



Greetings!

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

WORSHIP @ StB's

JOY TO THE TROUBLED WORLD

*And the angel said to them,
"Fear not, for behold,
I bring you good news of great **JOY**
that will be for all the people.*

Luke 2:10



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

followed by Social Hour in the Parish House

The Rev. David M. Rider, Presider & Preacher

[*Click here for Live Streaming*](#)

Faithful Reflections

Kudos and thanks to all who participated in Saturday's Christmas Fair, including the planning and logistics that occurred beforehand. Spirits were high, business was brisk, and our guests radiated joy as we welcomed hundreds to our campus. Total income before expenses topped \$11,000. [Click here](#) to view fun images from the event.

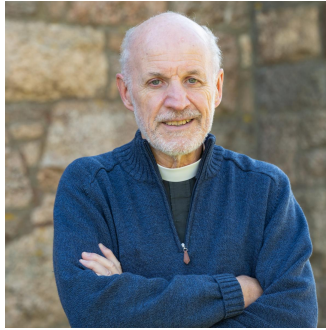
The following day, our Sunday Forum explored ways to re-envision our All Saints Chapel as a hub of intimate worship, meditation, music performance and celebration of spirituality & the arts to serve our community and attract newcomers to our campus. Join us this Sunday at 9:00 in the Chapel to continue the discussion.

We continue to receive with appreciation Stop & Shop gift cards in any amount to support increased demand and our special December 23 Christmas lunch for Place at the Table. The cards are used by our volunteer shoppers who procure the food. Gift cards may be placed in our Sunday offering or delivered to the parish office.

Registration for Sacred Ground is now occurring with a December 20 deadline so we can create the learning circles for a January start. Find the announcement and new registration link in this e-news. At Sunday's Announcements, we will identify Sacred Ground alums so that you can ask them any questions you may have.

Yesterday, we completed planning for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 28 worship, a prelude to producing hundreds of customized bulletins for parishioners and guests in this holy season. Amid the reflective season of Advent, we look forward to sharing the joy of Jesus's birth with friends and strangers alike.

--David



IN OUR PARISH



WANTED: STOP & SHOP CARDS

Stop & Shop Cards to purchase supplies for the community lunch. This is an easy way to support this vital ministry to the community of Falmouth!

WANTED: ALDI \$25 GIFT CARDS

\$25 Gift Cards from Aldi's to give to our guests as a gift for Christmas.

WANTED: NEW SOCKS, GLOVES, MITTENS, HATS, UNDERWEAR

Socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and underwear will be for A Place at the Table guests.

All items can be collected at the office or you can place in the cards in the offering plate on Sundays and other items in the box in the narthex.



Thank you for all who have pledged for 2026!

Judy Allen Mark Annicelli Alice Batchelor Susan Bint John & Lonna Bissonnette Sherry Bonner & Monica Quinn Ellen Bordieri Beth Bullock-McGrail & Ken McGrail Sally & David Colacicco Merrily Crowley Kevin Cruse Judith Danzey Lore DeBower Michael & Marcia Donovan Lisa Dunne Mary Edgar Dick Emerson David & Ann Forsberg Barbara Gaffron Ted & Mary Beth Gale Alice Galick Glenn & Deborah Gemma Paul Gentile Stephen & Sandie Good Mindy Hall Stephen & Joan Handy Jane Hinckley Sally Howard Rudolph Hunter Ann Hurd-Fralix & Henry Fralix Larry & Stephanie Irvin Richard Jackmauh & Anne Wood Diane Jemmott Don Johnson Lois Johnson Betty Kayes Molly & Rick Kelleher Kate & Eric Kristenson Woody Lappen & Anita Sadek-Lappen Irene Ledwith & Neill Bogan Grace Leva George Liles Karl & Ann Loos Jerry & Irene Luby Paul & Pat Maloney Alan & Sheila McCoy Marianne Monacci Tom Moore & Katheryn Chasse' Gary & Lynn Morse Tricia Nicholson Phoebe Office Lucy O'Flaherty Cynthia Ogden Robert & Pamela Olsen Judith & Sean Palfrey Katie Parsons Perry Perine & Lynn Hassouna Steve Perry & Chuck Berthelette Dot Peterson Cynthia Pina Bill Platt Louise Prussack Bonnie Ramage David and Jackie J & Christina Sabella Noah Schmidt Susan & John Schmidt Robert & Barbara Schneider Angela & Mel Schroeder Bill & Pie Smith Judy Stoll Daniel & Rhaenel Stone Richard & Linda Stone Bill & Cathy Sullivan Geoffrey Summers & Linda Jeffries-Summers Richard Whitmyre Linn Wilson Ray & Ann Worthington Karen Wyche Lucy Young

Falmouth High School has started a food pantry as part of our Clipper Closet

Falmouth High School has started a food pantry as part of our Clipper Closet. We are also offering toiletry items for our teens in the closet and food pantry. At a recent Social Justice meeting, the question was asked about what Saint Barnabas could do to help support our teens so I took the question back to our Excellence and Equity committee and we have noticed that toiletry items seem to be greatly in need. Please consider bringing in full size bottles of shampoos, conditioners, face wash that teenagers would like (probably brand names) and deodorants, toothpaste and tooth brushes. They can be for boys and girls. We will collect them from now through December 14. If you wish to donate funds, my colleagues and I will gladly do the shopping, too.

Thank you,
Susan Schmidt



12/20 – Krista Hennessey

12/17 – Eric & Kate Kristenson

12/20 – Pie Smith

12/20 – Peter French

EVENTS @ STB'S

[Click here to Visit our Calendar](#)

Saint Barnabas's Church

JOY TO THE TROUBLED WORLD

Christmas Eve

4:00 - Christmas Eucharist with Music

7:30 - Christmas Music Prelude

8:00 - Festival Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

10:00 - Christmas Spoken Eucharist

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

SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

THE INFANCY NARRATIVES IN MATTHEW AND LUKE

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM - PARISH HOUSE
DECEMBER 3, 10 AND 17

Matthew and Luke provide two chapters on Jesus' birth, each with a very different story that does little to connect with Jesus' adult ministry. (Mark and John offer no infancy stories.) Likely written in the 2nd century, they pull together historic strands while addressing hot issues of an emerging church long before any evidence of a Christmas celebration. What's going on? Join us on December 3 for the big picture of these infancy narratives, followed by a week each studying Matthew's and Luke's witness to the nativity.

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SUNDAY FORUM

December 2025

**DEC
7**

Reimagining our Chapel - Part 1

9:00 AM
All Saints Chapel

**DEC
14**

Reimagining our Chapel - Part 2

9:00 AM
All Saints Chapel

**DEC
21**

**Two Annunciations,
One Christ Child**

9:00 AM
Parish House

**DEC
28**

No Forum



For more details and updates about these events, please visit our website
www.stbfalmouth.org

SACRED GROUND

A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith

Saint Barnabas's Memorial Episcopal Church & Church of the Messiah
will host Sacred Ground Circles this January - June.

Individuals are invited to join small groups (circles) to walk through America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 11 session series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.



Sacred Ground Circles will meet every other week for 11 sessions
January - June 2026

Circles will be held on both sites at Saint Barnabas's &
Church of the Messiah

[*Click here to Register*](#)

SUNDAY FORUM

January 2026

**JAN
4**

New Year's Resolutions for 2026

9:00 AM
Parish House

**JAN
11**

Augustine on Gratuitous Violence

9:00 AM
Parish House

**JAN
18**

**Immigration Ministries in our
Diocese of Massachusetts**

9:00 AM
Parish House

**JAN
25**

No Forum - Annual Meeting

9:00 AM
Breakfast, Meeting & Worship
Great Hall



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these events, please visit our website
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SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

THE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT ROOTS OF ANGLICANISM

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 7 - MARCH 25
10AM - PARISH HOUSE

The 16th-century Protestant Reformation unleashed creative and destructive forces that changed the character of Europe and indelibly shaped the DNA of American identity. Human and divine agency, conformity and rebellion, the balance of sacraments and scripture in worship, and the role of church in society all were up for grabs. Amid this spiritual cauldron, Anglicanism took shape as a middle way amid warring factions with a positive embrace of human reason and conscience. We will explore the impact of the Reformation on our families of origin, Saint Barnabas's Church, and modern American culture.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Interfaith Candlelight Service



National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day
Sunday

December 21, 2025

6:00PM

First Congregational Church - 68 Main Street - Falmouth

After the Candlelight Service, a simple meal will follow in the
Fellowship Hall.

The community is invited to sleep out in tents or cars that night
to experience what it is like to be homeless.

Donations of shelf stable food welcome.

Belonging to Each Other supports our Falmouth Neighbors
experiencing homelessness in their transition to stable housing
by providing temporary cold-weather and year-round
compassionate, supportive services..

Working together, we can end homelessness in Falmouth,
ensuring all of our neighbors can live with dignity.



Belonging
to Each Other

**First Congregational
Church of Falmouth, MA**



Grocery donations will be accepted in the bins in the Church and Parish Center Lobby.

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 3pm

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To make an online contribution, please click on [DONATE NOW](#).

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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