

Be Part of the Great Tradition...the St. Barnabas Supper/Brunch Club

The 2015-2016 program starts as early as November. Groups meet for a shared meal where there is time to appreciate each other's company, enjoy the gifts of food and drink, and learn to know each other, moving from acquaintances to friends.

This is a perfect way for newcomers to meet others, for long-time members to meet the newcomers, for singles who want to participate in a social program without a partner, and for those who are members of the parish but whose spouses/partners are not. Starting this year, we want to be more inclusive, looking for those who want to be part of a family-based group which would involve children.

How Does This Work and What Do I Have to Do?

We divide into groups of 8-9 people, couples, singles, families. Each group has a leader who hosts the first meeting, then the others take turns being Host-of-the-Month. It can be for dinner, brunch, tea, barbeque in the park...formal, casual, whatever. The place can be your home, someone else's home, one of our parks, anywhere there is time and space for leisurely companionship. The idea is to find a place that is private and involves no rushing, so restaurants don't fit. They are trying to turn tables.

At the first meeting the group brings calendars, sets the schedule for the rest of the year, and makes **two concrete commitments:**

First, everyone agrees to host at least once. Singles may pair up to share the work load. The host decides what they want to do in terms of menu and time. They can create the whole meal, ask the others to contribute, or to prepare a special recipe. If the group wants, they can schedule two rounds of hosting into next summer. No rules here except the two commitments.

Second, once the dates are set, you commit to showing up each time unless there is an emergency. It's like having season tickets to the Seahawks...you mark your calendar as "taken" for those days. That way, in this busy congregation, everyone can schedule other travel, business or anything else AROUND those concrete dates. Only fair to your group, isn't it? If you have an emergency, the host will fill your chairs with someone else who would enjoy the meeting...the idea is to meet no matter what.

Signups will begin September 13, and continue until October 18. That's only a few weeks, so don't wait. You have choices about the kind of group you prefer, if you need a ride, or want to be a leader. If there are dietary or mobility/access concerns, note them and we will try to make it all work out. There will be sign-up forms at the Welcome Table and in the September and October Chimes. Celebration Sunday, September 13, is the first date to sign up. You may be able to do this on line. Groups will be announced in early November.

**DO consider being a part of this really special, traditional St. Barnabas program.
Sign up by October 18.**

Yes! I/We want to participate in 2015-2016 Supper/Brunch Club
SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 18!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, email to the office, or leave at office or Welcome Table.

NAME(1)_____

NAME(2)_____

Home Address_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

Prefer: Dinner only_____ Brunch Only_____ Either_____

Family Group_____ Names/ages of children)_____

Lead a Group?_____ Need a ride?_____ Food Allergies_____

Anything else we need to know?_____