# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## **Seating Matters!**

The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan
Interim Rector

At last night's Vestry meeting there were two open seats at the table. I took one and was ribbed by Jack Miller about how it was I hadn't chosen the seat next to him. I laughed and told him I was writing about seating in this article and he'd better watch out!

I am frequently reminded of Nancy Stephens, of blessed memory, who was Senior Warden for much of my time at Holy Evangelists in Baltimore. She was a character. When I went there in 1990 she handed me a list of names on my first Sunday. It was in two columns, and she said when you are standing in the pulpit looking out at the congregation this is where everyone sits, names at the top of the page are the back row and those at the bottom the front. I thought this was hilarious, and still do after all these years!

One Sunday there was a new family who came in and sat, so everyone who came in after had to shift back one row. It was fine – except that at the Peace they all apologized to each other for sitting in "their seat!"

However, we also learned a lot about how that influences congregational growth. People with small children frequently choose the back because they don't want children bothering others, or acting out in front of others, and they want to be able to sneak out if someone needs to use the bathroom, or go to the nursery.

People of all makes and models avoid the front. At St. John's, Lafayette Square, my home away from home, the ushers rope off the back half of the church until the front is filled, and only then can you grab a back seat. My husband always had a particular seat he staked out, near a side chapel, because it had more leg room than most. He would have had a very hard time here where there is no leg room to speak of. We could create some by removing some pews, but that's a conversation for another day.

When I began working in congregational development, I learned some things I road tested. Here are a few.

If you want newcomers and visitors to feel comfortable, save the *back* rows for them. It is intimidating for new folks to have to walk *all* the way down the center aisle, in a parish they don't know, with everyone watching and asking each, "Who are they?" A visitor or newcomer hopes to be somewhat anonymous while they figure out is this a place that stands or kneels, or both, and when – easier done from the back than the front.

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## Schedule of Services Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nursery available at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Wednesday Morning**

10:00 a.m. Worship

Holy Eucharist and Healing
on the first Wednesday
of each month

### **Treasury Notes**

by John Westerlund

Dear Friends,

Welcome aboard the Office of the Treasury. My name is John and I will be your friendly neighborhood financial officer for today.

Before we get started, I need to thank several people for all the hard work they do for St. Barnabas and the parish:

Maria Bottlick, Bookkeeper and PJ Kennedy, Assistant Treasurer - For keeping the numbers accurate and the treasury running smoothly

Ed Ing - For keeping the accounts straight

Catherine Dubas - For coordinating activities, expenses, and paper trails

Crutch, Bonnie Baldwin, Robin Erskine - For serving as the parish Finance Committee The officers of the church and vestry - For championing the best interests of the parish Rector and staff - For providing spiritual guidance

All of St. Barnabas and the parish - For the gifts and generosity you give to realize God's work

Update #1:

The Rector's Discretionary Fund needs your help! Due to a surge in hardships over the last quarter, our parish has provided an unusually large amount of assistance to people in dire need. Did you know that the Rector's Discretionary Fund is only funded by the loose plate offering from the first Sunday of the month? This has caused the Discretionary Fund to deplete to near zero. Discretionary funds are used for Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) scholarships and children's scholarships to Music & Drama Camp, as well as neighbors in need. (The Vestry recently passed a motion to redirect all loose plate to the Discretionary Fund until the end of 2019; please note the need is great for Shrine Mont scholarships and community members in distress.)

Update #2:

Just a reminder for those who are new; please use the Check Requisition forms or the Reimbursement forms in the Business Office if you incur expenses on behalf of your ministry or the church. For most items, the bylaws expect the ministry leader to purchase items up front and be reimbursed for the item. If you need a payment sent to a vendor, please use the Check Requisition form. For special cases with Church Officer approval, Catherine Dubas can make transactions with the Church credit card.

Update #3:

Fall is the time for us to prepare the next year's budget! Ministry leaders and delegates should submit any requests, updates, or changes to the Finance Committee. These requests will be taken into account for the 2020 draft budget, and then submitted to the vestry for approval. Ministry leaders should also gauge their remaining 2019 funds; they can do this by contacting the Treasurer or Maria Bottlick who will send an email with the remaining funds available to you. Any funds not used during the year will be returned to the Church's general fund.

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## September Ministries Fair

by Maria Macfarlane, Senior Warden

The Vestry of St. Barnabas' invites you to attend the Ministries Fair on Sunday, September 8, 2019. It will be held before and after the 10:15 a.m. service in the Richardson Room. It is the Vestry's hope that the Ministries Fair will highlight the many activities that are under way in this church, and will stir interest in participation.

A brochure summarizing the ministries of the parish will be available. The brochure gives names and telephone numbers of those who would be able to help you find a way to participate. Each committee or activity represented in the brochure will also have someone at the Fair with materials that show more about what the work of that group involves. We hope that as many as are able will come to the Ministries Fair, get a cup of coffee or tea, and walk around the room exploring the exhibits. Take the opportunity to talk with those representing a committee that interests you.

One of the important functions of the Ministries Fair is to help us learn about each other, and in particular the talents and interests of the people we worship with on Sundays. Do you want to be a lector? Call George Sinclair. Does your child want to sing in



the children's choir? Contact Leigh Kennedy. Are you interested in working with flowers in church? See Dana Wiseman. Take a brochure home! We hope it will inspire you to find new ways to serve or to find a ministry that will help you in your spiritual journey.

## **Beginnings Book Group**

The Beginnings book club will hold their first meeting after the summer break on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. The book is *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. We will meet at the home of Gertrude Jones, and all are welcome to join our discussion.

## Treasury Notes (continued from p. 2)

Update #4:

While we have made good strides in our annual pledges, please consider increasing your pledge this coming year. Church improvements like the parking lot and the narthex woodwork would not be possible without the generosity of its most valuable members -you! Next month, look for financial updates on our pledges, expenses, and annual budget.

Thank you,

John Westerlund

St. Barnabas' Treasurer

St. Barnabas' Mission: Serving our community, the world, and each other through the love of Jesus Christ.

#### **Recent Moves**



#### **Grace Robbins**

9480 Virginia Center Boulevard, Unit 434 Vienna, VA 22181-4813

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#### Sarah Kiely

1222 Maple Tree Drive #104 Leland, NC 28451

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#### Young Min Kwon

368 S. Atlantic Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15224

For questions contact the Parish Office.

Next Date for Baptisms

All Saints' Sunday

**November 3, 2019** 

If you or someone you know is interested in Holy Baptism please contact Canon Flanagan or the Parish Office. Page 4 September 2019

## ACCA News - Annandale Christian Community for Action

The 2019 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk is planned for Saturday, October 19 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration starts at 8 am near the Marina. The walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS), which funds programs for hunger, disaster and refugee relief and sustainable de-



velopment in more than 35 countries. CWS returns part of the funds raised by CROP Walks to local organizations like ACCA to fight hunger and poverty. The 2019 Annandale CROP walk will be Annandale's fortieth, and CWS is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the first CROP Hunger Walk. You can support the walk by walking, donating, or helping at the walk. Enjoy the fellowship and a walk around beautiful Lake Accotink. For more information, please contact Camille or see the bulletin board for more information.

The ACCA Furniture Ministry will resume operations in September. In late August, we will receive the schedule for volunteer crews who deliver furniture and pick up donations.

The ACCA Child Development Center has been able to open new classrooms to serve additional preschool children. A summer program was offered for school-age children who are siblings of children enrolled in the preschool or infant/toddler program.

ACCA awards college scholarships to Fairfax County high school graduates who have overcome disabilities to succeed in school and life. The scholarships are a tribute to Emily and Fred Ruffing, leaders of the founders of ACCA. The 2019 awardee, Rosy Sultano, will attend George Mason University. Continuing Ruffing Scholarship recipients are Kyle Gatesman (second year at Johns Hopkins University), Molly McCracken, (third year at Longwood University), and Katherine Cespedes and Esraa Mahran (both fourth year at George Mason University).

Victor Nguyen, a 2019 graduate of Annandale High School, received this year's ACCA Making a Difference Award. The award recognizes outstanding community service and is sponsored by Gina Kim. Victor will attend Virginia Commonwealth University this fall.

ACCA is continuing its Good Neighbor project with Lutheran Social Services to provide support to refugee families in our area. The "Homework Club" program will provide tutoring for children and mentoring and ESL for parents. Training for volunteers will be September 7, and the program resumes September 28.

The new shelter for the homeless in the Bailey's Crossroads area will open in late 2019. The facility will include innovative services for homeless residents. The Seminary Road facility will replace the existing Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter.

For more information about ACCA, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz at 703 573-0074 or kcmittelholtz@gmail.com.

## **Reporter Deadline • Office Hours**

The deadline for the October issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Sunday, September 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to Catherine in the Parish Office at <a href="mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com">stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com</a>. Hard copies of announcements and photos are welcome, as well.

Regular office hours resume in September: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Report from the Rector Search Committee**

by Molly Newling

The St Barnabas' Community Ministry Portfolio has been completed by the Search Committee after a period of analyzing information from the Parish surveys, writing, rewriting, getting input from key committees and individuals, and review by the Vestry. It has now been forwarded to the Diocese for review, and then posting for Rector candidates to see and respond to.

The Search Committee has now turned to the task of crafting interview questions for potential candidates.

Another task we are beginning to work on, with the assistance of Catherine Dubas and Mariel York, is to update the website to reflect the current status and activities of the parish. This is important for two reasons, both to give Rector candidates a better sense of who we are and what we do, and also to provide that same information for individuals who may be looking for a church home.

Anyone who has a question about the search process is welcome to contact PJ Kennedy, Chair, or any of the committee members: Hugh Agnew, Michael Dugger, Librada Estrada, Rotha Frye, Carolyn Lilienthal, and Molly Newling.



## Fall Adult Forum Sessions Begin September 15th

by Jocelyn Leatherwood

This year's Adult Forum theme is "A Time of Transition." Sometimes change can make us feel anxious or uncertain, but it also offers us a wonderful opportunity to press the reset button and reconnect to God's plan for us. We hope that this year's Adult Forum sessions will give you a chance to reflect on God's plan for you and for the people of St. Barnabas in this time of transition.

Our opening session on September 15 will be "A time of transition" led by The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan. On September 22, the Cuba mission team will report on this summer's mission trip. There will be no Forum on September 29 as it is Shrine Mont weekend.

## Yoga with Friends - Join Us!



Join us in the Richardson Room on Tuesdays from 7-8 PM for an all-levels slow flow Vinyasa Class featuring sun salutations, warrior poses, standing balances, and centering. The cost is \$10 per person for each class. Please bring your own yoga mat. Yoga props will be provided. For more information or for class cancellations, see the *Yoga with Friends* website at <a href="https://www.findyouryogablog.com/yoga-with-friends">https://www.findyouryogablog.com/yoga-with-friends</a>.

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## Shrine Mont Parish Retreat for All Ages - September 27-29, 2019

The annual Shrine Mont Parish Retreat is upon us! From Friday evening, September 27 through noontime on Sunday, September 29, we will share fellowship, worship, and inspiring sessions discussing *Racial Healing*. There also will be sessions for Children and Youth.

Registration forms are now due. Please contact Ann Sayles or the Parish Office as soon as possible if you intend to register but have not done so yet. Registrations are to be completed and payment made no later than Saturday, August 31. This will allow Shrine Mont staff time to plan for meals, housekeeping, etc.

Hope to see you there!

Photo right: A Calm, Chilly Evening by the Fire Courtesy of Sharon Jones



**SAVE THE DATE FOR OKTOBERFEST!** The Men's Group annual Oktoberfest supper will be at 6 pm on Saturday, October 28. Please come for an evening of *gemütlichkeit* with traditional German food and



drink. Jazz played by Young Kwon, our former music director, will enliven the celebration. Your freewill donations will be much appreciated to cover expenses. Any surplus will go towards our teens' 2020 Pilgrimage, as well as supporting future Men's Group efforts.

## **Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God**

We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing ... for Stephen Ackert & family, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Maria Bottlick, Jean Anne Braddon, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Rotha Frye, Lee Gibbs, Fred Holmes, Sharon Jones, Carolyn Kercheval, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Barbara Metz, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Marie Pannier, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, Kathleen Stark, Dana Wiseman, Ann Woodle, and Mary Yeaman.

For the Church ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry; and our Diocesan Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Robert Wilkes Ihloff, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, The Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews, and their families.

For our Interim Rector, The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan, and her family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment); for our vestry, wardens, and staff; for the work of the Rector Search and Minister of Music Search committees, and for the work and ministry of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Palma Soriano, Cuba and the team from St. Barnabas' who travelled there in July.

## **Sunday School Open House and Opening Day**

by Mariel York, Director of Christian Education

First, the Christian Education team hopes that everyone had a fun, restful, and pleasant summer. This year we were pleased to offer two *Summer Sessions* for children at St. Barnabas.' On July 14th we had a Labyrinth Walk and crafts, and on August 11th a session on Meditation and crafts.

We are excited to begin the program year with a variety of classes and opportunities for Children and Youth, including Godly Play, B'Tweens, Rite 13, J2A, and Children's Chapel. On September 8th we will commission the Sunday School teachers at the 10:15 a.m. service. Please come to our Sunday School Open House either before or after the 10:15 a.m. service to visit our newly reorganized classrooms.

Sunday School classes begin the following Sunday, September 15th, our Opening Day. As always, nursery care by our vetted, trained, and caring staff is available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please visit our newly updated St. Barnabas' website and click on Christian Education to learn more about the classes for Children and Youth and the Adult Forum, as well as the upcoming Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont.

Thank you and blessings for our Sunday School teachers for 2019-2020:

Godly Play Theresa Merchant and Joan Blair

B'Tweens Grace Robbins, Phyllis McKoy, Alusine Kanu, and Cindy McLaughlin

Rite 13 Simone Dugger and Mark Patterson

J2A Ellen Riddle, Jessica Riddle, and Andy Riddle

#### Thanks and More Thanks to...

- Caritas, whose ministry continues 24/7 and is largely visible only to those who welcome it;
- Mariel York and the Youth Committee who have been spending many hours gearing up for the coming program year, and our teachers who undertake their important work with our young people;
- Stephen Ackert, for taking on the Music Search Committee AND filling in for the near future—a big job;
- Jack Miller and Molly Newling for their leadership of FACETS;
- Ed Ing for being so generous with his time, especially with ASYP and Maria Bottlick, our Bookkeeper;
- Jennifer Henry, who provides prayers for healing with Bob Macfarlane immediately following the 8 a.m. service;
- Cindy McLaughlin, who always steps up when needed;
- Matthew Dugger and Garrett Patterson for their many years of service as they move on to college;
- Leigh Kennedy, for her leadership with our Children's Choir;
- Mark Patterson, whose green thumb is such a gift to us;
- The Search Committee, who meets rain or shine as they characterize our common life and reach out to clergy who may be a fit;
- John Westerlund and Ken Mittelholtz for keeping the office computers up-to-date;
- Theresa Merchant, Katie Westerlund, Carolyn Lilienthal, Ken Mittelholtz, and Mariel York for all their work reorganizing and setting up the Education Wing;
- Ken Mittelholtz for painting the front (exterior) wall of the church, involving scaling a very tall ladder....

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Dear St. Barnabas family,

Thanks so much for the many cards and flowers and food and prayers. Also my heartfelt thanks to the Caritas teams for helping me with whatever I needed. God truly brought me to the right place.

Peace, Sharon Jones

### The Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

The Women of St. Barnabas' are eager to embark on our 2019-2020 season. It is of course a different time from the early days of the WOSB. Back then women's groups were the only avenue for women to be active in the church. But now there are few organizations or positions which women can't occupy. The result is a smaller group of women who try to accomplish what the larger group accomplished quite easily in the past. Fortunately for those of us who are able to attend the meetings and plan the activities, our wonderful congregation rallies around and makes our work possible.

While our small group decides how the money is spent, we welcome suggestions from church members who know of organizations that need help. We give to local causes, national causes, and, through Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), to international causes. We also consider St. Barnabas' needs. Recently, we presented Spanish language bibles to inmates of the Fairfax County Detention Center, and have donated to a facility which trains service dogs for veterans. In 2018 we gave away \$9,685, and have given away \$8,397 so far this year.

We typically meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. from September through June, with the following exceptions: The September meeting is on the second Tuesday. We do not meet in December. Our January meeting is replaced by a New Year's Brunch at 10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday. At our last meeting in June (first Tuesday of the month) we have a Soup & Salad Supper at 6:30 p.m. so that working women and those with small children can join us. It is an evening for food and fellowship, and we have a guest speaker.

The WOSB have three main fundraisers. First is our Christmas Bazaar, which this year we are calling *Deck the Halls Christmas*. The Bazaar will be on Friday and Saturday, November 15-16. In 2020, we will have our Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 25, and our Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday, May 9.

Please come to a meeting if you can. We thank everyone in advance for your support which you have always offered so generously. We appreciate those who turn out to help us prepare for and clean up after our various events, and for your support in so many other ways. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

- Gertrude Jones

#### **Barnabees**

The Barnabees is the craft arm of the WOSB, and meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. during the program year. Our first meeting will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>. At these meetings we make the crafts that are sold at the Christmas Bazaar, and enjoy wonderful fellowship. While we have been working at a leisurely rate through the summer months, we'll be working in earnest until the Bazaar in November.

Come join us - you do not have to be a craft master to take part. Come to lend a hand, and you might be truly surprised at what you can end up making! Your help will be invaluable and much appreciated.

# Wonder in All Introducing Our Annual Giving Program

by Gil Baldwin, 2018-19 Stewardship Chair

Wonder in All, the theme developed by the Diocese of Virginia, inspires our drive for 2020 pledges. This year's giving ministry theme is based on the prayer after Baptism (pg. 308 in the Book of Common Prayer) which concludes with, "...give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works." In our discussions we also discussed how Wonder in All means both awe at God's power and creation and also our God-given ability to ponder, ask questions, and explore.

Your gifts to St. Barnabas' enable us to serve our community, the world, and each other through the love of Jesus

Christ. In October each of you will receive a personal invitation to prayerfully consider your 2020 pledge. It is an appropriate time to inventory the wonders and abundance of the life which God has given us.

The Stewardship Committee includes Janice & James Carroll, Co-Chairs; Maria Macfarlane; Molly Newling; Grace Robbins; Mark Patterson; Katie Westerlund; Gil & Bonnie Baldwin; the Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan; and our unsung hero Catherine Dubas. We welcome new members to join us in this ministry.



#### **Miles of Pennies**

by Gertrude Jones and Janet George

How many pennies in a mile? Well, there are 16 pennies to a foot, and with a little multiplying one comes up with 84,480 pennies per mile which equals \$844.80. The *Miles of Pennies Fund* was started by the Church Periodical



Club (CPC), which was established in 1888 by the Episcopal Church Women in New York City to help supply books for seminarians. They later sent bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers by stagecoach.

On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of CPC in 1988, the *Miles of Pennies Fund* began to supply reading material for children, and it is now supported by many dioceses throughout the United States, including Virginia. Janet George, who is in charge of this ministry, will place the jar on the food table during Coffee Hour on Sunday, and on the shelf in the narthex at all other times. She periodically takes the coins to a bank and converts them into a check which she sends to the diocesan CPC director. Janet says we accept larger coins as well as bills!

Grants of an actual mile of pennies, \$844.80, are given to groups for books (secular or religious), CD's, videos, workbooks, libraries, and for tutoring and other aids to children in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The grants are open to anyone who is interested in supplying these things to children. So please remember when coming to church on Sunday, after you have enjoyed Coffee Hour, to put some change (or a bill) in the Miles of Pennies container. Thank you.

**USHERS NEEDED!** Please note: Ushers are needed for the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. Ushers ensuse that worshippers are personally greeted, provided with a service leaflet, and are comfortably seated. Interested? Please contact the Parish Office.

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### **Seating Matters!** (continued from p. 1)

I once went to church with a friend on Long Island, and at the Peace I went to extend my hand and she dug her elbow into my ribs and said, "No, no, they don't do that here!" And they didn't! They continued to stand, facing forward, and had made the verbal response, but remained frozen in place! We have the opposite challenge; we are quite effusive and a newcomer can feel overwhelmed. If we exchange the Peace with those in front and back of us, that's frequently sufficient for liturgical purposes. Contrary to popular opinion, it isn't "half-time." As we "insiders" know, fellowship follows the liturgy.

People with school age children need to be up front. Kids can't see anything from the back and are much more likely to get bored and squirmy if they aren't engaged in a way that allows them to see and participate. On occasions when ours are in church with Theresa Merchant they are in the front row and models of deportment. In fact, there are parishes who reserve the first two or three rows for the Sunday School and staff them with teachers, which always seems to work well.

Some parishes have a carpet up front or on the side where toddlers can roost and look at books. Some have a norm, printed in the bulletin, that says small children are welcome to wander and those sitting nearest will be responsible to see that they are safe.

Our children have a hard time learning how to participate in the service because they are seldom in church. I'm always grateful when Ellen Riddle is serving because I know she will help the acolytes find their place in the bulletin, find a hymnal and page number, and participate.

As we prepare for the start of a new program year I urge you to give some thought to seating, and to how people participate in worship. If you want to grow and to make room for visitors and newcomers, move up and make room for them at the back. If you want to encourage participation by children, move back and make room for them at the front!

Grace and peace,

Carol+

#### **MAD** Families and Friends

Shrine Mont Music & Drama Camp • June 2019



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#### **MAD Thanks**

To St Barnabas-

Thank you for letting me go to MAD camp. I'm so grateful! It's so fun to be there with my friends, and we do fun activities too. We made a play about David and Goliath! It was so much fun!

From - Laura

Photo right: MAD (Music & Drama) campers



Dear St. B,

Thank you for sending me to MAD Camp! I had more than a wonderful time there just as I have had the past 2 years! Some of you ask what's the best part about it and that would be...the friends that turn to be your family for the week. I am so happy that St. Barnabas has let me go for 3 years and lets others go too. Shrine Mont really helps you connect to God and Christ so, it really has an effect on you! Thank you again for sending/funding me too go to MAD Camp 2019!!

From,

Johanna

Dear St. B's,

Thank you so much for the scholarship to MAD Camp! I had so much fun, and made a bunch of new friends! I got a cool group for singing a song, and had a lot of fun doing that. I'm so glad you guys let me go to MAD Camp every year.

Thanks and much love,

Ali

Thank you for the scholarship to go to MAD Camp. This was my second year there and it was still loads of fun. I was in a small group for singing, and I was part of the Fee-Fi-Foe-Fum Army, an army of giants that are problems people my age face today. Thank you again for the funding!

- Jordan

Dear St. Barnabas Parishioners,

Thank you for your support to send me to my first MAD Camp this summer. I had a fun time. I made new friends. My favorite part of camp was the afternoon elective time - we could do special things like play on TK's beat-box, extra pool time with Adam and adulting with Michael. When adulting we would do what an adult would do, like get coffee, call people to fix your car and do resumes. In the homily, I played Saul, the King of the Israelites. Memorizing the lines was easy for me. I liked some of the songs we sang, like Isaiah 40, Wade in the Water and Light the Fire.

Again, thank you for sending me!

Joshua



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#### **Adult Choir Rehearsal Resumes**

Wednesday, September 4 • 7:30 p.m.

# Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers and Installation of Stewardship Committee

Sunday, September 8, 2019 • 10:15 a.m. service

#### Ministries Fair and Sunday School Open House

Sunday, September 8, 2019 before and after the 10:15 a.m. Service

#### **Opening Day**

Sunday, September 15, 2109

Adult Forum, Children & Youth Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

Children's Chapel during first half of 10:15 a.m. service

Children's Choir following 10:15 a.m. service