



Greetings!

Here's what's happening @ StB's!

WORSHIP @ StB's



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am - Sunday Forum

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 am - Social Hour in the Parish House

The Rev. David M. Rider, Preacher

Faithful Reflections

I begin by sharing the news that Becky Vaus has resigned as Parish Administrator, and her last day will be Friday, May 1. Becky has accepted a comparable position at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, about two miles from her home. This transition allows Becky to recalibrate her work/life balance by eliminating two hours of daily commuting, a trek that will worsen when the Bourne Bridge repairs commence next week. Also, she will give up sleepless nights with visions of expensive lobsters dancing in her head. I thank Becky for her years of faithful service and wish her Godspeed in her new ministry. We will host a reception to thank Becky next Wednesday, April 29, from 3:00-5:00 PM in the parish house. Please join us as we bid adieu to Becky. Until we recruit a temporary or permanent successor to Becky, Deb Gemma, Elaine Bruno and I will monitor phone and office@stbfalmouth.org emails.

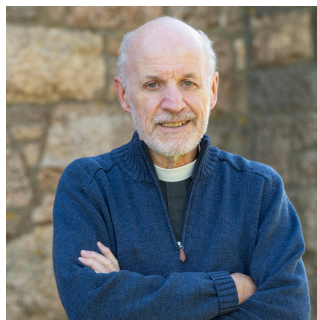
Last Sunday proved productive with the Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell, who led our forum, preached at 10:00 and met with our vestry to anticipate a rector's search process. In the coming weeks, our vestry will follow up with two preliminary tasks: 1) conducting a Transition Review with a business consultant appointed by the Diocese and 2) using the Congregational Assessment Tool that Kelly will coordinate. The assessment tool will feature questions that all active parishioners can answer via an online questionnaire--more details are coming soon. At our May meeting, the vestry will work on a preliminary timetable, and our website will add a new button called "Rector Search."

Join us for Sunday's Forum on **The Pope and the President** (note date change). Rarely do we get such a ringside seat to a clash of faith claims between two of the world's most visible leaders. Beyond the human drama, what theological values are at stake? How do religious values serve as a nation's conscience without succumbing to theocracy? How do mercy, the dignity of immigrants or Iranian citizens, and just-war theory intermingle? How is Scripture used or abused? What's your favorite quotation from the past few weeks? Bring a quote with you, and join us for a lively discussion. Elsewhere in this e-news, you can find the final three topics before we take a forum summer break.

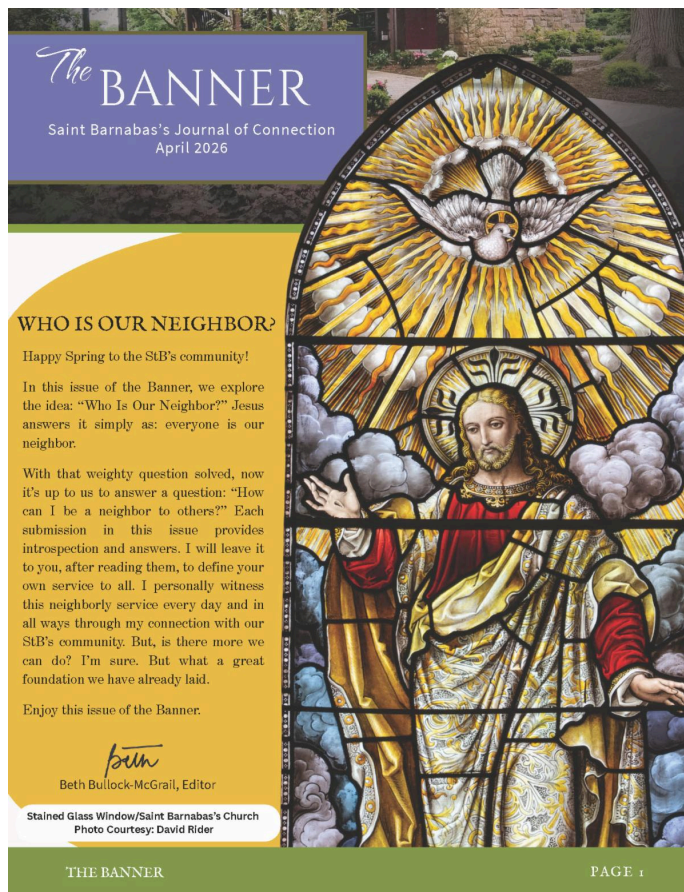
Our June 13 Strawberry Festival is approaching. In the next week, please connect with Becky Vaus regarding any questions, concerns, or new volunteer commitments. We'll pitch the tent in early June.

Finally, Deb Gemma and I are working to upgrade the musical instrument for our refurbished chapel. The upright piano and dolly are now available at no cost to anyone who claims them at their own transport expense and risk. Concurrently, we seek a donated concert-quality baby grand piano, perhaps as a gift from someone downsizing their assets while claiming a charitable donation. One caveat: we will ask our piano technician to inspect any potential piano and ask Deb to play it at its current site to ensure its tone syncs with our chapel acoustics. If you or someone you know has ideas about the outgoing or (we hope) incoming piano, please speak with Deb or me.

--David



IN OUR PARISH



The Banner - April 2026



A Place at the Table is collecting food gift cards to purchase food for our guests on Tuesdays. Any amount is acceptable, they can be dropped off at the church office.



4/26 - Mark Annicelli
4/30 - Betty Kayes



4/26 - Jane Iafrate & Barbara Stephens
4/30 - David & Ann Forsberg

EVENTS @ STB'S

[Click here to Visit our Calendar](#)

SUNDAY FORUM

April 26: The Pope and the President

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May 3: Our Parish Financial Review

At our annual meeting, we committed to hosting quarterly conversations regarding our financial well-being to foster trust and transparency. Our parish leaders will host the forum to review first-quarter financial results and upcoming forecasts.

May 10: Social Justice Ministry and Knowing your Rights

Our Social Justice Ministry will review its recent work and share news about a workshop called Community Watch: Know Your Rights and What to Do if You See Ice, led by FIRC (Falmouth Immigrant Rights Coalition) to be held at St Barnabas on Saturday, May 16, from 4:30-6:00 PM.

May 17: Forum Finale for the Season

After today, our Sunday Forum takes a summer break until September. We will review some of our recent parish work and look forward to summer and autumn events. Join us for a wrapup and sneak preview of our ministry at St Barnabas.

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am
in the Parish House

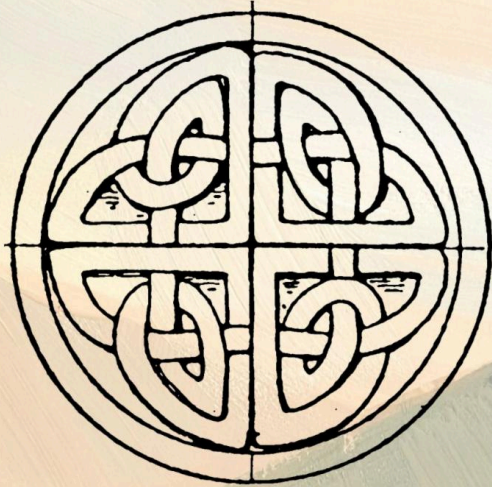


Saint Barnabas's Church
91 Main Street, Falmouth
www.stbfalmouth.org

SAINT BARNABAS'S CHURCH

Celtic Vespers

May 17, 2026 @ 5pm



Music featuring:
Nancy Hurrell, Celtic harp
Deborah Gemma, organ and piano
Saint Barnabas's Church Choir

91 Main Street ~ Falmouth
508-548-3863
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LENTEN SEASON

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

TUESDAYS DURING LENT

AT 4:00 PM

ALL SAINT'S CHAPEL


ALL ARE WELCOME

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"You shall not oppress the stranger"

—Exodus 23:9



 The Episcopal Diocese of
Massachusetts and St. Barnabas
Episcopal Church affirm the inherent
dignity and rights of all **immigrants
and asylum seekers.**

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Waquoit Congregational Church Presents Movies That Matter...

A-Lien and Stranger At The Gate

Two free Oscar-nominated short films on immigration
and hate. Community discussion follows.

Saturday, April 25 • 4 PM



Sandy Faiman-Silva of the Falmouth Immigrant Rights
Coalition leads the community discussion after the films.

FREE and open to the public.
Popcorn and cold drinks provided.

Waquoit Congregational Church

15 Parson's Ln., East Falmouth • 508-548-5269



Movies That Matter: Supported by MASS
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BELONGING BOOKS & BIG TREE PRESENT

UNERASED: ASIAN VOICES OF CAPE COD

Join **Waquoit Congregational Church** for a screening and talkback of **Unerased: Asian Voices of Cape Cod**, a short documentary that amplifies the experiences of members of our Asian community living or growing up on Cape Cod. Through personal stories and reflections, the film explores identity, community, and a path to healing.

SUN, MAY 3, 4:00 PM



Waquoit Congregational Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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15 PARSONS LN, EAST FALMOUTH, MA

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SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER, A Braver Angels Workshop

better understand differing political perspectives while building skills for listening, sharing viewpoints, and finding common ground



Admission is free but registration is required.

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falmouthpubliclibrary.org

Thursday
May 7
6:00 PM -
8:00 PM

Led by Braver Angels



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Bridge to Harmony 2026

Featuring the Boston Eastern Heritage Chorus

Along with members of

The John Wesley United Methodist Church Choir
The Waquoit Congregational Church Choir

Conductor: **Ling Guo**

Pianists: **Simon Xu, Cya Chen**



Place: John Wesley United Methodist Church
270 Gifford St, Falmouth, MA 02540
Time: 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 16, 2026

Donations are Graciously Accepted

Stir Crazy - Take Out or Dine In

570 MacArthur Blvd.
Pocasset, MA
508-564-6464

DINING FOR A CAUSE!

3:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Thursday, May 21, 2026

20% of your bill will be donated to

The Upper Cape Chaplaincy!





Donations gratefully accepted at the
Falmouth Service Center:

Monday - Friday, 10 - 1 pm
(Come around back and ring warehouse doorbell)

611 Gifford Street, Falmouth

Please contact us at 508-548-2794 with questions.

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 3pm

Church Phone: 508-548-3863

Website: www.stbfalmouth.org

Elaine Bruno, Finance Administrator (elaine@stbfalmouth.org)

Deborah Gemma, Director of Music/Organist (music@stbfalmouth.org)

David Hinds, Assistant Sexton

The Rev. Everett (Perry) Perine, Associate Priest (perry@stbfalmouth.org)

The Rev. David M. Rider, Interim Priest (david@stbfalmouth.org)

Becky Vaus, Parish Administrator (becky@stbfalmouth.org)

Location: 91 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540

Mailing: PO Box 203, Falmouth, MA 02541

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please mail your pledge contributions and offerings to:

Saint Barnabas's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 203

Falmouth, MA 02541

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The clergy are available for routine and emergency pastoral care. Rev. David may be contacted via e-mail at; David@stbfalmouth.org through the Church Office (508-548-3863) or on his personal mobile phone 917-288-0187. Hospitals and other care facilities do not notify us. So, we rely on your family or you to let us know when you are in need of pastoral care.

Please contact [Becky Vaus](#) in the Parish Office, 508-548-3863 to request care for yourself or another. She can also place your name on the list of people who receive prayers during our worship services and/or give your name to a group of people who will pray for you confidentially.

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