

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

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Our first edition...

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter. To keep communicating with the congregants, the newsletter will be published ten times per year, with a hiatus in July and August.

Your comments, photos, news items and articles are welcome. As this is a communication tool for all of us, just e-mail or give me a hard copy of what you would like included and I'll be happy to put them in the next latest issue.

What is the Discernment Process?

For those who are not Barnabites or are shut-ins and cannot attend our Town Hall meetings on the Discernment Process, (to date we've had four meetings) a word about the ongoing Process.

The Discernment Process is intended to help us, and the diocese discern the future needs of St. Barnabas.

We all are better served when there are clear expectations and objectives of our goals ... which is a financially strong, healthy and growing parish! With the rebuilding of our parish programs, after seven years of numerous temporary priests, Bishop Michael Bird has appointed two diocesan representatives to oversee our rebuilding. Administrator and priest-in-charge Fr. Chadwick and Consultant Fr. Thomas, and he approved a special appointee, Ian Smith, brought in by Fr. Chadwick as our temporary treasurer, all working with us to reach our ultimate goal.

One of the first actions in the parish rebuilding was the forming of seven volunteer Discernment Committees: Leadership, Property, Communications, Stewardship, Covenant, Life Line/YWCA and Mission/Greater St. Catharines, (a concept which we wholeheartedly endorse), are actively working in each category, and showing good signs of progress. "Believe and it shall happen," said the Lord.

Fr. Ian Chadwick, Chaplain and Parish Administrator (excerpt from his report to the diocese)

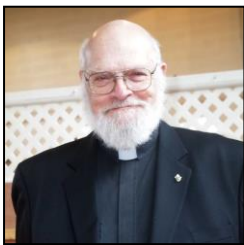


"After my first official four weeks I reported on the admirable turn-out of St. Barnabas people at two "Greater St. Catharines" events held at St. George's Church, and the 36 people who came to hear the Bishop when he visited us on November 10th. Some other recent business included arranging new signing

authority at the Credit Union for our banking, with Pinder's Security Products, and Dumont Security Systems. And most importantly over the last few months was meeting parishioners either at Sunday and Wednesday services, or at parish events. A particular pleasure was getting to know the Hon. Asst. Curate Fr. Bill Steinman, and in the congregation, Fr. Ted Hales.

The next few months I suppose will be busier than ever as we begin to turn from...looking-in to looking-out...to seek and serve our neighbours. Thanks be to God. "

Fr. Bill Thomas, Chaplain and Consultant



Having retired in 2007 as Diocesan Director of Transitional Ministries, I never expected a request from the Bishop to assist St. Barnabas during your time of discernment. But the warm welcome I have received, and engaging with you in the challenges you're facing, has reminded me yet again that one is never so fully alive, with all life's ups and downs, as when one willingly responds to God's call.

Ian Smith, Temporary Treasurer



Hello to the wonderful folks at St. Barnabas. I am the temporary Treasurer for the Parish. My role is to provide support and assistance on financial matters to the Parish Administrator and the Leadership Team.

The Diocesan office is working to finalize the 2016 financial records. When that task is complete, I will begin the processing of preparing financial transactions at the Parish level. This will enable me to prepare detailed and accurate financial records for the Leadership Team and communicated to the congregation on a regular basis.

Our leadership team for now and the future.



The Leadership Team will act as an advisory body, to the diocesan appointed Fathers Chadwick, Thomas and Ian Smith. They will guide them in the changing day-to-day operation of the parish as we head to our benchmark objectives. The Team will then *provide continuity of leadership* once St Barnabas moves out of diocesan administration.

(L to R) Jessie Reid, Sheila York, Allan Spenser, Clodagh Bancroft. Fr. Ian Chadwick, Marion Tulk, absent Ian Smith

Town Hall meeting

Our next Discernment Process town hall meeting will be on February 12, *after* a special luncheon as we celebrate Canada Flag Day.

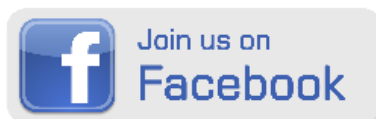
Hello Facebook!

Our parishioners' concerns about using Facebook and the feeling that, "Facebook is for kids" can be gently dismissed by noting how it has radically changed.

By the end of 2011, the most rapidly growing segment of Facebook users, was of people (mostly women) *in their fifties and older*. The exit of Millennials (aged 18-31) has given rise to the quip, "Facebook is the party your parents crashed."

Simply put, in a grandiose but accurate way, with one billion users Facebook is the largest social network in the known universe.

Posting announcements, clicking "like," and adding your comments are the most obvious ways to use and enjoy Facebook. And it's free. The effort to set up, monitor, and maintain a Facebook account is well worth it – St. Barnabas has its own Facebook site, with Roger Tulk and Jessie Reid as co-advisers. Check us out.



Our web site

Our website is under construction and is not currently available. To reach us for up to date information, go to the diocesan website at <http://niagaraanglican.ca/parish/st-barnabasst-catharines>. We update this website every week.

Farewell to St. James, Merritton

With its final service on January 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. St. James Anglican Church closed its doors forever. At the service, the consecrated areas of the church were returned to common use by Bishop Michael Bird, thereby allowing the whole church to now be used for other purposes. Our prayers go out to the St. James parishioners as they search for a new home for their Anglican worship.

Prayers for healing service

The inclusion of prayers for healing in our Wednesday low mass service was renewed: it now takes place on the third Wednesday of every month. No special arrangements have to be made. When at the service just present yourself at the communion rail during the Eucharist, but do not leave after receiving the host. The priest will then bless you and personally say a prayer for your healing.

As usual, non-Barnabites are welcome to our church for this special service.

Clean, Clean, Clean...

Two major cleaning situations have happened at our church.

A crew from Commercial Cleaning Services was on-site for three days in January cleaning the church property, literally from top-to-bottom. Starting with the crew high up on a scaffold cleaning the church ceiling, and finishing with stripping and re-waxing the tile floor in the hall, and **everything** in between!

The other good news about our church cleaning is that the Property Committee recommended that we hire a church custodian and we did. John Burke, formerly the custodian of St. James Anglican Church, started with us in early January. He will be our man “on the spot” replacing the volunteers who cleaned the church and hall. Welcome John.

Candlemas Service

Join us Sunday, February 05 at 10:30 a.m. for this special service. All welcome!

February 14

Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone, especially to our wives, husbands, children and grandchildren. Don’t forget an “I Love You” card, flowers or a chocolate treat.

Pancake Supper

An early reminder of our Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28. Bring a friend.

A prayer for God’s guidance in a time of Discernment

Almighty and everlasting God, renew in us, we humbly pray, the gifts of your Holy Spirit as we seek to discern your purpose for St. Barnabas. Deepen our faith, confirm our commitment to the gospel, and transform us by your love to strive for your kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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

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