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We are now deeply into the season of Lent, and many of us are also deeply into our Lenten disciplines. In the words of that TV icon, Dr. Phil, "How's that going for you?"

Lenten disciplines, whether they be: refusing to eat or drink something that we usually enjoy; or avoiding some other activity in which we usually engage; can – and should – be difficult (or at least, challenging) things in our lives. The reason that we take on disciplines of any stripe, during our Lenten journeys, is so that we can refocus on our relationship with God. When we miss whatever it is that we have given up, we should be reminded to take that desire to God, in prayer, and rely upon the grace of God to help us overcome our craving. But there is much more to Lenten discipline than avoiding whiskey, chocolate, and/or swearing.

One of my favorite quotes on experiencing a Holy Lent, comes from St. John Chrysostom, perhaps the greatest preacher in the Christian Church of the fourth century. In one of his famous sermons, Chrysostom said:

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, **take pity on him. If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him. If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him. Do not let only your**

mouth fast, but also the eye, the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being free of greed. Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sins. Let the eye fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful... Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip. Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticisms.



Chrysostom goes on to say that it does us no good to abstain from eating certain foods if we are engaged in chewing on, or devouring our brothers and sisters.

Keep at your

Lenten disciplines for the next month. It is good for us to do without some of the things we love, as we exercise our spiritual muscles. But remember what Chrysostom said as well. Refusing to indulge in enmity, envy, greed, gossip, and undue criticism is the far better fast.

May your Lenten journey lead you deeply into consideration of the meaning of the Cross, as it prepares you for the joy of the empty tomb.

Faithfully,
Fr. John+



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The Vestry

Etienna Wright,
Sr. Warden
David Alwell, Jr. Warden
Heather Fuller
Amy Hackett
Gene Hancock
Scott Hamilton, MD
Sam Shuffler, MD
Donna Troyanowski
Wendt Withers

Stations, Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 5:30p, March 9, 16, & 23

Maundy Thursday, March 29—*Childcare Available*

7:00p • Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather at 7:00p, for Eucharist, foot washing, and the stripping of the altar. Our Maundy Thursday worship moves us to consider the events of the Last Supper and, as recorded in John's Gospel, that occasion when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. As part of the liturgy, you are invited to wash someone else's feet and to have your own feet washed, not as expectation but by invitation. This intimate liturgy provides a moment for us to receive the call to serve and to be served, just as Christ witnessed to his disciples. Our worship ends with the removal of all decoration in the church, including the altar hangings and Eucharistic vessels, as a reminder of Jesus' arrest and the beginning of the Passion.

Gethsemane Watch and Prayer Vigil, "Can you not wait with me one hour?"

Thursday, March 29, 8:00p until Friday, March 30, 7:00a

The Gethsemane Watch and Prayer Vigil will begin in the church immediately following Maundy Thursday worship, and will conclude Good Friday, at 7:00a. A police officer will be on site through the night so that you may feel safe as you keep your hour of watch in the church. Prayer guides will be available as well. An hourly sign-up sheet for the vigil is posted in the Narthex.

Good Friday, March 30—*Childcare Available*

Noon • Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from The Reserve

1:00p • Meditations

2:00p • Stations of the Cross



Holy Saturday, March 31—*Childcare Available*

8:00p • The Great Easter Vigil & Holy Eucharist

St. Barnabas Adult Choir

Director, Shawn Roy

Trumpet: Ethan Farnsworth

Easter Day, April 1—*Childcare Available at 10:30a Service*

The Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30a • Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by EYC

10:30a • Holy Eucharist, Rite II

St. Barnabas Adult & Youth Choir

Director, Shawn Roy

No 8:00a and 6:00p Services on Easter Day.



If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers, envelopes can be found in the Narthex for that purpose. Please note "Easter flowers" on the memo line and place your envelope in the offertory plate **by Sunday, March 18**. You may also donate online via St. Barnabas Access, note that it's for Easter flowers.



Parish Work Day

Please make plans to stay after the 10:30a service on Sunday, March 18, for a

Parish Work Day.

This is a great opportunity to meet and to get to know your parish family. Come to Church in your work clothes prepared to spruce up St. Barnabas. There will be jobs in landscaping, cleaning, and organizing. Please bring your

yard equipment, such as electric hedgers, hedge trimmers and general gardening tools to help out. After the work is done a simple lunch will be provided.

Parish Breakfast

Sunday, March 25 at 9:00a, Ramsay Hall

Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship at our monthly parish breakfast.

If you wish to host a breakfast in April or May, please contact Michael Bass at mbass@cocglaw.com.

Update RenewalWorks & Community Garden



RenewalWorks™

Update on Activities of the RenewalWorks Committee at St. Barnabas, by Connie Herndon

As facilitator of this ministry at St. Barnabas, I can tell you we've been very busy. After a long, reflective, and very collaborative process, it's time to get this ministry started! I have two major announcements for you at this time.

Report of the RenewalWorks Committee

The Committee has completed its report to the vestry and the congregation, and the vestry has approved its release to the entire congregation. How do you access it? There are several ways:

- You will receive an email message that contains a link to the full report.
- You can also access it via a link available from the homepage of St. Barnabas' website.
- There will be hard copies available in the Narthex.

The report includes three parts: (1) the report of the RW Committee (workshop team) at St. Barnabas.

This report provides our observations, conclusions, and recommendations regarding the spiritual well-being and needs of our congregation and is the result of four workshops during which we completed the RW curriculum. (2-3) parts 1 and 2 of the Spiritual Life Inventory (SLI) results interpreted and presented by the RW Program Team. This is the statistical analysis and the program-based interpretation of our survey results, as well as the Program Team's recommendations for the spiritual growth of our congregation.

Be the Church

Be the Church is one of the major initiatives of the RenewalWorks ministry, and we're launching this campaign on



March 11. Please join us as we celebrate our love for and our commitment to St. Barnabas, and learn all about how YOU ARE ST. BARNABAS! **Here are the planned activities for March 11:**

- Question-and-answer sessions with members of the RW standing committee. These sessions will take place at all three services during Father John's typical sermon time slot. Our intention is for all congregants to have an

opportunity to ask questions about results of the Spiritual Life Survey (the online questionnaire you filled out last fall) and the ongoing work of the RenewalWorks ministry.

- Lots of fun in Ramsay Hall: after the 8:00a and 10:30a services, we will be working on an interactive, all-inclusive art project that will result in a collaborative piece of art that will be displayed. We want everyone to participate in this project! There will also be a photo booth where you can take your "I am St. Barnabas" photo, and these photos will ultimately be used in an art project as well.
- A hot dog luncheon with various toppings after the 10:30 service. We'll serve both regular hotdogs and veggie dogs.
- Information stations where you can learn more about the initiatives of this ministry and hopefully find ways to get involved!

Please read and make note of **March 11** as a very important date. We want to see you all at St. Barnabas that day! If you have any questions or difficulties, please let me know (connieherndon@yahoo.com or 337-288-8758).



Community Garden Work Day

It time for some beautiful spring weather, and we hope you will join us, Sunday, March 25 from 2:00p to 4:00p to work in our Community Garden. As you may already know, we have partnered with TownFolk, a nonprofit that serves the LaPlace community (located adjacent to downtown Lafayette) to support their ongoing efforts to make access to healthy food easier for its residents through a program called TownFolk Table. Questions: Donna Troyanowski at donnamtroyanowski@gmail.com

Time to Go Outreaching & EYC

The Month of March brings a number of ways to share Christ's love through outreach in the community.



Outreach invites parishioners of all ages to join us for bingo on Saturday, March 10. We need your help to make some new friends and provide companionship for residents of Lady of the Oaks.

Sign up for more details!

Can't make it to bingo in March? Don't worry, outreach is sponsoring bingo at Lady of the Oaks numerous times this year. Please consider helping by donating some of the following items that will be used as bingo prizes (collection bin in the Narthex):

Body Wash (most requested item)
Shampoo
Women's Perfume
Men's Cologne
Body Lotion
Deodorant - Men's & Women's
Deodorant - Men's & Women's
Small zipper coin purses
NEW small stuffed animals



The next Outreach Ministry Meal Service to feed the homeless of Parc San Souci is Thursday, **March 22 at 6:00p** If you would like to help cook that day, please meet in Ramsay Hall at 11:30a. Dinner will be transported to Parc San Souci at 5:15p for a

meal service at 6:00p sharp! Feel free to join outreach at the Parc for meal service. Please make plans to join us!

Official St. Barnabas outreach swag can be purchased for the cost of \$10/ shirt.

Make checks payable to Lowry's Printing. Order forms can be found in the Narthex (envelope included with form that can be placed in alms basin). Shirts will be printed in batches of 25.



**Sign Up for Any
March Outreach Opportunities
in the Narthex**

or

Email: sabrina.beach15@gmail.com

Update from John Campbell, Director of Youth Ministry

February was marked by service and adventure. It began with the EYC sponsoring the Down Syndrome Ball. Our youth provided refreshments and entertainment as they danced with twenty guests and their caretakers.

Nine adventurous EYCers and three brave sponsors traveled to Gatlinburg, TN during the Mardi Gras break. The first day was rainy and the schedule was adjusted to go to a trampoline park and climbing center. Everyone took to the slopes the next two days and enjoyed the

unfamiliar snow sports.

Our Lenten focus will be on opportunities to serve our church and local community. We will be serving with TownFolk at Victory Fest on March 4th. EYCers will have various opportunities to serve in small groups at St. Joseph's Diner throughout Lent.

We encourage all senior EYC members to attend CLEY weekend at Camp Hardtner. The weekend begins on Friday, March 9th at 7:00p and concludes on Sunday before lunch. Registration closes on March 4th.

Save the date, April 15th for Louisiana Saturday Night fundraiser for missions. Tickets go on sale April

1st. We will be accepting donations for a live auction.



CLEY 2018

Friday, March 9, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

through

Sunday, March 11, 2018 @ 11:00 AM

Camp Hogwarts (Hardtner)

Cost to participate is \$95. Open to students in 9th-12th Grade

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 25th for a T-SHIRT -- REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 4th

<http://www.diocesewla.org>

For more information contact Lisa Hightower - batesli@hotmail.com (318) 366-2225



EYC for Tweens

4th & 5th Graders

Starts Sunday, March 11

Heather Fuller and Jasmine Bertrand are starting a new Tween EYC group for children in 4th and 5th grades. The group will meet at the same time as Jr. EYC meetings and will start on March 11 at 3:30p -5:30p. All children in those grades are invited to attend. We will be working on growing together spiritually as a group, learning more about our faith, and helping with service projects at St. B's and in the community. Anyone with questions can contact me at jasmine.bertrand@yahoo.com or can call me on my cell at [337-322-3520](tel:337-322-3520).

Messy Church

This Spring, our children's ministry will be considering the question "Who is the Church?" One of our projects will be to write letters to other churches around the country and the world and ask their younger members to write back. You may notice a large map in Ramsay Hall. We'll be using that to mark every church that sends a response. If you know of a church with an active children's ministry (doesn't have to be

Episcopalian or Anglican) that might like to receive letters from our Messy Church kids, please email Michael Bass (mbass@cocglaw.com) or Etienna Wright (etiennawright@gmail.com). And stay tuned for updates about our other projects in the coming weeks.

Women of the Church (ECW)

March 13: Women's Night Out!

Our women's group/ECW is heading out to dinner this month! We are getting together at Deano's on Kaliste Saloom, Tuesday, March 13, 6:00p. Dutch treat.

Questions? Contact Mary Catherine Hager at marcyhager@gmail.com or 337-962-8035.

Come join us!

Men's Group

Join the St. Barnabas Men's Group on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00p for fellowship and dinner. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month through May. Bring something to throw on the grill. Sides and beverages will be provided.

The Men's Group is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and have an excellent meal. For more information contact Paul Morton morton@louisiana.edu or Rob Stevenson rstevenson@diolaf.org

We meet rain or shine.

Men's Breakfast

Thursday, March 1 & 15

The Men's Group meets for breakfast the **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 8:00a**. Hope you

can join us at Hub City Diner. Questions: Call Buddy Bennett at 984-3653.



Join us on March 5 & 19 at 6:00p

You are invited to Gay Folks and Friends, a St. Barnabas small group for gay folks of all kinds that features a movie night (with popcorn!) on First Mondays and a speaker or other educational event on Third Mondays. We meet starting at 6:00p in the EYC building and all are welcome to this open and non-confrontational space; feel free to come and go as you're able. Parents and guardians are more than welcome to bring or escort their children but please, don't just drop off a minor! The meetings start or end with Evening Prayer or Compline to give us a chance to center ourselves, and in between we have a really good time and laugh a lot. Join us and feel free to invite others. As with the Episcopal Church in general, all are welcome. For more information, contact Keith Dorwick at (337) 962-1991 or kdorwick@gmail.com.

VBS Planning Meeting

Katy Campbell, Director of Youth, will be hosting a **Vacation Bible School (VBS) planning meeting** for anyone interested in helping with VBS this summer! No need to have children to be involved! **We will meet after the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 11th** to discuss dates and themes.

March 2018 Calendar

Unless otherwise noted –

All Sundays

8:00a...Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:15a...At "Messy Church" Youth Choir Rehearsal
 9:30a..."Messy Church"—All Ages
 9:15a...Adult Christian Formation with John Campbell
 9:45a...Busy Lives and Restless Souls for Adults
 10:30a.Children's Chapel
 10:30a.Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 6:00p...Holy Eucharist, Rite II

All Tuesdays

10:00a..Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group

All Wednesdays

6:30p...Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00p...AA Meeting and Al-Anon Meeting

All Thursdays

5:15p...YOGA Class, Ramsay Hall
 6:00p...Healing Eucharist

First Sunday of Month

6:00p..Contemporary Worship Service

Please see Calendar for EYC Events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:15a Confirmation Classes 1:00p-5:30p EYC Victory Garden Fest 6:00p Contemporary Eucharist	6:00p Gay Folks & Friends, EYC Bldg	10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Outreach Ministry Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:15p YOGA Class 6:00p-8:00p Healing Eucharist Lenten Series	5:30p Stations of the Cross	9:00a-4:00p Vestry Retreat 10:00a-11:00a Bingo @ Lady of the Oaks Nursing Home t
March 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00a Be the Church Art Project 9:15a Confirmation Classes 11:45a VBS Planning Meeting 11:45a Be the Church Art Project, Hot Dog Luncheon, and Information Stations 3:30-5:30p...Tween EYC 3:30-5:30p...Jr. EYC 5:00-7:00p...Sr. EYC		10:00A Bible Study 6:00p ECW Women's Night Out at Deano's on Kaliste Saloom	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:00a Men's Breakfast, Hub City Diner 5:15p YOGA Class 6:00p-8:00p Healing Eucharist Lenten Series	5:30p Stations of the Cross	
March 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:15a Confirmation Classes 11:45a Vestry Meeting 11:45a Parish Work Day 3:30-5:30p...Tween EYC 3:30-5:30p...Jr. EYC 5:00-7:00p...Sr. EYC	6:00p Gay Folks & Friends, Ramsay Hall 7:00p Compassionate Friends	10:00a Bible Study	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	11:30a Cook for the Homeless 5:15p YOGA Class 5:15p Depart from St. B to Feed the Homeless	5:30p Stations of the Cross	9:00a-11:00a EYC: Palm Cross Making
March 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00a Parish Breakfast 9:15a Confirmation Classes 2:00p-4:00p...Community Garden Work Day 3:30-5:30p...Tween EYC 3:30-5:30p...Jr. EYC 5:00-7:00p...Sr. EYC		10:00a Bible Study 6:00p The Men's Group	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:15p YOGA Class 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	6:00a...EYC Tunica Hills Noon Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from The Reserve 1:00p Meditations 2:00p Stations of the Cross	8:00p The Great Easter Vigil & Holy Eucharist
Gethsemane Watch & Prayer Vigil: Mar 29, 8:00p to Mar 30, 7:00a						

March 2018 Schedule of Ministers

March 4

**The Third Sunday
in Lent**

March 11

**The Fourth Sunday
in Lent**

March 18

**The Fifth Sunday
in Lent**

March 25

**Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday**

Ushers

Jack Ferstel
Carolyn Kane
Tommy McGinnis
Lee Williamson

Jim Bolling
Scott Chrysler
Pat Stokes
Luke Walker

Terry Cromwell
Scott Hamilton
Emile Lege
Christie O'Reilly

Jack Ferstel
Carolyn Kane
Tommy McGinnis
Lee Williamson

Worship Leaders and Eucharistic Ministers

8:00a
Katy Campbell - EM

8:00a
Reese Fuller - EM

8:00a
Leslie Alwell - EM)

8:00a
Reese Fuller - EM

10:30a
Toni Bennett - Lector (1)
Sabrina Beach - Lector (2)
Sabrina Beach - EM
Mark Smith - EM
Mary Catherine Hager - Paten

10:30a
Kate Lobdell - Lector (1)
Mary Lobdell - Lector (2)
Quinten Dronet - EM
Heather Sterling - EM
Elaine Ardeneaux - Paten

10:30a
Eric Stevenson - Lector (1)
Elaine Ardeneaux - Lector (2)
Sabrina Beach - EM
Eric Stevenson - EM
Virginia Stokes - Paten

10:30a
Etienna Wright - Lector (1)
Ted Standley - Lector (2)
Karri Martin - EM
Heather Sterling - EM
Sabrina Beach - Paten

6:00p
Wendy Begneaud - EM

6:00p
Katie Vincent—EM

6:00p
Claire Ward—EM

6:00p
Wendy Begneaud -- EM

Acolytes

8:00a
Anna Lee - 1st

8:00a
Henry Fuller-1st

8:00a
Anna Lee - 1st

8:00a
Bird Fuller - 1st Server

10:30a
Jessica Hackett - Crucifer
Taylor Bedingfield - 1st Server
Grant Holmes - 2nd Server

10:30a
NOT FILLED - Crucifer
Lillie Turner - 1st Server
Maria Darby-Hackett - 2nd
Server

10:30a
Annelise Smith - Crucifer
Evan Darby-Hackett - 1st Server
Alexandra Smith - 2nd Server (

10:30a
NOT FILLED - Crucifer
Taylor Bedingfield - 1st Server
Maria McGinnis - 2nd Server

Greeters

8:00a
Teri Stevenson

8:00a
Heather Fuller

8:00a
Katy Campbell

8:00a
Teri Stevenson

10:30a
Karri Martin

10:30a
Quinten Dronet

10:30a
Mary Catherine Hager

10:30a
Quinten Dronet

Altar Guild

March. 3
McKnight
Sterling,
Stika

March. 10
Armbruster
Guillot
Bolling-Mikhael

March. 17
Lambert
LeBlanc
Madison

March. 24
Bloomer
Thom
Vincent

March 31
McKnight
Sterling,
Stika

A PLACE AT THE TABLE



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Easter Egg Hunt



The EYC is hopping into action and filling Easter eggs. EYC members will be hiding Easter eggs for our younger children at our **annual hunt, Easter Sunday, April 1 at 9:30a** on the church campus.

Come enjoy the fun!

Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church is a Christ-Centered Community, which exists to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, worshiping together and celebrating the Eucharist, consciously committing our whole selves, ministering to our parish family and to others while growing spiritually through prayer and study.