

THE ENCOURAGER – JUNE 2011

“There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means ‘son of encouragement’).” Acts 4:36

ST. BARNABAS HAS... **TALENT!!**



JUNE 11TH, 2011

Reception @ 6:15pm

Performance Showcase @ 7:00 pm

Beverages & Desserts Afterwards

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Gosh how time flies! It is almost two years since I came to St Barnabas and I have had a wonderful time. My first week was the Vacation Bible School week, and what a wonderful way to begin a new ministry with a new church. I will always remember the camp



*From
the desk of
Mother
Sheelagh*

songs and all the helpers and parents who pulled together to make the week such a success. Since that time we have done a lot of good things together. The history chart on the

wall, remember? All those pictures of events over the years; the coffee and conversations where we explored who you have been and who you are now, and who you want to become; the wonderful deeply spiritual Lenten series, both of them, where together we walked a Labyrinth (and made another one), prayed beautiful prayers that you all wrote, lived into the last days of Christ in this world in a real and powerful way. I will never forget getting up as the dawn broke on Good Friday, and taking the reserve into the memorial garden with the youth to dispose of it. It was, and still is a deeply spiritual moment for me.

Neither will I ever forget the Mission Trip to Mahanoy City in PA; of being so together with the youth, sweating our way through the gifts we were asked to give in that special place. Nor will I ever forget the St Barnabas Benefit Dinner, and the joy of such sharing of diverse culinary delights and gifts. These are only the highlights of so many captured memories that we have shared.

And time moves on – as the search committee prepares to give names of finalists to the Vestry for their consideration. They will find they all have a lot more free time shortly to enjoy the summer in anticipation of the new rector's arrival. Then Stephanie Carr and the Transition committee will leap into action – taking the baton from Monica and the search committee

(who took it from the Profile committee). This is the culmination of my ministry here with you, and I have loved every moment of it.

I believe that naming the elephant in the room is healthy. I am going to leave you soon, when will depend on when the searches, yours and mine play themselves out. But I will not scurry away in the darkness; we will have time to honor each other, to laugh, to cry and to say a fond farewell. This is a time of great joy – for me a successful culmination of my ministry and relationship with you all; for you the happy anticipation of what is yet to come.

Come give me a chance to thank you and say goodbye before you drift off for the summer; it may smart a little, but it will give us both closure; God is good all the time, and this is a parish that is strong and healthy – and I am delighted to hand on the baton to the next pastor. I just hope they realize what a gift they have!

Mother Sheelagh+

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Keeping up with all the changes going on in the world and wondering what the future holds, my thoughts go back to one of Mtr. Sheelagh's sermons. She spoke of God as the one constant; that God is always there regardless of whatever is going on around us. As we keep her lifted in prayer during her search process, we are reminded that change is coming soon, and with that comes a bit of anxiety - at least for me! Mother Sheelagh has given us much love, spiritual leadership and guidance during our interim period with her, and will continue to do so for as long as she remains at St. Barnabas. So as we ponder the questions of when will she move on, who will replace her, how can we continue, what else will change, and all the other questions that go with the next step of our transition process, remember that it is all of us, the people of St. Barnabas, who make up our church. We are all in this together - here to worship God and to give thanks for Jesus as our savior. And that won't change.

Susan LeDonne

ST. BARNABAS BUMPER MAGNETS



Want to help get the word out about St. Barnabas? Here's your chance! Get your very own St. Barnabas bumper magnet! These magnets will not damage the paint on your car and are transportable if you get a new car! They are \$5 each and will be available after services starting on St. Barnabas Sunday (June 12th). Please contact Namita Ipe with any questions.

STB-NEWS

Can't remember if you are serving on an upcoming Sunday? Check the weekly StB-News for a reminder list of those who are scheduled! If you can't make it, please find an alternate to take your spot.

OUTREACH

Women Aware

Our fifth resettlement of 2011 was completed the end of April for a young mother and her two year old son. She was so very appreciative when we delivered a complete set of den furniture and table lamps; an area rug; maple kitchen table and four chairs; silverware and kitchen utensils; and queen-size bedding and matching curtains. All these donations were made by friends of parishioners. If you are interested in assisting with this outreach ministry but your time is limited, you can also help by contributing toward the \$8 monthly insurance fee we pay to Lackland Self Storage for the storage unit they provide. Please contact Stephanie Carr for more information.

Elijah's Promise

On the third Tuesday evening of each month you can find a group of St. Barnabas parishioners and friends volunteering at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick. We help with the prep work for the meal when we arrive, then serve the clients dinner between 6-

7pm and clean up the work area afterward. In April and May we served over 200 meals and also prepared fifteen portions to go to the Ozanam Men's Shelter each time. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy doing and you're available any third Tuesday, please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. Contact Stephanie Carr for additional details.

Transition Task Force

The photo board in Hubbard Hall needs your new or updated photo! You can have your photo taken after the 8:30 service by Leon Merriweather or after the 10:30 service by Joel Ipe. As previously stated, our goal is to have the board filled to capacity for our new Rector and this is only possible with your cooperation. If it is more convenient for you to mail or email a current photo to the church, please do so. Thank you. Stephanie Carr, Transition Task Force Chair

Altar Guild

At present the Altar Guild is made up of eight women consisting of two teams of four serving alternating months. Many hands make light work and new members, both male and female, are welcome and invited to join. Please speak with Stephanie Carr or Carolyn Hales to learn more about the duties involved and see if you have a call to this ministry.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2011

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank all who supported the Mother's Day plant sale, which resulted in over \$750 being donated towards our trip (with a significant portion coming from people driving by the church on Sunday morning!) Our final fundraiser will be a carwash on June 4 from 10am-2pm. Our final team meeting will be June 12 and will be mandatory for both youth and their parents. We will be commissioned at the 8:30am service on June 26 and leave for Rutland right afterwards. Please continue to pray for us and the people we will be serving.

Bryan Botsch

The logo features a stylized flower with four petals in red, orange, and yellow. To the right of the flower, the text "St. Barnabas" is written in a cursive font, and "International Benefit Dinner" is written in a bold, sans-serif font below it.

St. Barnabas International Benefit Dinner

Plans are underway for the 2011 International Benefit Dinner, Sat. October 22nd at the Franklin Senior Center. The Ministry of Racial Diversity is again graciously organizing the international dinner part of the evening, so it promises to be a truly mouth-watering experience! This event is a wonderful Fundraiser and FUNdraiser, and we need your help to make it a success! We are in need of volunteers for a variety of different tasks starting now! We are also looking for a co-chair to learn the ropes this year and chair next year's event. Please visit the St. Barnabas website at www.stbarnabas-sbnj.org and click on "News" to be taken to complete descriptions and an online sign-up sheet. Please contact Namita Ipe with any questions.

Join us for another awesome VBS at St.



Barnabas! This year, we are headed to the beach for a SonSurf Beach Bash!

I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.—John 14:6

VBS is open to all children age 4 (as of August 5, 2011) through students who have finished 8th grade. VBS will start at 9:30am and end at 12:30pm from August 1st - August 5th. After care will be available until 5:30pm. Pass these dates on to your friends and family!

CALLING ALL 6th, 7th, & 8th graders – You are invited to join us for a special CIT (Counselors In Training) Day on Saturday, July 30th from 9am-12pm at St Barnabas. We will preview the Vacation Bible School bible stories and learn about the importance of being a CIT at VBS. All students attending VBS who have

finished 6th, 7th and 8th grades will help guide the younger students during the week of VBS. This has become an important role at VBS!

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the week or just a day to help with teaching, crafts, games, music, snacks, child care, and taking pictures during that week. Volunteers are also needed prior to VBS to provide or prepare craft materials and set up. All are welcome! High school students are encouraged to volunteer for any position. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL VBS! We will have a VBS volunteers meeting on Wed. June 15th at 7pm upstairs.** If you have any questions, please contact Namita Ipe or Susan LeDonne.

Please visit our VBS webpage at www.stbarnabas-sbnj.org/vbs for more information and to register or volunteer online!

Sunday School

During our final classes of the year (the last class was May 29) we learned about several times when Jesus appeared to his friends after the resurrection. Doubting Thomas was not there the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples, but finally believed when he was able to see Jesus and touch His wounds. Blessed are we who have not seen and believe! At the last appearance, He gave them the *Great Commission* to go out and make disciples of all nations.



Certificates were given out to the students at the last class. Teacher recognitions will be Sunday, June 5th, during the service. Thank you to all the teachers for all your hard work, without you this program could not work. A special "Thank You" to Bryan Botsch for doing the music prior to each class and also giving a review of the prior lesson.

Have a great summer. See you in September.

Sheila Daley/Bryan Botsch



This Month's Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

Alexander Carroll	6/2
Keri Grant	6/2
Gordon Ilogu	6/2
Marianne Collins	6/3
Cornel Mends-Cole	6/3
Sherry Pollack	6/3
Daryl VonHerbert	6/4
Paul Devonish	6/5
Brian Moore, Sr.	6/5
Gerry Welch	6/5
Jamie Thompson	6/7
Martisha Dwyer	6/8
Margaret Eldred	6/8
Sandra Ilogu	6/8
William (Billy) Krzewick IV	6/9
Joseph Osborne	6/10
Charles Sanfilippo Madama	6/11
Kim Wallace	6/11
Melissa LeDonne	6/12
Laurie Merris	6/12
Aidan Kirk	6/13
Daniel Kirk	6/13
Ryan Kirk	6/13
Jeffrey Grant	6/14
Darren Rodman	6/14
Giavanna Alfano	6/15
William Atherton	6/15
Caii Bowers	6/16
Richard, Jr. Daley	6/16
Michael Haynes-Crawford	6/16
Luisa Maria Hill	6/16
Robin Gonzales	6/17
Jade Gonzales	6/19
Richard Daley	6/22
Stan Michael Lysenko	6/23
Jennifer Atherton	6/28
Tom Carr	6/28
Julie Carroll	6/28
John Garrett	6/29
Catharine Moore	6/30

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:

Junior Devonish	6/1
Pauline Devonish	6/1
Bryan Botsch	6/2
Christian Carrillo	6/5
James Hill	6/8
Kotei Ashie	6/11
Martisha Dwyer	6/12
Alison Beauregard	6/17
Anne Fehervari	6/17
Matthew Gramata	6/18
Marjorie Post	6/18
Keith Tagoe, Jr.	6/21
Carl Eby	6/22
Sean Joseph	6/23
Brenda Evans	6/24
Elizabeth Dashiell	6/25
Emily Ezzo	6/25
Sherry Pollack	6/25

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Susan & Vince LeDonne	6/4
Kirt & Terry Wedemeyer	6/6
Delores & Leon Merriweather	6/7
Brian Moore Sr. & Ericka Suchomel	6/7
Grayce & Bill Armstrong	6/12
Lynn & Paul Pospiech	6/16
Samantha & William Krzewick	6/17
Donna & Rich Goselin	6/18
Michael & The Rev. Sheelagh Clarke	6/19
David & Gwyneth Rodman	6/26

If your special day is missing from this list please email Kitty at kitty@stbarnabas-sbnj.org or call the church office at 732-297-4