



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



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 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

Since Labor Day, our Property Ministry has done yeoman's work to keep our campus in good repair while assessing priorities for 2026 to support our current and emerging ministries.

A major project includes replacement of our Great Hall roof in January, preceded by temporary removal of our solar panels--thanks to Steve Handy for managing this work. A smaller recent project upgraded lighting in the Great Hall, especially helpful for night meetings. Eric Kristenson repaired a large hinge on the side door of the church, preventing what could have been a dangerous failure. A new dry well was installed beside the church to drain water away from its foundation.

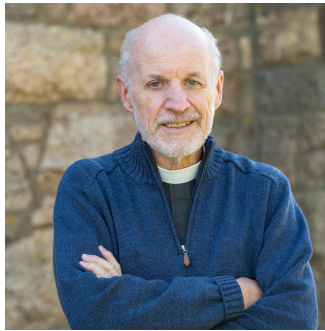
Another project for early 2026 will rebuild the chapel garden and crumbling walkways outside the parish office entrance. The garden was created in 1962 and has been a beautiful place of respite, but the plantings became overgrown and now block light into both adjacent buildings. More importantly, Hamilton Tree & Landscape has informed us that the four Kwanzan Cherry trees (which have a 50-60 year lifespan) are dying and put both structures at risk. Hamilton will clear the trees, walkways and overgrown bushes before regrading the garden for another generation of restful space, outdoor

weddings and similar activities. We will deputize a group of parish master gardeners to re-envision the space for Spring planting.

Concurrently, we are discussing a new vision for our parish chapel, also dedicated in 1962, for the next generation of liturgy and the arts. Much has changed in the way we worship over the last 60 years, and we hope to harness the space for new opportunities like yoga, meditation, intimate concerts and innovative worship--a frequent theme in our recent listening sessions. Please join our two-part Sunday Forum on December 7 and 14, meeting in the chapel, to join this conversation.

Our Property Committee maintains a detailed spreadsheet with other projects we hope to tackle next year. Major thanks go to John Schmidt, Sherry Bonner and Monica Quinn for leading this work.

--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.



How Can You Help??

SHARE YOUR TIME!

- Volunteer to work at one of the tables!
- Help with clean-up after the fair at 2pm

SHARE YOUR TALENT!

- Bake for the bake sale table!! Donations accepted on Friday 12/5 from 12-4 and pre-fair on 12/6.

SHARE YOUR TREASURE!

Donations can be left on the stage in the Great Hall beginning Thursday, Nov. 13th.

- Christmas Treasures is gratefully accepting any new or "slightly used" Christmas items or décor, collectibles, puzzles, glassware, or other Christmas treasures suitable for gift giving.
- Donate socks, underwear, hats, mittens, scarves for the Christmas tree outside the Great Hall. These donations will be shared with the patrons of **A Place at the Table**.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Call for Help for Our Immigrant Community
The next Social Justice Ministry meeting will be

As Christians, we follow Jesus and the Biblical mandates and examples: "You shall not oppress the stranger for you know the heart of the stranger, having been strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9) and the words of Jesus, "for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35). And as Episcopalians, our Baptismal Covenant implores us to commit to "seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves" and "striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being," including by "welcoming the stranger." (Source: Book of Common Prayer, Baptismal Covenant).

— From the Convention Packet pages of the Diocese of Massachusetts Convention

The Social Justice Committee is encouraging parishioners to phone or email your local state legislators and senators, asking them to SUPPORT three bills aimed to protect the rights of our immigrant community. They are Dignity Not Deportation (H.1588/S.1122); The Immigrant Defense Fund (H.1954/S.1127); and The Safe Communities Act (H.2580/S.1681). These bills are being discussed currently in legislative committees. There is also another bill, Act Supporting and Honoring ICE Detainments (Shield Act) (S.1096/H.2009), that would force local law enforcement to comply with ICE. We are asking our legislators to OPPOSE this bill.

[This linked document](#) is a phone/email script that one might find helpful, as well as the phone numbers and email addresses of our local state representatives and state senators. A link to the contents of each bill is included as well.

With love and peace,
The Saint Barnabas's Social Justice Ministry



Thank you for all who have pledged for 2026!

Mark Annicelli, Alice Batchelor, Susan Bint, John & Lonna Bissonnette, Sherry Bonner & Monica Quinn, Ellen Bordieri, Sally & David Colacicco, Merrily Crowley, Kevin Cruse, Judith Danzey, Lore DeBower, Michael & Marcia Donovan, Lise Dunne, Mary Edgar, Dick Emerson, David & Ann Forsberg, Barbara Gaffron, Ted & Mary Gale, Deborah Gemma, Paul Gentile, Stephen & Sandie Good, Mindy Hall, Stephen & Joan Handy, Jane Hinckley, Sally Howard, Rudolph Hunter, Ann Hurd-Fralix & Henry Fralix, 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, Ken McGrail & Beth Bullock McGrail Marianne Monacci, Tom Moore & Katheryn Chasse', Gary & Lynn Morse, Tricia Nicholson, Cyndy Ogden, Phoebe Office, Lucy O'Flaherty, Robert & Pamela Olsen, Judith Palfry, Katie Parsons, Perry Perine & Lynn Hassouna, Steve Perry & Chuck Berthelette, Dot Peterson, Cynthia

Pina, Bill Platt, Louise Prussack, Bonnie Ramage, David and Jackie, Christina Sabella, Noah Schmidt, Susan & John Schmidt, Barbara Schneider, 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



12/9 – Bob Whritenour



Happy Anniversary

EVENTS @ STB'S

[Click here to Visit our Calendar](#)

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

SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Christmas Fair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
9AM - 2PM

BAKED GOODS, JEWELRY, GIFT BASKETS, WREATHS &
CENTERPIECES, CHRISTMAS TREASURES, KNIT ITEMS,
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, QUILTED PIECES, AND RAFFLE

LIGHT LUNCH AT THE CANDY CANE CAFE FROM 11-2
VISIT WITH SANTA AND HIS ELF FROM 10-12
ORGAN MUSIC IN THE CHURCH FROM 10-1

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF NEW SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, HATS
AND MITTENS FOR THE GUESTS OF A PLACE AT THE TABLE

91 MAIN STREET - ACROSS FROM THE VILLAGE GREEN - FALMOUTH
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SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Advent
Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

10:00 am

SAINT BARNABAS'S
CHOIR & ORGAN

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91 Main Street, Falmouth

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

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 alternate between Saint Barnabas's & Church of the Messiah

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



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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please mail your pledge contributions and offerings to:

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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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