



WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM OF SERVICES AND CHORAL MUSIC

December 3:

First Sunday of Advent
10 AM Eucharist
Watchman Tell Us of the Night by Lowell Mason
arr. by Crawford R. Thoburn

December 10:

Second Sunday of Advent
10 AM Eucharist
Salve Regina by Christopher Maxim

December 17:

Third Sunday of Advent
10 AM Eucharist
Three Kings from Persian Lands by Gustav Holst

December 24:

Christmas Eve
10:00AM Eucharist
5:00 PM Family Eucharist with special music by the St. Barnabas Choir: Christmas Day by Gustav Holst
11:00 PM Midnight Mass, with Janet Arms, Flute, and Kathy Wolf Soprano

December 25:

Christmas Day: There will not be a 10 AM Eucharist



DECEMBER 1 and 2, 10AM - 4 PM CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

As always we have something for everybody at our Christmas Holiday Boutique from holiday decorations, toys and games, jewelry, toiletries, handbags and clothing to luxury brand name china and glassware. Please tell all of your friends about the sale and plan to do some of your own Christmas shopping at St. Barnabas. Refreshments will be available together with baked goods for sale.



DECEMBER 3 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We are blessed to have St. Barnabas in our lives and we are blessed to be here to help serve the needs of our community in whatever ways we can. We live in troubled times, and there's not a person alive who doesn't have some kind of cross to bear. That's where churches come in—as places of refuge and solace, as sources of help and also as places of inspiration and joy where we can celebrate all that is good. We may be a small church but we have a church family that cares and we need to be ever thankful for that.

It is true that God said "Let there be light and there was light" but it doesn't work that way with Con Ed. They expect to be paid. We pledge because we need to keep our doors open and to be able to serve and welcome those who need the comfort of an oasis. Unlike many churches today, the doors of St. Barnabas are open every day until 6 PM—and there are people who come to us for a moment of prayer or silence or whatever their need might be. If you have ever tried to enter a church during the day and found the doors locked you know how frustrating that can be. How can a church be welcoming if it denies access to those in need?

We are also blessed to have the services of Mother Cheryl as our Interim Supply Priest.. God was really watching over us when He sent her to St. Barnabas! Her presence, her insightful sermons, her experiences as a Chaplain at Weill-Cornell Hospital have all expanded our knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

The reason we pledge is because churches are like families—they need to make a budget. Even if a family is living paycheck to paycheck, they need to know what the paycheck is going to be. We pledge so we can know what the paycheck is and to budget accordingly. Please remember St. Barnabas in your prayers and think about how you can contribute to its plans for the future when you consider submitting a pledge on Sunday, December 3.

DECEMBER 3 OUTREACH SUNDAY AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, part of the Anglican Communion, was established in Jerusalem in 1833. The Diocese currently employs more than 1,500 people and provides services in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. Diocesan schools, hospitals, and institutions for those with disabilities offer healing and hope for the future. Through its institutions, and its 24 parishes, the Diocese spreads a message of mutual respect and cooperation, working to bring peace and reconciliation to this conflict-torn region.



Since 1988 American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) has worked to support this humanitarian work of the Diocese in which politics play no part. Through their schools, hospitals and institutions the Diocese is living the Gospel in the place where it was written. Respect for differences and tolerance are core values that are an integral part of each interaction with those who receive the services of the Diocese regardless of ethnic, religious, or economic background. AFEDJ has become a regular part of our St. Barnabas Outreach program, and we hope everyone will give generously on Outreach Sunday to this great humanitarian cause.

JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE OF THE NUTCRACKER, SUNDAY DECEMBER 17



One of our youngest parishioners, Kelly C., is appearing in The Nutcracker at the Westchester County Center, and we're planning a group outing on Sunday, December 17th for the 2 PM matinee. If we have a group of 15 or more, tickets are \$23 each, so please either contact Kathy Wolf by email or sign up at the table at the back of the church. Kathy needs to have your payment by Sunday, December 10th.

Join us for this festive holiday treat as we support one of our own!

MIDNIGHT RUN DECEMBER 15

We need sweaters and jackets for the December run, as well as the usual jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, long-sleeved jerseys, sneakers and casual shoes. Let your friends and neighbors know about our need for these items. Many people are happy to donate if they know of such a need. Robert Raciti was very successful in acquiring jeans in the community he lives in by putting the word out. If you lives in a community where this might work, ask Robert how he did it. There is always a sign up sheet for the Run the week before, so please sign up to either go on the run or help prepare food and set up the lunch bags.

INTERFAITH CARING COMMUNITY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

St. Barnabas had a nice turnout for the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 19 which was held this year at South Presbyterian church in Dobbs Ferry. The service was a joyful celebration of thanks, as always, and donations were made to the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks to all who filled Operation Christmas Child boxes. In all we donated 16 boxes to the cause, which is run by Samaritan's Purse. The boxes go to needy children in Africa, Asia and South America and are a greatly appreciated outreach from America to these countries.

