



Greetings!

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

WORSHIP @ StB's



**Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday**

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

followed by Social Hour in the Parish House

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

Faithful Reflections

At this week's 9:00 Sunday Forum, Anne Wood and I will discuss the Diocese of Massachusetts' Convention takeaways, including review of our new statement on [Mission and Core Values](#), the [bishop's address](#), and selected [church & society resolutions](#) (pp. H 20–28). How do these strategic visions and resolutions speak to our ministry to the Upper Cape and our ongoing interim discernment?

Our Wednesday morning study group takes off next week (Thanksgiving Eve) and returns on December 3, 10 and 17 with [Advent Infancy Narratives in Matthew and Luke](#) to explore the two chapters in each gospel that give us the entire biblical witness for Christmas. Spoiler alert: it's not just about childbirth.

Sacred Ground returns to Saint Barnabas's in January. This series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings to foster discussion on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. [Click here](#) to learn more about the process that reflects our Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice in our personal lives and society. We will begin formal recruitment in early December. This 11-session class over 22 weeks is open to first-time members or those who wish to revisit last year's learning circles.

--David



IN OUR PARISH

WANTED: STOP & SHOP CARDS

A Place at the Table is in need of 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! The cards will be collected at the office or you can place in the offering plate on Sundays.



Christmas Fair Update

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 @ 9AM
GREAT HALL

A **Special Christmas Tree** is set up in the Narthex of the Church adorned with tags of suggested ideas for themes for Gift Baskets for the Christmas Fair which is being held on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Please take a tag with a suggested theme and purchase items related to that theme or use your own ideas. Bring your theme items in a bag with the tag and approximate value and put them on the table marked Gift Baskets located on the stage in the Parish Hall beginning Nov. 13th and by Monday, December 1st. For more information contact LinnsWilson@gmail.com or #774-361-6239.

How Can You Help??

SHARE YOUR TIME!

- Volunteer to work at one of the tables!
- Help with set-up in the Hall on Thursday 12/4 at 1pm or clean-up after the fair at 2pm
- Help assemble gift baskets in the Hall on Wed. 12/3 at 10am
- Distribute Fair posters – found in the Church Narthex and outside parish office in the Parish Center

SHARE YOUR TALENT!

- Decorate wreaths at the home of Joan Handy, 23 Payamps Rd., Mashpee, December 4th at 9am. Cakes and cider will be enjoyed!
- 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.
- Purchase items for themed gift baskets (suggestions found in the Narthex hanging on a Christmas tree). Baskets are needed as well. Please indicate the theme of donation and the approximate value (try to keep it between \$25-\$50)
- 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**.
- Donations of homemade knit or crafted items and jewelry/accessories are gladly



The Saint Barnabas's financial management team is committed to providing the parish with regular reports on our financial situation. The slides here offer an overview of Saint Barnabas's income and expenses over the past ten years. The slides also provide a snapshot of our long-term investments and some facts about the income we receive through pledges. The financial team is led by our treasurer, Rick Whitmyre and our Finance committee, chaired by Steve Perry. Your two wardens and our interim priest, the Rev. David Rider, serve on the Finance Committee and work with Rick and Steve to manage our finances. Final financial decisions are made by the vestry, with advice and guidance from the Finance Committee. Any parishioner with questions or comments about the finances presented here is urged to contact one of the members of the financial team.

[*Click here for the Financial Report*](#)



[*Click here for the Vestry Notes for October*](#)

We are saddened to inform you of the death of
Marilyn J. Young
in Falmouth, Massachusetts, on November 3, 2025.
A memorial service will take place at Saint Barnabas's Church on November 22, 2025 at
11:00 am followed by a reception in the Great Hall.
May the soul of God's faithful servant departed rest in peace and may light perpetual
shine upon her.

[*Click here for the obituary for Marilyn Young*](#)

Summer @ StB's

Last month, two sessions were held on Re-Envisioning the summer programs, Summer @ StB's. We evaluated the Strawberry Festival and the Lobster on the Lawn events and decided to trim the Strawberry Festival to focus on strawberries and to trim the Lobster on the Lawn to 4 evenings instead of the 6. Below is a document that outlines that areas of service for all the events with an organizational structure. We need more people to take a role of leadership in order for the events to continue this summer. Between now and March, we will be building this leadership team with hope that you will become a part of it.

[Click here to learn more about Summer @ StB's](#)



SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Call for Help for Our Immigrant Community

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

There are three bills to protect the rights of our immigrant community that have moved to committees to be discussed Tuesday, November 25. Two of these bills will be discussed at the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Judiciary*. They are Dignity Not Deportation (H.1588/S.1122); and The Immigrant Defense Fund (H.1954/S.1127). The third bill, The Safe Communities Act (H.2580/S1681)—will be heard before the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security**. [\(The text of all 3 bills using the linked document.\)](#)

This Monday, November 24, The Social Justice Committee will be making phone calls and sending emails on our own, to our local state legislators and senators, asking them to support these bills. The Social Justice Committee is encouraging all to join this effort, and help protect our neighbors.

The 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

Note: The next Social Justice Ministry meeting will be Wednesday, December 17, 6–7pm in the Parish House.

* The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Judiciary is a joint committee of the Massachusetts General Court responsible for considering all matters related to crimes, penalties, the judiciary, and other legal and civil issues composed of both state senators and representatives from the state legislature.

** The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is a standing committee of the [Massachusetts General Court](#) that considers legislation and matters related to public safety, homeland security, firearms, motor vehicle laws, and the correction system. It is composed of both state senators and representatives.



11/27 – Judy Allen
11/27 – Karl Loos
11/28 – Pat Cowen
11/28 – Lisa Dunne



11/28 – Tony & Nancy Mock

EVENTS @ STB'S

[*Click here to Visit our Calendar*](#)

SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WEDNESDAYSTUDY GROUP

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: COMMON & DIVERGENT WITNESS

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM
PARISH HOUSE

Mark, Matthew and Luke form the so-called Synoptic Gospels (syn-opsis = to be seen together), providing a much different witness to Jesus than that of John and Paul. All three contain vignettes from Jesus' earthly ministry (Matthew and Luke include a few childhood stories) that lead to the crescendo of Jesus' death and resurrection. Because they are so similar, it becomes all the more intriguing to explore where they diverge.

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[*Click here for Study Notes*](#)

SUNDAY FORUMS @ STB'S

Sunday, November 23 @ 9am
Diocese of Massachusetts'
Convention Takeaways



We will review the big items that came before the Nov 14-15 annual convention, with special emphasis on our Bishop's Address and several resolutions on church & society.

Sunday, November 30 @ 9am
Advent, Apocalypse and Turbulent Times

At least in the northern hemisphere, the days of Advent also take us to the winter's solstice and broody atmospheric conditions. The First Sunday of Advent gospel also speaks to an edgy cosmology and contingent end times. As we conclude a turbulent cultural year, our Forum connects the dots on scripture and spirituality in today's world.



Sunday, November 30, 2025

Every month there are 5 Sundays we will collect new packages of underwear, socks, and t-shirts for the guests of A Place at the Table. The undies will be given to the Duffy Health Van and Aids of Cape Cod Van who will be sure they get out to people who need them. Tubs will be available in the Church & Parish Center lobby.

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

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SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Advent
Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

10:00 am

SAINT BARNABAS'S
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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

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



**FALMOUTH
SERVICE CENTER**
more than a food pantry

The Falmouth Service Center is preparing for extra households in Falmouth needing

their assistance. Normally, this time of year they see a large increase in the number of households needing assistance with the loss of seasonal work or cuts in hours. This year is more challenging with the federal shutdown and the loss of SNAP funds.

Last week was their busiest week since February 2025 as they assisted 603 households from across the Cape and distributed 17,000 pounds of food. Approximately 70% of the households come from Falmouth.

They are anticipating that this week and next will be exceptionally busy and have attached their general information flyer so that you can share it with your constituents.

For Falmouth families the following is available:

- Families can pick up food weekly from us (click here for this week's list attached. Our grocery list changes weekly.)
<https://www.falmouthservicecenter.org/food-pantry-at-fsc>
- Falmouth residents can apply for financial help once every 18 months. We can help with rent/mortgage; utilities; and car insurance/car payments.
<https://www.falmouthservicecenter.org/financial-assistance>
- Our new FSC Community Closet is open to our food pantry clients and has clothing for the family, household items, shoes, bedding, etc. all at no cost.
- We are currently signing up families for our Turkey Basket program. We have already enrolled 538 Barnstable County households and have room for about 70 more in the program. We are providing an additional 320 baskets for our military families on JBCC.
- Falmouth & Mashpee client families can enroll in our Children's Holiday Program which provides a brand new coat, hat, and mittens for children aged 0-10 plus a gift card so their parents can shop for them. Additionally, for children aged 11-17, the parents receive a gift card for them. That enrollment ends mid November.



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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Saint Barnabas's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 203

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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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