving a neighbor to a doctor’s appointment, cleaning up the Quissett Knob, our adopted shoreline, and in the thousand other ways that we are Christ



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to one another. Sometimes, we share it in word, telling the stories of God present in our lives, offering to pray for a friend or colleague, or answering the questions of someone curious about Christianity.

Here at Saint Barnabas, there’s one form of evangelism we embrace enthusiastically as a congregation, without calling it evangelism: we welcome everyone to a series of outdoor events in the summer and fall. Through Strawberry Festival and Lobster of the Lawn, we are open and inviting, and embodying the spirit of Christ in our every act of hospitality. In October, there’s one more (hopefully) outdoor event before the weather gets too cold: the Blessing of the Animals. Aside from Christmas and Easter, the Blessing of the Animals welcomes more strangers than any other church service of the year. From all over Falmouth and the villages people come, invited by signs in pet stores, libraries and coffee shops, bringing dogs and the occasional cat or rabbit. The service itself is merry chaos, singing of hymns, saying of litanies, sharing of communion, and of course, the blessing of animals.

Every year, there’s one in need of a special blessing. This year, a greyhound had eaten an entire roast chicken (except foil) the evening before the service, but walked up with no apparent ill effects, leaning against me quite happily to receive a special prayer for recovery.



Roast chicken-scarfing greyhound receives special blessing from Rev. Kate

We celebrate the place of each and every animal in their humans’ lives, and lift it all up publically in thanks to God, in the context of the shared worship of the Episcopal church.

The Blessing of the Animals is a time when we invite as much of the world as we can reach to come and hear the good news of the Gospel. In our exuberant welcome, we are evangelists, and it’s incredibly easy. Events like this one show us that evangelism need not be scary. How can we take our enthusiasm for welcoming others into the special events at our parish, and use it to share the good news of Christ with those who walk in our doors every day of the year?

—Rev. Kate

October Vestry Summary (Unapproved)

Rev. Pat opened the meeting with Prayers for Evening, then asked the Vestry to consider how, as Vestry members, they would like to be the Light of the World. Answers included:

- Being a good Christian in all aspects/areas of life.
- Being a presence in the Community
- Letting others know the importance of worship and what worship/prayer does for us.
- By setting good examples for others to follow.

The lighting situation along the breezeway outside the Parish Hall and Chapel has miraculously been corrected and lights are now on in that area after dusk.

A follow-up discussion on the Bishop's visit included appreciation for the Diocese Directory he handed out to Vestry members and the additional time he allotted for discussion with the Vestry. Sue Davis added that Bishop Bud's time with the Search Committee was greatly appreciated.

Rev. Pat said the Bishop noticed only about a third of the children and parents who attended Sunday school also attended the service. Rev. Kate, who talked to many parents, said the lack of attendance at either Sunday school or services is due primarily to Sunday morning sports and asked the Vestry to pray on this issue.

Don Johnson gave his Treasurer's report. The General Fund Cash continues to run in the black by \$12,687.00. If expenses run as he has projected for the remainder of the year, less than \$20,000 of the \$33,000.00 special distribution will be needed. He added that the Vestry will need to decide how the proceeds of the Strawberry Festival will be distributed. Don will provide the Vestry with a statement on the Lobster on the Lawn activity once all expenses have been paid.



A deficit in the Alter Guild Flower Fund of \$946.28 raised the question from Rev. Pat of whether the vestry should vote to increase the cost of the alter flowers by \$10.00 beyond what is charged by the florist. A motion to increase the price of the alter flowers failed to pass by a majority vote against.

Don presented a spreadsheet on our Merrill Lynch investments and reminded members that due to the current global finance crisis the numbers are fluctuating daily. Don noted in his report: "We expect the following year to be a very unstable time, but we pray that U.S. and international efforts to stabilize our financial systems will eventually prevail."

A Behrens Fund request for \$15,000.00 from the Falmouth Service Center for a fuel assistance program was submitted by Brenda Swain, Executive Director of the Falmouth Service Center. The funds, if approved, would provide 100 gallons of heating oil to 33 households. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and the Behrens Fund request was unanimously approved.

Joyce commended Don, Jane Scalli and the Finance Committee for their hard work. Don commended Harvey Williamson for all of his work as the project manager of the garage project.

The two defibrillators purchased through a donation from the Pina Family, in memory of Arthur, with a matching grant from the Behrens Fund, have been received. One will be installed in the Hall and one in the church. The company will need to be contacted to set up the installation and train the staff and any interested parishioners.

It was suggested that the Transition Committee complete a binder for the new rector outlining ministries and who does what and how within the parish as well as information about where things are in Town.

Faith volunteered to send Greg Strohm a Thank You from the parish for all of his hard work with food preparation for the Karaoke/Spaghetti Supper.

The meeting closed with Compline.

— *Kim Strohm, Clerk*

[Note: These minutes are a summary and are considered "unapproved" until corrected and voted upon at the next Vestry meeting. Approved minutes are posted in full on our website. — Editor]

↔ Rev. Pat blesses a young parishioner's stuffed bunny.

From the Senior Warden: New Year's Resolutions

You read the title of my wee dissertation and thought "Has she lost track of time? We are months away from January!" Yes, by the time you receive this edition of *The Banner* we will be six or seven weeks and two major holidays away from the new calendar year. But in the church year, we are fast approaching Advent One – our liturgical New Year. Which means I can have two sets of New Year's Resolutions.

Not surprising for an educator, most of my resolutions are to learn more.

I resolve to learn more about the connections between the liturgical calendar which drives the structure of worship and the music we sing as part of worship. (I have recently learned that there *is* a connection and that the songs we sing on Sunday – or in any service – are not randomly selected, but reflect the over-arching theme.)

I resolve to learn more about the array of reactions we have had to Change, specifically how to help us as a parish embrace and welcome the inevitable differences we will experience with our new rector.

I resolve to read more of the books sitting on my "to be read" shelf: Timothy Keller's *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*; Francis Collins' *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*; Karen Armstrong's *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Religious Traditions*; and Ronald Rolheiser's *The Holy Longing: The Search for Christian Spirituality*. Maybe I should also resolve to organize a St. Barnabas Book Club – or a Read-Along-With-Joyce.

Finally, I resolve to cherish anew the gifts of religious freedom, of the joy inherent in faith and worship, and of the love and respect we have for one another in our parish family. Blessings! – *Joyce Harrington, Senior Warden*

From the Junior Warden: November Already?

It doesn't seem possible that another month has gone by and it's time for another report. The Fall so far has been warm and beautiful. Spring & Fall are my times of year. Although I've lost interest in my gardens (they can wait till Spring) I still have plenty of flowers blooming. My thoughts are now on the Christmas Fair which will be here in six weeks.

ECW has been asking all those who like to do crafts, to join us on Thursday afternoons and the following week in the evening. The time is always in the Sunday bulletin, or you can call the office. We've had a good turn out but can always use more hands and ideas. We welcome all to participate in the Fair. Call Cyndy Ogden (508-540-2505) to offer your help.

The Search Committee has been working very diligently to provide us with a new rector. I have not been involved with this search. The Senior Warden has been attending most all the meetings. So it will be a surprise to me, as well as everyone else, and I can hardly wait for the announcement. I will be saddened to see Pat go. She has been very good for the Church, has been strong in places that we were weak and has tried to bring us all together. Church services have been changed, some worked, some did not, but this interim period is a time to think about what and how we want to continue. She has been a strong leader and I for one, appreciate it. I'm sure it's not easy to be an Interim. Thank you, Pat, for all that you have done for the Church and for me.

The Stewardship program is going on now and I ask for your support. All our pledges go to the annual budget of the Church. The Finance Committee have cut out any frills and it is a bare-bone budget. If we get 100% participation maybe this year we will be fully funded and not have to take from the principal of our endowments. Most of the endowments funds are restricted and cannot be used for the general fund. These funds should be protected at all cost. These are hard times for many – but remember all you have is by the Grace of God

My granddaughter has been returned to us from the Army. She left in June for a 15 month tour in Iraq. Unfortunately, she had a problem with a knee, and before she was to go over, they informed her that the knee was a problem that they did not want to fix and therefore she was not deployable. The Army told her this on a Thursday, and the next day they shipped her back to Cape Cod. Talk about prayer, mine was to keep her safe and return her to us. She's here – came home in September! She will be ushering again at the 8 o'clock service.

– *Doris Weeks, Junior Warden*

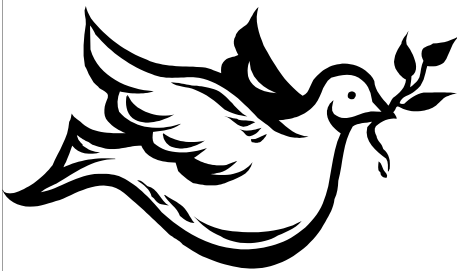
Parish News & Notes

Notes from the Library

The Library has gotten complete enough that we haven't been adding to the collection over the summer. We expect to continue to slow our acquisitioning unless something amazing is published. We are, however, adding the following titles this month:

- Eight poetry books by **Mary Oliver**
- **A Timbered Choir: The Sabbath Poems 1979-1997** by Wendell Berry
- **This I Believe II: More Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women**, collected by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman
- **Rediscovering God in America**, by Newt Gingrich (donated by Brad Barnes)
- **Home**, by Marilynne Robinson, a sequel to her marvelous fiction book called **Gilead**. Both are about families, love, forgiveness, death, and faith. Highly recommended.
- **Thank You, World**, a lovely picture book by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Wendy Halperin, celebrating the joys of life around the world.
- Jane Langton's **Saint Francis and the Wolf**, illustrated by Ilse Plume
- **The Possibilities of Sainthood**, a story for teens, by Donna Freitas, about a Catholic girl who wishes to become a saint. Rave reviews for this.

– *Mary Heard*



Alternative Gift Market

November 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., November 16, 12–4

Our Outreach Committee is teaming up with two other Falmouth congregations to sponsor an Alternative Gift Market, an event that was held for the first time in Falmouth in November 2007, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth. On Saturday, November 15 and Sunday,

November 16, our congregation will join with the Falmouth Jewish Congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to co-sponsor the gift market. The market will take place in our Parish Hall.

Shoppers will have the opportunity to purchase unusual, life-changing gifts that support people and the environment, both locally and throughout the world. Gifts such as scholarships for special needs children on Cape Cod to participate in a sports program, new water wells for nomadic peoples in Sudan, microloans to help reduce poverty in Haiti, a dairy goat for a family in Africa, heating oil for needy families on the Cape – these and many other gifts can be purchased in honor of a friend or family member. These “gifts of hope” may be purchased for giving in the coming year – for birthdays and other special occasions as well as for holiday giving.

We are excited by the Alternative Gift Market and we will need lots of volunteers at the event. There are many ways to get involved, and each can be only for an hour or two: staff the market on November 15th or 16th, set up the Global Bazaar which will sell “fair-trade” handmade items from around the world, prepare the gift enclosures ahead of time (neat handwriting or calligraphy required), or help with publicity. To volunteer or for more information, please contact our parish representative on this interfaith outreach effort, Krista Hennessy (508-540-9305).



Our Mission

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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Episcopal Church Men (ECM)

Saturday, November 29, 8:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Church Men will meet for breakfast, Saturday, November 29th at 8:30 a.m. at the Falmouth Inn, 824 Main Street. Our speaker will be : Lynn Auerbach with the organization Connect Africa; this organization helps fund education for children in Uganda. All are welcome.

– *Bill Platt*

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Tuesday, November 25, 12:00 p.m.

The next monthly ECW luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 12:00 noon in the Parish House. This will be a workshop to help wrap the Christmas gifts for the children of the Dress-A-Live-Doll program. We ask those planning to come to the workshop to bring a bag lunch. The board will provide dessert and coffee.

If you haven't been able to help at this workshop before, you'll want to come to enjoy the fellowship while accomplishing an important good work which we do each year. We welcome all women who are available to join us. More hands make for light work!!

– *Cynthia Ogden*

ECW Craft Workshops

Thursdays in November

The weekly Craft Workshops continue on Thursdays, alternating afternoon and evening sessions. All are welcome, even though you don't consider yourself a crafty person - we will give you simple tasks to work on for our Dec. 6th Christmas Fair.. The **Nov. 6th and 20th** workshops will be at **7:00 p.m.** in a downstairs classroom in the hall. **Nov. 13th** our workshop will be held at **1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room in the Parish Hall. We also welcome any new ideas for projects. We have fun while working - come join us!!!!

– *Cynthia Ogden*

A note from the Stewardship Committee

Charitable Contributions Tax Treatment

The recently enacted Recovery Act resurrects the 2006/2007 provision of the Federal Income Tax Code, which benefits taxpayers who take mandatory distributions from their retirement accounts AND who do not itemize. Distributions or parts thereof, can be directed to religious institutions and other

qualifying charities as tax-exempt. Parishoners should consult their account holders for processing any balance of their pledges for this year. – *Brad Barnes*

Pastoral Care

I was gently reminded this past Sunday that it was time for Banner submissions. During the past month I've been in Pompeii, Naples, Sorrento, Capri, Assisi, Sienna, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Rome. Mentally, I'm still thinking about Vesuvius erupting in 79AD; Emperor Tiberius throwing people who displeased him off Capri's Tarpian Rock (tough way to get fired); Il Paleo Race at Sienna; the wonders of Piazza San Marco in Venice (Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica); The Duomo, Uffizi Gallery in Florence; Rome with it's Coliseum, Pantheon, St. Peter's, The Sistine Chapel. Who wouldn't lose track of deadlines!

Amidst all the architectural and artistic splendor of Italy though, I was still reminded by the legless beggar outside the Duomo, and the young woman with twisted, withered limbs in the plaza on the site of Domitian's Amphitheater that the poor are always with us. People who need compassion and care are everywhere. Even in Falmouth. Sometimes we have to literally step over them to avoid them.

– *Bob Sherwood*

From the Altar Guild

Flowery Thoughts

Altar flower funds in the Church budget are not as fluid as they used to be. Please consider recognizing or remembering special people or events on Sundays via the Flower Calendar located in the Narthex (front door of the church). This same Calendar will be made available in the Chapel on Wednesdays. Also, don't forget you'll have an opportunity to give towards Christmas flowers after December the 1st.

– *Pie Smith and Pat Cowan, Altar Guild Co-Chairs*

Birth Announcement

We wanted to share with our friends at St. Barnabas that our son, Ben, and his wife, Debbie, have given birth to twin boys. Colin Robert and Caleb Francis were born on October 8 and weighed in at over six pounds. They are now home with their parents and their older sister Abby in Barrington, Rhode Island. We are thrilled!

– *Bob and Debby Appleyard*

Parish News & Notes

Property Committee News

Our new garage is complete!



The paving was completed on October 15, and the parish's equipment has been 'moving in' through the efforts of our sextons.

Have you noticed anything different in the Lower Parish Hall? (This is similar to asking if you noticed someone's haircut. You know *something* is different but you just can't lay your finger on *what!*) The interior doors have all be painted by Jerry Odgen and Bill Platt with the able assistance of their wives, Cyndy and Jeanne. What a difference it makes to see the doors all 'spiffed up!'

Fall is the time to plant spring bulbs. The Property Committee is asking for donations of bulbs. We have an overall plan for where the bulbs are to go, so your donated bulbs may be planted by others or we can set aside a designated day for the planting and make it a parish 'garden party.'

– Harvey Williamson

Church Women United World Community Day

Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.

Alice Batchelor is our liaison with the Church Women United. World Community Day is hosted at the Federated Church, Hyannis, on Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. The event is entitled, "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free." Registration \$10. To register for this event, please contact Beverly Hammel, Box 528, Sandwich, MA 02563, 508-833-8942, or via email: mmachh@verizon.net.

Tips from the Environmental Committee

Earth friendly strategies to limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases:

1. Change to compact fluorescent light bulbs: If Americans replaced just one light bulb in their home, it would save enough energy to light 2.5 million homes in one year and prevent an amount of greenhouse gases equivalent to 800,000 cars.
2. Bring your own mug to Starbucks: You'll get a 10 cent discount and keep one more paper cup out of the garbage. While you're there, pick up some free bags of used coffee grounds to use as "green" fertilizer.
3. By skipping the pre-rinse cycle on your dishwasher, you'll save 200 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released and about \$40 a year. By taking shorter showers, you'll conserve about 350 pounds of CO₂/year and keep about an extra \$100 in your pocket.
4. Turn off your computer. Turning off a 75-watt monitor for 40 hours/week will save about \$5.00/month and keep about 750 pounds of CO₂/year out of the air we breathe.
5. Cancel your catalogs. Call 888-5-OPTOUT or get off the lists at NewDream.org Make sure to recycle the junk mail that you do receive.

Global warming can be lessened and the earth can remain healthy if we all do our share. Be the steward of the Earth that God wants you to be. – Al Kolodziejwski



Young and old, two-legged and four-pawed, worship together at our annual Blessing of the Animals service in October.

Banner Newsletter Submissions Wanted

The deadline for our December newsletter is November 15th so we can work around the Thanksgiving holiday rush at the post office. Please email your articles and announcements to banner@stbarnabasfalmouth.org.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH

It's that wonderful time of year when the women of St. Barnabas get ready for our annual Christmas Fair. We encourage participation in this annual fund-raiser, which enables us to provide our monthly programs and special events, as well as to contribute to a number of worthy agencies in our community. This event is successful only because of the many contributions from parishioners.

We are in need of the following:

- **Empty Baskets** and/or **theme-filled baskets** for the **Gift Baskets Table**
- **New or gently used items** for the **Silent Auction**
(to be left on the stage 2 weeks prior to the Fair)
- **Used books, tapes, CDs** for the **Book Table**
- **Jewelry** items for the **Jewelry Table**
- Any **homemade craft**, needlework, knitted, crocheted item for the **Craft Table**.
- Unwanted **Christmas items and decorations** for the **Christmas Corner Table**
- Homemade **baked goods** (brought in at Fair time)

Donations for the Silent Auction need to be new, like new, or antiques. We do not have a white elephant table, so please, no garage sale items!! Leave donations on the stage in the Parish Hall beginning Sun., Nov. 23rd until Fri., Dec. 4th. Call Jeanne Platt (457-0023) with any questions.

We are always looking for help at the **Gift Basket** and **Wreath/Greens workshops** - watch for the dates and times which will be announced in the Sunday Bulletins. We also welcome volunteers to assist with the **Fireside Luncheon** and with sales on the day of the Fair. Think about how you can be of help. You'll enjoy the fellowship and the opportunity to be part of this festive event. Any questions?? Call Cyndy Ogden (508-540-2505) or Doris Weeks (508-548-6671)

~ Youth News & Events ~

November Events—Junior and Senior High

Our diocesan **Junior High retreat** will be at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire, **November 21-23**. Anyone in grades 6-8 is welcome to attend! The cost is \$110; scholarships are available. Please call Kate Stebinger at 508-548-3863 to sign up, or if you have any questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with youth your own age from around our diocese (Eastern Massachusetts)!

For those not going on retreat, **Sunday, November 23** is our day to help at Falmouth Service Center. We will be filling Thanksgiving baskets for families in Falmouth with other people from all over town! Meet at the Church in the parking lot as soon as the 10 o'clock service is over (around 11:15) to carpool.

For more information about these or other events, please email or call Kate.

Notes on Artwork

The Harvest artwork on this page is a sample of the liturgical art created by St. Mary's Barnstable parishioners, Linda Hunter and Barbara Hersey. For this month's *Banner*, we picked a detail from their work celebrating the Harvest. You can see the originals at St. Mary's or visit their website, 'Now I See,' to learn more. www.zhibit.org/nowisee



Detail from Harvest Banner ©2008
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www.zhibit.org/nowisee

To view our calendar of events, please visit our website:
www.stbarnabasfalmouth.org/WebCalendar

Leadership Directory

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Officers and Vestry

Sr. Warden Joyce Harrington	564-4833
Jr. Warden Doris Weeks	548-6671
Treasurer Don Johnson	548-4031
Asst. Treasurer Jane Scalli	548-0955
Clerk Kim Strohm	457-4637
Dicky Allison	548-4971
Ginny Barnes	495-0150
Sue Davis	477-2090
Dick Emerson	540-7358
Larry Ferrera	540-3356
Faith Kolodziejski	540-9943
Sue O'Brien	548-8126
John Schmidt	563-9898
Bob Sherwood	540-5817
Youth Rep Tim Reichel	
Deanery Marcia Donovan	548-5738
Reps. Helen Gordon	563-2457
Peggy Jones	457-4437
Ellie Shaver	548-2984
Nancy Young	547-9786

Ministries and Group Contacts

Buildings and Grounds (Vestry)

Memorial Garden	<i>Open</i>
Property Harvey Williamson	540-7818
Historians Jeanne and Bill Platt	457-0023

Christian Formation

Committee Joyce Harrington	564-4833
Adult Ed. Joyce Harrington	564-4833
Church School Kate Stebinger	548-5690
Youth Group Kate Stebinger	548-5690
Librarian Mary Heard	548-5462

Ministries and Group Contacts (cont.)

Fellowship (Pat Eustis)

Coffee Hour		<i>Open</i>
ECM Bill Platt		457-0023
ECW Doris Weeks		548-6671
	Cynthia Ogden	540-2505

Finance (Vestry)

Finance Bill Smith		540-3566
Stewardship Brad/Ginny Barnes		495-0150

Inreach/Outreach (Vestry)

Banner	banner@stbarnabasfalmouth.org	
Hospitality Jane Hinckley		548-8928
Newcomers Joan Stephenson		495-9970
Outreach Ellie Shaver		548-2984
Overnights of Hospitality		
	Annie Holden	495-1886
Prayer Shawl Ministry		<i>Open</i>
Sunshine Notes		
	Edie McKean	548-5958

Pastoral Care (Pat Eustis)

Hospital visits/Home visits on request		
	Pat Eustis	540-3634
	Kate Stebinger	548-5690
Lay Eucharistic Visitors		
	Kate Stebinger	548-5690
Prayer Chain Susan Schmidt		563-9898

Strategic Planning (Vestry)

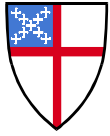
Committee Paul Gentile		539-6962
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Worship (Pat Eustis)

Acolytes Sue O'Brien		548-8126
Altar Guild Pie Smith		540-3566
	Pat Cowan	540-7074
Lectors Pat Eustis		540-3634
Lay Eucharistic Ministers		
	Pat Eustis	540-3634
Music/Choirs Randolph James		548-3863
Ushers Doris Weeks		548-6671

Thought for the day:

“God doesn’t call the qualified,
God qualifies the called.”



Websites of Interest

Our Parish Website
www.stbarnabasfalmouth.org

Cape & Islands Deanery
www.capeislandsdeanery.org

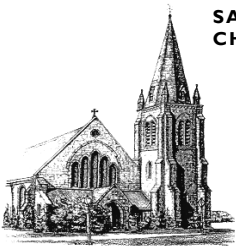
Diocese of Massachusetts
www.diomass.org

The Episcopal Church
www.episcopalchurch.org

The Anglican Communion
www.anglicancommunion.org

November & December Dates to Remember

November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Saints Sunday
November 1-2	Cape Crèche Collectors Show
November 7-8	Diocesan Convention, Hyannis
November 9	In-Gathering Luncheon
November 10	Vestry
November 15-16	Alternative Gift Market
November 21-23	Junior High Retreat
November 23	Compline
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 30	Advent I
December 6	ECW Christmas Fair
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
December 25	Christmas Day



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