

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

## St. Barnabas Anglican Church

Celebrating Anglo-Catholic worship and mission since 1870

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### **Canada's 150th Anniversary logo!**

Canadian students from across Canada were invited to create the official logo for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation through a national design contest. Ariana Cuvin, a student at the University of Waterloo, created the winning design chosen from a field of over 300 eligible entries. The logo is composed of a series of diamonds arranged in the shape of the iconic maple leaf. The four diamonds at the base represent the four original provinces that formed Confederation in 1867: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Additional diamonds extend out from the base to create nine more points—in total representing the 13 provinces and territories.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA



### **Our new priest**

On Sunday May 28, at Mass, it was announced from the pulpit that Fr. Kevin Block would be our new Priest-in-Charge effective July 01, 2017. This announcement was met with a hearty round of applause from the congregation. We welcome Fr. Block and look forward to his tenure with us for many years to come.

### **Vestry Meeting, June 04**

After Mass on June 04, there will be a Vestry Meeting in the Great Hall. All parishioners are asked to attend and to vote, by secret ballot if needed, for members of our new Corporation and Parish Council. While some members of Parish Council will be appointed by the clergy, as per canon law, most others will be elected at the meeting. A number of individuals have already been nominated, and further nominations will be accepted from the floor. Please make every effort to join us and vote.

### **Thought for the Month**

*A regular monthly feature as suggested by one of our members.*

Whenever you have the opportunity to laugh, laugh; whenever you have the opportunity to dance, dance; whenever you have the opportunity to sing, sing – and one day you will find you have created your paradise.

### **Feast Day of St. Barnabas June 11, by Fr. Steinman**

Barnabas was a Jewish Levite from Cyprus who became one of the earliest Christian disciples at Jerusalem. His original name was Joseph, but he was called Barnabas by the Apostles, that name being interpreted by St. Paul as “Son of Encouragement” (*Acts 4:36.*)

It was Barnabas who introduced St. Paul to the Apostles (*Acts 9:27*) and he was sent by them to inquire into the situation at Antioch, where Christianity was being introduced to the Gentiles (*Acts 11:22*). Barnabas then brought St. Paul from Tarsus to help him in the first missionary journey which followed (*Acts 13 & 14*), beginning with Cyprus. In this work Barnabas was originally the leader, though St. Paul very soon became the more prominent one.

At the Council of Jerusalem (*Acts 15*), Barnabas defended the claims of the gentile Christians and then returned to Antioch with St. Paul (*Acts 15:30*). Due to a dispute with St. Paul, over John Mark, the two parted company and Barnabas and John Mark returned to Cyprus (*Acts 15:39*).

Barnabas is the traditional founder of the Cypriot Church and legend asserts that he was martyred, by stoning, at Salamis in AD 61. According to another legend, Barnabas was one of the seventy (*Luke 10:1*) and to yet another legend, he was the founder of the Church at Milan and its first bishop. Barnabas has also been cited as the possible author of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

In some places, the Feast day of St. Barnabas is celebrated by a gala procession led by young children scattering rose petals.



*Stained glass window of Saints Peter and Barnabas in the Cathedral of Saint Corentin in France.*

### **June 11<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Dinner**

The Special Events Committee invites all parishioners to a complementary celebratory dinner on June 11, at 5:30 p.m., in the Great Hall, when the Leadership Committee takes this opportunity to thank our faithful serving priests who have guided us through the Administration and Discernment Process since January, 2016. As you know, Diocesan Administration ends at midnight June 03.

It's the committee's special way of saying “thank you,” to the clergy, and the many parishioners who worked with great passion and skill to save our church from closure.

Pick up a dinner ticket from any member of the Special Event Committee. Please note that seating is limited and all tickets will be given on a first come, first served basis. It is suggested that all attendees bring a small personal care item for donation for our Start Me Up Niagara project.

As mentioned in the article above, June 11 is also the Feast of St. Barnabas Day which gives us two reasons to celebrate!

### **The St. Barnabas Choir by Rosemary Greer**

Last year Rev. Ian Chadwick asked me to get the St. Barnabas Choir back together again.

Past choir members John Bacher, Jessie Reid, Ann Ellison and I were the first on board and then we had 3 new members join us. Kathleen Richards brought us her smile and sense of humour, Sonia Whetung brought her musical talents and is also the mother of those 2 lovely girls sitting in the back row - Rebecca and Evelyn. Jennifer Jeffries was the last to come on board and is our "Lady of the Robes" taking care of our choir gowns.



BLACK IS BACK.....As you probably already noticed we have changed our choir gowns from blue to black. We obtained the new ones from St. John's Church in Thorold a few years back. The choir at that time did 2 concerts along with Avanti Chorus to pay for them.

We are quite enjoying our new look and we hope you do as well. Please remember if you have any requests for hymns let our organist Ben Phelan know and he will gladly play them for you. Anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcomed. Cheers.

### **Special Events Report by Marion Tulk**

This Committee has been in existence for 20 years at least and has never stopped working on behalf of St. Barnabas Anglican Church.

This current team of ladies include Annie Vaughan, Beryl Minty, Marian Gayder, Audrey Mitchell, Sheila York and Sharon Valentini. These ladies have developed an amazing rapport, a super work ethic and an ability to be positive and productive no matter what the challenge. During the Administration and Discernment Process, they have been steadfast, in meeting their goal of providing opportunities for "fun" and for providing "funds" to St. Barnabas and its parishioners.

The Committee and of course the many volunteers who answer the call when Marian Gayder asks, has ensured that coffee/goodies are available at coffee hours; that the chicken, turkey and tourtiere pies are made to our standard and the many orders filled. Also, that numerous lunches and dinners have been enjoyed by the parishioners and their friends and families, and that has, in turn contributed generously to the coffers of St. Barnabas; and notwithstanding that during our lean times, the members of the Committee have been known to clean toilets, vacuum and even weed, plant and maintain the gardens.

It never ceases to amaze me of the commitment this team has to St. Barnabas.

**We communicate in three ways:**

1. The words we use.
2. The tone of our voice.
3. Our body language.

It's not so much what we say, but how we say it that communicates!

**Open Doors St. Catharines**

Continuing from last month's newsletter on Open Doors St. Catharines, the Communications Committee's plans for this event are now complete. On Saturday, June 24, our church will be open to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and we will have "guides" in the church during that time to escort visitors on a special stained glass windows tour if wanted, or to answer questions about our faith and our church building. Eleanor Lancaster, Wendy Dowhaniuk and Rosemary Greer will be our official church guides. It is also hoped that one of our clergy would be in attendance during the day to explain our display of priest's vestments. We plan to have complimentary refreshments and sweet rolls available in the Great Hall for all of our visitors.

If you have ever wondered about the stories behind our stained glass windows and their St. Barnabas sponsors come by for an enlightening tour – you'll be impressed!

**Newsletter Summer Hiatus**

Summer is here and it's time to enjoy the great weather outdoors, (that is if the rain ever stops). With that thought in mind I will be enjoying a summer hiatus. There will be no newsletter in July and August. I'll see you in September.

**Our traditional closing prayer**

Glory to God;

Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God;

From generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday Masses – 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM, Wednesday Mass – 9:30 AM

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