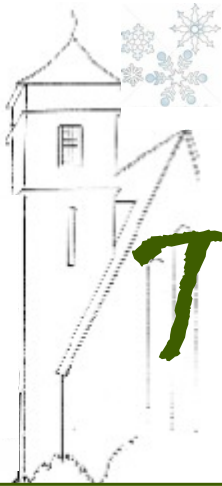


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The Chimes

At Saint Barnabas, Bainbridge Island



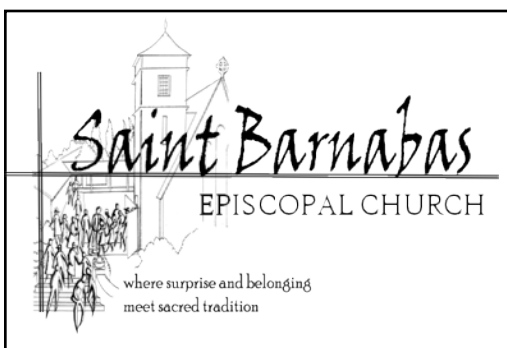
Rector's Ruminations



Recently, there was a fascinating article in the *New York Times* about people inventing new ways of grieving, new ways of memorializing the deceased and providing comfort to loved ones in their time of sorrow. As one who is trained in this line of work, I was both saddened and intrigued by this article. I was saddened that we have become such a post-religious society that many people have no awareness of the long traditions of communities of faith helping people to address death, loss, and grieving. Saddened because we have, for many people, either lost or abandoned centuries of careful thinking about how humans can make sense of death and given up the powerful symbols that generations have embraced to help them face the death of their loved ones and their own death. At the same time, I was intrigued by the parallelism between what the author, somewhat proudly described as “new ways” of grieving, and the long-standing traditions of many faiths.

Food was part of the “new ways” of grieving. Gathering in community for a time of simply being present was part of the “new ways” of grieving. Remembering the deceased and recalling their life, their stories, their characteristics, and their sorrows was part of the “new ways” of grieving. What was not part of these “new ways” of grieving was any prayer or any use of overtly religious symbols. This process the author named “secular shiva” after the Jewish tradition of sitting shiva for ten days after the death of a person. Ironically, almost all religions share these very same “new ways” of grieving but they also acknowledge that death is part of the overall mystery of life and that there are things we, as humans, cannot truly understand. Religions have developed formal patterns of grief because we are often overcome by our personal grief and do not or cannot find adequate measures and actions to express that grief, so we embrace the rituals of the faith because they are meant to hold us, comfort us, and move us into and through our immediate grief.

But these are living traditions, not dead rituals without personal meaning. Within the Episcopal tradition, there is plenty of room for individual expression but it is always placed inside the boundaries of what the church has learned over centuries about human grief. Old traditions have been modified to accommodate new realities. (cont. p. 2)



The Rev. Dr. Dennis Tierney, Rector
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Sr. Dorothy Kiest, Mother Guardian of the Little Sisters of St. Clare
Paul Roy, Music Director
Julie Houck, Bookkeeper
Katrina Diller, Parish Administrator
Fred Meredith, Sexton
St. Barnabas Day School: Barb Boulware, Director
Kristi Barr, Mary Feeney, and Millie Loughnane, Teachers

Cremation is now common across many faiths. Poems are read, bagpipers play, and nonbelievers are welcomed into this ritual time of remembrance and celebration of life amidst the tears of sorrow.

Some years ago, a colleague of mine at seminary did some fascinating research about road shrines – ad hoc collections of flowers and memorabilia that spring up around the death of an individual. Unlike traditional grave sites, these shrines are made near the spot where the person died, not where they are buried. They often consist of flowers, teddy bears, notes, cards, balloons, and other, more personal objects ranging from beer bottles to baseball gloves and even bowling balls. You may remember the shrine that grew up around the spot where Lady Diana died in Paris. Occasionally, I have seen these shrines along the roadsides of Washington.

What all this tells me is that we, as humans, need rituals to help us face the mysteries and the joys of life. Stripped of all ritual, we would hardly be human beings. Ritual gives us all a sense of being part of something larger than our own existence and provides us a safe place to release powerful emotions while holding us so that we don't simply melt or explode from the power of the emotions that we feel. Rituals make us feel more deeply, see more profoundly, and remain connected to those who have gone before us. Rituals define us as human beings and are an integral part of all cultures.

But I hope that we will treasure the rituals we have received from those who have gone before us. They were not stupid. They understood human beings in ways that we do not; they knew things we have forgotten. One of the reasons I am an Episcopalian is the historicity (a word I learned in seminary) of our worship. The riches of Episcopal worship, the language, the cadences, the imagery, the music, and symbolic richness of our liturgies provide so much information, so much theology, and so much nurturing to my soul.

And I hope that enough of us will care about these received rituals to keep places like Saint Barnabas alive and well. We have shown that we can be traditional and lively; we can be formal and warm. We lift up and honor and share the wonderful traditions we have known in our lives and, in so doing, we honor those who have gone before us. While I cannot know what the future holds for our little corner of the Christian world, I do believe there is a place, even in this modern world, for classic Anglican worship and ritual. I hope that all of us will join together to keep these rituals alive so that no one will ever sit shiva for our faith.

Dennis+

St. Barnabas Ladies Tea



The new date for the Ladies Tea is

February 18, 2012 at

2:30 pm

in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12. Children under 5 are free! Come and join us for some lovely tea, treats, and conversation, while listening to the lovely Dorothy Foster Quartet.

- Carla Orcutt, Jean Kellerman, Pat Schader
Chairs

My
storehouse having been
burnt down, nothing obstructs
my view of the bright moon.

-Masahide, Zen poet



Your parish needs you.

Please consider the amount you can give to your parish this year. The money you pledge yearly covers salaries, heat and lights, building maintenance, altar guild supplies, and outreach programs that are part of our mission.

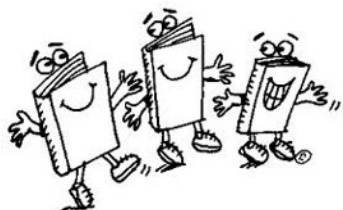
Capital projects, such as the renovation of the front of the church, our new sound system, and the renovation of the library are covered by special gifts from parishioners that are in addition to the annual pledges that they make to St. Barnabas.

Your pledge is essential for the day-to-day functioning of our parish. Without it, it proves hard to provide to parishioners basic services such as **pastoral care**, *worship and music*, **bookkeeping**, **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**, and **administrative support**, which we all rely on as part of parish life!

Pledge cards are available in the parlor and in the pews. You can also pledge online at www.stbbi.org. If you have any questions, contact the Stewardship co-chairs, Tim Duffy (duffytg@msn.com, 206-855-8913) or Mara Hilderman (mhilderman@comcast.net, tel. 780-5447).

Thanks to everyone who has pledged already. It means so much!

Gowen Library News!



A beautiful wood conference table and ten chairs now grace the library, along with objets d'art above the bookshelves, the matting of the current art quartet, and a new computer chair. These were all provided by the estate of Roy W. Tutt, in loving memory from his daughter, Candace Gudmundson. Please stop by and take a look. We thank her for this wonderful gift.

Two recently donated books are now displayed on the "New Books" shelf and available for checkout. They are:

The Big Book of Christian Mysticism, The Essential Guide to Contemplative Spirituality by Carl McColman. "...Christianity has its own mystical tradition with a long and rich history that reaches back to the New Testament.... [This book] explores this rich tradition and shows how it can be a powerful tool for transformation and the experience of the Divine."

A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms, 52 Companions for Your Heart, Mind, Body, and Soul by Lisa M. Hendey. "Hendey eloquently links personal stories, scripture, prayer, and simple soul-strengthening exercises in this spiritually rich resource for Catholic women."

-Barb Herrick, Parish Librarian



Art in the Parlor

The remodel of the parish offices included a freshening up of the parlor and a new easy-to-use hanging system for framed photographs and prints. I volunteered to lead the effort to coordinate a revolving showing of artwork produced by members and friends of the parish. Thankfully, we are a talented – and well traveled – parish!

For this program year, we're doing a series of shows, changing every two months. We hope to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Carol Gregory and I have had a showing of our artwork. Here are the currently scheduled shows:

Mid-December through mid-February: Prints by Pam Galvani

Mid-February through mid-April: Semana Santa en Cusco (Holy Week in Cusco, Peru) by Chuck Kirchner

Mid-April through mid-June: Photography by Sue Hysten

Mid-June through mid-August: Photography by Maggie Ball



If you are interested in showing your photographs or two-dimensional artwork beginning as early as this August, please let me know. While a show of eight or so photographs of art work is ideal, smaller shows can also be arranged by combining several artists at one time. We have eight frames (16" x 20") available for your use. I can also discuss with you printing and matting options.

Chuck Kirchner

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Meet Hazrat Inayat Khan

Forbearance, patience and tolerance are the only conditions which keep two individual hearts united.
Commentary by Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan



Sacrifice is needed in love to give all there is -- wealth, possessions, body, heart, and soul. There remains no 'I', only 'you', until the 'you' becomes the 'I'. Where there is love there is patience, where there is no patience there is no love.

The idea of sacrifice has always existed in some form or other, in every religion. Sometimes it has been taught as giving up one's possessions for the love of a higher ideal, which means that when man claims to love his high ideal and yet is not willing to give up something he possesses for it, then there is doubt about his devotion. But sacrifice of a possession is the first step; the next one is self sacrifice, which was the inner note of the religion of Jesus Christ. Charity, generosity, even tolerance and forbearance, are a kind of sacrifice, and every sacrifice in life, in whatever form, means a step towards the goal of every soul.

To be today friendly and tomorrow unfriendly cannot for one moment be called friendship; the value of friendship is in its constancy. Forbearance, patience, and tolerance are the only conditions which keep two individual hearts united. There is a saying in Hindustani, by Seman, on friendship: 'Stand by your friend in his time of need, like the reed on the bank of the river.' When a man is sinking in the water and catches hold of a reed, it will save him if it is strong; and if not, it will sink along with him.

February Birthdays

Feb 5 Caitlin Gillette, Nicholas Maio

Feb 6 Annabel Nemeth, Richard Blond, Bill Galvani

Feb 9 Bill Crosby

Feb 13 Anne Brooks

Feb 14 Ciaran Krantz, Bob Waite

Feb 15 Joan Judge

Feb 16 Nicholas Nemeth, Christina Ellis, Alice Reasoner

Feb 17 Zoe Wingeleth

Feb 18 Stephen Lane, Ellie de la Vergne

Feb 19 Marian McLain

Feb 22 Jane Jay

Feb 23 Jackie Cumming, Don Hulbert

Feb 24 Tom Coble

Feb 25 Beverly Lane

Feb 26 Dean Temple

Feb 27 Tracie O'Brien

Feb 29 Maiti O'Brien

If your birthday isn't listed here, and you did have a birthday in February, please email me and I will get you on my list! -Candace [gcg@q.com]

Epiphany Cake



Emma Kirchner found the baby!
Next year she will provide the
Epiphany cake.



2012 Men's Retreat



Now that the holidays are over and we are all settling down to a new year, it's time to think of interesting things, fun programs, and challenging religious topics. And that is exactly what is being planned now for the 2012 edition of your Men's Retreat.

But what does the provocative theme "Bivouac to Breton" mean? The theme is the key to a weekend of fascinating lectures by two northwest speakers: the reference "Bivouac" refers to the trials and hardships of Lewis and Clark in their adventures along the Oregon Trail. "Breton" refers to an insight into the Celtic religion about

which we will learn, Breton being a center of the religion.

How can I be a part of this weekend?

For now, a \$20.00 deposit with Katrina, our talented parish secretary, will secure your reservation for the retreat weekend of May 18 - 20.

But why should I reserve so early?

And now the unfortunate information. You see, we are limited to fifteen (15) attendees in the new facility. Maybe I didn't mention that our quarters will be in a new house, not yet completed, and only for St. Barnabas. We will be able to christen it (Isn't that appropriate?).

There is so much more to tell about the facility, the program, and the weekend. More information will have to wait for the next edition of the *Chimes* and the weekly bulletin.

-Dick Gregory



Blast from the Past

The Epiphany enlarges the meaning of Christmas. For the Early Church this meaning began not in the manger, but with Jesus grown to manhood, with His career as teacher and Messiah. So the original Epiphany passed by the Magi coming to Bethlehem and dwelt on Jesus receiving baptism from John, probably the conscious start of His career. Every act and word of Jesus's human life was an epiphany, a manifestation of how God would meet our situations and crises. In the Epiphany season we pick out a few of these because they determine our philosophy as Christians - and we all need to work out our Christian philosophy if we are not to drift on the tides of impulse and prejudice. The story of the Wise Men, now the great motive of the Epiphany Octave, gives glamorous symbolism to a truth we often accept as emotional rhetoric yet contradict in practice - mankind's prospective unity in allegiance to one God. This makes the Church's universal Mission not an extra frill but our inescapable duty, for the Church alone can unite men, and the Church alone can establish the proper basis for peace by insisting on the equality of all men in God's sight and by transforming this pious theory into active fact. It is a two-way affair. The time will come when what were once looked down on as poor heathen will send missionaries to us and startle us out of the fustiness we call Church work to put the Gospel first.

-Rev. V. H. Gowen, 5 January 1958, *The Bulletin*, St. Barnabas.





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See stbbi.org for more details

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<i>Sunday</i>	8 & 10am Rite I&II 8pm Compline (St. Cecelia's)	8 & 10am Rite I&II 6:00pm Schola	8 & 10am Rite I&II	8 & 10am Rite I&II 8:00pm Taizé
<i>Monday</i>	11am Grp. Reunion 7:30pm AlAnon	11am Grp. Reunion 7:30pm AlAnon, Christian Form. Cm.	20 <i>President's Day</i> Chimes deadline 11am Grp. Reunion 7:30pm AlAnon	27 11am Grp. Reunion 7:30pm AlAnon
<i>Tuesday</i>	7	14	21	28
	7:30pm B&G Cm	7:30pm Finance Cm	7:30pm Vestry	
<i>Wednesday</i>	1	8	15	22
	7:15am Mindfulness Meditation 7:30 Choir R.	7:15am Mindfulness Meditation 7:30 Choir R.	7:15am Mindfulness Meditation 7:30 Choir R.	7:15am Mindfulness Meditation 12 pm, 7pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:30 Choir R.
<i>Thursday</i>	2	9	16	23
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<i>Friday</i>	3	10	17	24
<i>Saturday</i>	4	11	18	25
	8am Bible Study (MARC) 10am LSSC Spiritual Formation	8am Bible Study (MARC) 1:30 Wayne Jacobi funeral	8am Bible Study (MARC) 2:30 Ladies Tea	8am Bible Study (MARC)



Vestry, Commissions, and Committees

Vestry: Dennis Tierney (Rector), Brien Neill (Senior Warden), _____ (Junior Warden), Charlie Anderson, Tom Beierle, Danielle Desaulnier, Candace Gudmundson, Dick Gregory, Gigi Norwine, Heidi O'Brien, Steve Schramke

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Worship Commission: Joan Collins (chair), Su Beecham, Honora Dunkak, Chuck Kirchner, Carla Orcutt, Paul Roy, Dennis Tierney [Ushers (Brian Andvik), Acolytes, Lectors, & Eucharistic Ministers (Chuck Kirchner), Altar Guild (Joan Collins, Honora Dunkak), Weddings (Carol Gregory), Memorial Services (Chris Davis), Taizé (Gillian Allard), Bread Bakers (Carla Orcutt)]