



WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

SUNDAYS:

10.:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (except June 25)

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

OUTREACH SUNDAY, JUNE 4 THE MIDNIGHT RUN

In 1984 homelessness was rampant in New York City. While much public notice was taken of homelessness, what was not noticed was that among the homeless were some who cared for others who were less able to make their way to sources of food and clothing. Members of a church in Dobbs Ferry, where a few members were volunteering at a Manhattan soup kitchen, invited one such caring homeless woman to speak to the congregation. She made the connection between the people eating in a church basement and the rest of their lives sleeping on city streets, and made it clear that for many the most basic needs were not being met.

Members of the church coordinated with this woman and others among the homeless and began visiting Grand Central Station and the streets nearby on Tuesday and Friday nights to distribute food, supplies and clothing, and to offer companionship to homeless people. Volunteers from other churches and synagogues in Westchester County joined this effort, and by 1989 a dozen groups were participating. Our own Fr. Bob Godley led St. Barnabas in joining this group of volunteers, and Nancy Gotthelf is our current coordinator of the St. Barnabas runs.



Until November of 1989, Midnight Run used the facilities of South Presbyterian Church in Dobbs Ferry as a base of operations, including the storing of food, clothing and supplies. That year, Midnight Run was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, and a generous contribution by a Westchester corporation enabled them to rent their first headquarters at 97 Main Street in Dobbs Ferry. There, they collect, sort and store clothes; prepare food; and coordinate the donations and the thousands of volunteers it takes to make Midnight Run a reality.

Enthusiasm for Midnight Run has been contagious and, without a grand master plan, the program has grown from the original tiny group to a collaboration of more than 150 community organizations.

The staff of Midnight Run orchestrates the efforts of over a hundred local coordinators and over five thousand volunteers, and the in-kind donations of hundreds of organizations. That



staff consists of one full-time executive director and one or two part-time clothes-sorters, and is supplemented by an active board. The board is comprised of two groups—half the members live or have lived on the streets and half are active volunteer representatives of the many churches, synagogues and schools that participate.

Dale Williams, Executive Director, has managed the operations of Midnight Run since 1991. He spent the prior year as a part-time worker, and was homeless in New York City between 1987 and 1990.

In over 1,000 relief missions per year, Midnight Run volunteers distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City. The late-night relief efforts create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. As our own St. Barnabas volunteers often say, that human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission.



The funds we donate to The Midnight Run on Outreach Sunday June 4 will go toward the operation of the Midnight Run headquarters in Dobbs Ferry. The Midnight Run has long been a core mission of St. Barnabas and we hope everyone will give as generously as possible to help sustain this mission. Many thanks to all who donate!

T-SHIRTS AND JEANS NEEDED FOR THE JUNE 16 MIDNIGHT RUN

We hope the above history of the founding and operation of the Midnight Run will inspire more parishioners to participate in the St Barnabas run on June 16. We ran out of jeans and T-shirts during the May run, and we desperately need men's size T-shirts and jeans for the June run. The Midnight Run store provides clean underwear and socks for each run, but we always need casual clothing. If anyone knows of a regular source we could petition for donations, please let Nancy Gotthelf know. There are many ways in which you can participate: make sandwiches or hard boiled eggs, donate fruit and desserts, help set up the lunch bags (in the undercroft, starting at 6 PM the day of the run), donate clothing and travel size toiletries, GO ON THE RUN (leaving at 9 PM from the church). Nancy Gotthelf will be out of town for the June run, so please sign up for whatever you are contributing, so we have a complete list of who is doing what!!

JUNE 18: FATHER'S DAY, GRADUATES DAY, LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, LAST DAY OF CHOIR

Before setting off for our summer holidays let's gather our St. Barnabas family together on June 19 to celebrate Father's Day and Graduates Day, to wish our children a happy, healthy summer and to thank our choir and Larry Wolf for another season of outstanding music.

Congratulations to following graduates of our St. Barnabas family,

COLLEGE :

Ellen Cobleigh
Christopher Di Vincenzo

HIGH SCHOOL:

Kate Sturmer
Chris Florkowski

GRADE SCHOOL:

Griffin Brown

PHOTOS FROM ARDSLEY VETERAN'S DAY



William Andrade and Ryan Vella with the Boy Scouts

Right: Ed and Philip Gotthelf at the fire department

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 1: 7:30 PM Vestry meeting. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:30 PM

We will be continuing our Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings throughout the coming summer. Each session is an hour long and the subject is usually the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome—bring your opinions with you!

A NOTE TO ALL THOSE WHO TAKE PICTURES FOR THE BEACON

We are enormously grateful to everyone who sends us pictures for the Beacon. This is just a reminder that all pictures should be sent to Dennis Di Vincenzo (ddv@earthlink.net) with a cc to Pat Breinin (pbreinin@earthlink.net). In order for Dennis to use the pictures they need to be in jpg format. Sometimes pictures sent from certain cell phones arrive in an unusable format, and if you send them to Pat you are dealing with a technically challenged person who doesn't know a jpg from a hole in the wall. So, please keep sending pictures, but do so in a jpg format. Thanks!

LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING



We just want to reassure those who are addicted to Twitter/Facebook, etc. that there is life outside them and we hope that at some point this summer you will close your devices and open your eyes and hearts to the beautiful world that God gave us and which we must be diligent to keep.

And for dog and cats lovers we share the following:

