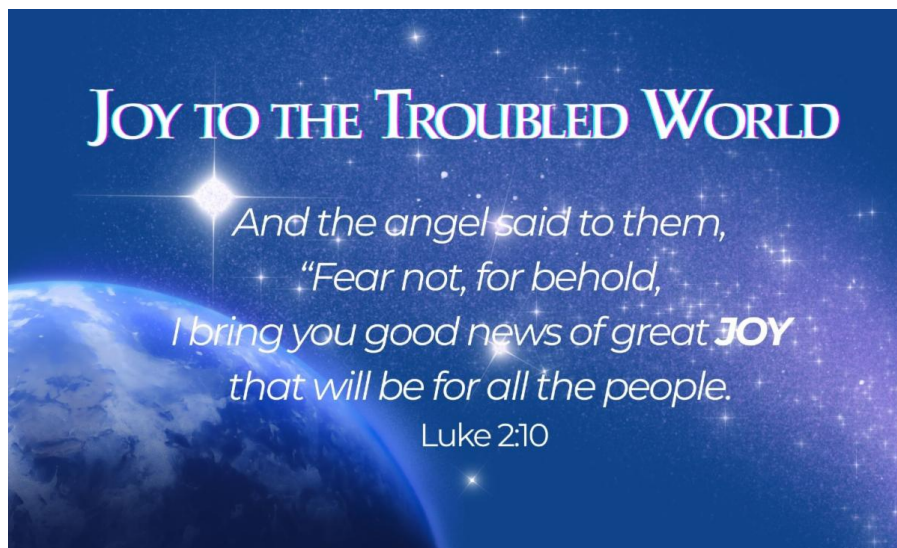




Greetings!

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

WORSHIP @ StB's



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 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

Faithful Reflections

Advent begins on Sunday. Just as our nights get longer and the sky gets grayer, our gospel story captures a brooding cosmology in which our fortunes can change without notice. To paraphrase Isaiah, we long for a Savior who can make life's crazy pathways straight (and the sooner, the better).

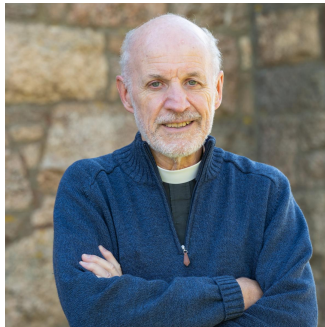
That's followed by two weeks of eccentric John the Baptist calling us a brood of vipers and commanding that we change our ways. Only on the Fourth Sunday of Advent do we hear the great Annunciation story foretelling Jesus' birth.

In a season full of Jingle Bells, Advent reminds us that God sends Jesus into a chaotic world--our chaotic world--in hope of redemption and transformation.

In this spirit, our Sunday Forum explores Advent, Apocalypse and Turbulent Times. As we conclude a turbulent cultural year, we connect the dots on scripture and spirituality in today's world.

On three Wednesday mornings starting December 3, we'll explore in detail the two very different nativity stories in Matthew and Luke, the only two biblical writers that give us any details regarding Jesus' birth. Join us to deepen your Advent preparation in a deep read of these short stories as prelude to a glorious Christmas celebration.

--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 the 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.



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!

- 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 accepted!



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 this 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.



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, Dick Emerson, Barbara Gaffron, Ted & Mary Gale, Deborah & Glenn Gemma, Paul Gentile, Mindy Hall, Stephen & Joan Handy, Sally Howard, Rudolph Hunter, Ann Hurd-Fralix & Henry Fralix, Richard Jackmauh & Anne Wood, 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, Alan & Sheila McCoy, Marianne Monacci, Tom Moore & Katheryn Chasse, Gary & Lynn Morse, Tricia Nicholson, Phoebe Office, Lucy O'Flaherty, Robert & Pamela Olsen, Katie Parsons, Perry Perine & Lynn Hassouna, Steve Perry & Chuck Berthelette, Dot Peterson, Cynthia Pina, Bill Platt, Louise Prussack, Bonnie Ramage, Christina Sabella, Susan & John Schmidt, Noah Schmidt, Barbara Schneider, Bill & Pie Smith, Judy Stoll, Richard & Linda Stone, Daniel & Rhaenel Stone, Geoffrey Summers & Linda Jeffries-Summers, Richard Whitmyre, Linn Wilson, Ray & Ann Worthington, Karen Wyche, Lucy Young



12/3 – Liz Williams
12/4 – Richard Peal



11/30 – Neill Bogan & Irene Ledwith
12/4 – Ambrose Jearld, Jr.
12/6 – Kirstin Meyer-Kaiser

EVENTS @ STB'S

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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 FORUMS @ STB'S

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.



This 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

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

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

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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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