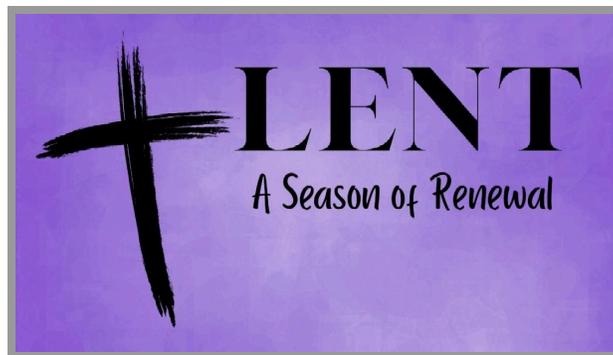




Greetings!

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

WORSHIP @ StB's



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2026

- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 am - Sunday Forum in the Parish House
- 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 am - Social Hour in the Parish House

The Rev. David M. Rider, Preacher

Faithful Reflections

This week's Sunday Forum addresses the fourth and final topic in our Death & Dying series: **Funeral Planning: Who Calls the Shots?** When a loved one is dying or has died, distressed families need to decide what funeral or celebration of life should take place. Especially in an age of cremation, potential timetables and burial sites can offer a bewildering set

of options. Did the dying person leave written instructions or offer hints along the way? What happens when conflicted families cannot agree on much? Funeral services can take place at mortuaries, churches, local event spaces or Nobska Beach—who calls the shots? Hint: clergy are available to support or mediate decisions, and our refurbished chapel opens new options for wakes or small liturgies.

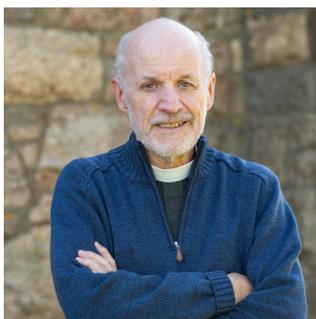
No Sunday Forum on March 29 and April 5 as we observe Palm Sunday and Easter.

Our Tuesday contemplative prayer group meets each week for the foreseeable future, including Holy Week and beyond.

In ten days, we begin solemn Holy Week, which is filled with extra worship and spiritual reflection on the core mysteries of Christian faith. It serves as the oldest and most powerful part of Christian liturgical observance. This year as we navigate a turbulent external culture, our Holy Week will add more space for silence and quiet contemplation, all as prelude for an exuberant and hopeful Easter. See next week's e-news for more details.

I hope you visit Highfield Hall anytime before June 7 to view its exhibit on "The Parish of St. Barnabas: The Beebes' Gift to Falmouth." It results from extended collaboration with our archives team and tells a wonderful story about family generosity to church and community. Check [Highfield's website](#) for hours and fees.

--David



IN OUR PARISH

Highfield Hall opens a 3-month exhibit entitled

**"The Parish of St. Barnabas:
The Beebes' Gift to Falmouth."**

An extended collaboration between our archives' team volunteers and Highfield Hall selected iconic church items to tell an inspiring story of one family's foundational generosity to our parish and town. Enjoy the exhibit which will end May 5th at Highfield Hall.



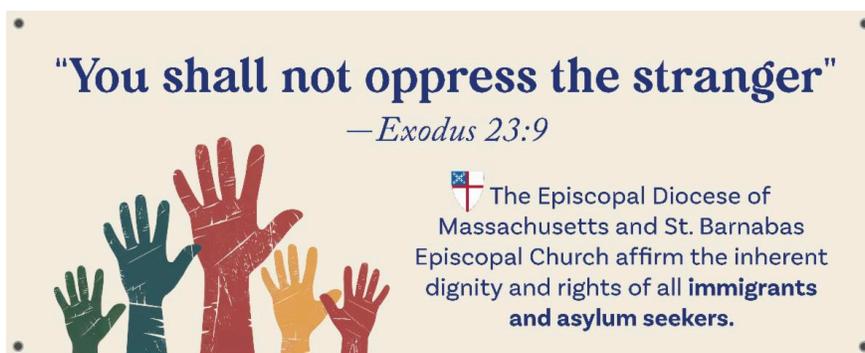


Register for Upcoming Lay Eucharistic Visitor Trainings

Lay leaders are invited to attend one the upcoming Lay Eucharistic Visitor Trainings, offered this spring at St. Mary's, Barnstable. The training is designed for those preparing to serve in this ministry and offer an opportunity to gather, learn, and prepare alongside others from across the diocese.

St. Mary's, Barnstable
Saturday, March 21st
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)



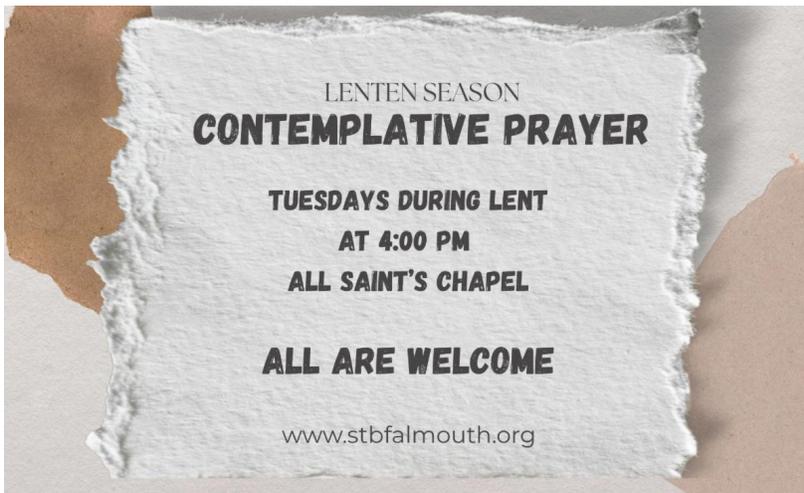
National No Kings Day, Saturday, March 28, Falmouth Village Green

At the 240th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, our diocese urged all Episcopalians, parishes, and ministries to advocate for immigration policies and local practices that uphold the rule of law, protect family unity, and reflect the biblical imperative to welcome the stranger. We can do this on March 28 in Falmouth, during the No Kings Day protest. Millions are expected to gather in towns and cities across the country to protest the authoritarian policies of our current administration. Please join this effort. Saint Barnabas's will is making our parking lot available for parking for this event.



EVENTS @ STB'S

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**SUNDAY FORUM FOR MARCH
 HUMAN AGENCY AT
 THE END OF LIFE**

1 **American Funerals Sixty Years after Jessica Mitford**
 This Forum addresses the increasing diversity of funeral options, especially those driven by cremation. With choice comes complexity. Pre-planned end-of-life and funeral directives can bring clarity to a stressful time.

8 **Human Agency at the End of Life**
 How intractable pain and exhausting treatment now call for medical assistance in dying (MAID) works? How do we share our decisions with family, and how do we listen as they share their decisions with us? Beyond tough medical decisions, what family conversations need to happen before the end?

15 **Family Conversations at Life's End**
 How do we start those conversations, and what about times when the dying person is in a final coma? How do you broach the subject and priorities for a pending funeral? What about deadbed blessings so that we both begin and end life with a clean slate?

22 **Funeral Planning: Who Calls the Shots?**
 Did the dying person leave written instructions or offer hints along the way? What happens when conflicted families cannot agree on much? Funeral services can take place at mortuaries, churches, local event spaces or Nobska Beach — who calls the shots?

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

SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

THE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT ROOTS OF ANGLICANISM

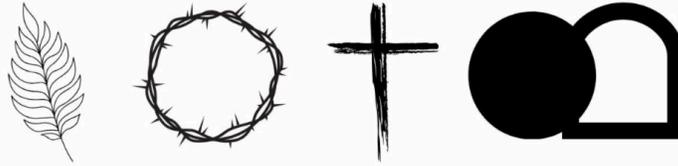
WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 7 - MARCH 25

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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A LOT HAPPENS IN 7 DAYS

March 29 - Palm Sunday @ 8am & 10am

8am starts outside the front door of the church

10am starts in the All Saints Chapel Garden
and proceeds to the church

April 2 - Maundy Thursday @ 7pm

The service begins in the Church and concludes with a
procession to All Saints Chapel

April 3 - Good Friday @ 12 noon & 7pm

Both services are in the All Saints Chapel

April 4 - Easter Vigil @ 7pm

The service begins in the All Saints Chapel
and proceeds to the Church

April 5 - Easter Sunday @ 8am & 10am

Both services are in the church

Egg Hunt for Children @ 11am

SAINT BARNABAS'S CHURCH

Celtic Vespers

A candlelight service of music & prayer
celebrating peace in God's presence.



May 17, 2026 @ 5pm

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome the Stranger



**A Panel of experts and advocates
discussing the challenges facing
immigrants on Cape Cod**

**Tuesday, April 7, 7 pm at
Falmouth Jewish Congregation**

Hear from:

Donna Buckley, Barnstable County Sheriff
Dr. Sandra Faiman-Silva, Falmouth Immigrant Rights
Coalition
Michael Mecenas, Brazilian Resource Center
Henry St. Julien, Director DEI&B, Falmouth Schools
Jeff Lourie, Falmouth Police Chief
Lieutenant Ryan Hergt, Falmouth Civil Rights Officer

Dessert will be provided.

Registration required at fjcoffice@comcast.net



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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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