

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## Living Our Why

Dear St. Barnabasians,

As we approach the 250th anniversary of July 4th, 1776, I have been considering the fact that many of the families that signed the Declaration of Independence were active lay leaders in a congregation—often in Episcopal congregations. This has been balanced with a consideration of the places and times where the faith of Christ has not been as visible, or recognizable. The question that has been returning to me this spring is, “why participate in a congregation?”

Part of this process has involved remembering my own steps toward returning to participation in a congregation as a young adult more than two decades ago. I had learned the hard way that I needed to participate in a congregation for my own spiritual well-being, and hopefully also for the spiritual well-being of others. Beyond the theological point that Baptism and Eucharist connects us to the Body of the Risen Christ who is eternally victorious over sin and death, there are several other reasons why involvement in a congregation can be good for us:

- in a congregation, we can practice our faith alongside others, and we can reflect on our practice of faith with others.
- in a congregation, we can offer our gifts to God, and we can wonder together, about how God might be responding to us.
- in a congregation, we can learn valuable skills for ministry and leadership.
- in a congregation, we can learn habits that support abundant life and abundant relationships.
- in a congregation, we can be reminded of God’s care and this can empower us to care for others.
- in a congregation, we can hear the embodied Word of God’s forgiveness and grace—and hopefully this can empower us to seek and offer forgiveness and grace with our fellow humans, while maintaining appropriate and healthful boundaries.
- in a congregation, we can participate in an oral tradition of responding to God and interpreting the Scriptures for our daily lives.
- in a congregation, we have an opportunity to learn how others have lived their faith, as we share our interpretations of Scripture together—and there are times when this happens most powerfully without words.
- in a congregation, we can learn to pray and hold fast in our faith even when circumstances are difficult and the path forward isn’t clear.

I would be interested to hear more in person about the “why” or “whys” that you are living as we embody the Resurrection together in these fifty days of Easter.

Peace and Grace,  
John+

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito  
Rector

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Women of St. Barnabas’ “Mat Hatter’s Tea”*
- *A Note from the Music Minister*
- *Lent Madness Winner: Sister Constance*
- *Invasive Plant Removal*
- *Personal Essay from Parishioners*
- *Summer Birthdays*
- *Ski Trip 2027*

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***Worship Schedule***

8 a.m. Sunday Holy  
Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Sunday Holy  
Eucharist

## Vestry Highlights

At its meeting February 23, the Vestry approved the draft Parochial Report for 2025, due on March 1. The parish reports annually to the effort to the Diocese of Virginia on our ministry, finances and membership. The Rev. Shellito expressed appreciation for all those who helped gather information for the report and said that he was especially grateful to Molly Newling, John Weserlund and P.J. Kennedy for their efforts to report on attendance and finances in 2025, respectively. The Vestry approved the outline of an application for St. Barnabas' to file with the Lilly Foundation by March 18 for a Clergy Renewal Grant; if awarded, the grant would financially support renewal, for both St. Barnabas' and John+ during a Sabbatical currently being planned for March 29-September 7, 2027 (Easter Monday to the day before the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Mary).

At its March 23 meeting, the Vestry approved appointment of Ellen Riddle as the St. Barnabas' delegate to the November 2026 Diocesan Convention and appointment of Katie Westerlund as our alternate delegate. Anne Radway (class of 2026) announced that she would no longer be able to serve on the Vestry, effective after the March 23 Vestry meeting. The group thanked Anne for her service.

## Lent Madness: *And the Golden Halo Goes To...*

Constance and her Companions! In a surprise upset in this year's Lent Madness, Constance and her Companions triumphed over the Apostle Peter, Martin Luther, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu to win the golden Halo. If you've never heard of them, you're not alone. Here's their story, as told by Neva Ray Fox at [Cosmas and Damian vs. Constance and her Companions | Lent Madness](#)

Nearly 150 years after their personal sacrifice, Constance and her Companions are rightfully remembered and honored for their ministry.

In August 1878, Memphis, TN, was engulfed in a serious yellow fever epidemic. Evacuations were ordered and about 25,000 fled the city by any means possible. Unfortunately, many were unable to leave, thereby facing fever, panic, and an almost assured death. An average of 200 died each day.

But one group remained to tend and care for the sick. Collectively known as Constance and her Companions, the Martyrs of Memphis, they offered solace during the crisis. Say their names: those we lost: Sister Constance, Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, the Rev. Charles Carroll Parsons, the Rev. Louis S. Schuyler; and those who survived: the Very Rev. George Harris, Sister Hughetta.

Based at the cathedral, their relief efforts spanned healthcare, food, and homelessness. They faced unbearable heat, humidity, widespread illness—exhausting each beyond their limits.

Fr. Parsons, to the bishop, wrote: "It is impossible. Go and turn the Destroying Angel loose upon a defenseless city... and then you can form some idea of what Memphis... is."

He added, "The fever is assuming a most fearful form . . . distress and death are on all sides."

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## Lent Madness *(continued)*

Despite their obvious selflessness, they attracted their share of detractors. Nonetheless, small-mindedness did not stop them. In true form, Sister Constance stood up to those who thought their ministrations were needless. "Sirs," she challenged, "is it possible that you would have us refuse to these children the very protection you have obtained for your own?"

Prayers were never far from their thoughts. While tending to the sick, and at her own death, Sister Constance spoke aloud a familiar prayer: "O God, make speed to save [us]; O Lord make haste to help us."

On September 9, 1878, Sister Constance was the first to succumb to yellow fever, followed rapidly by Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, Fr. Parsons, and Fr. Schuyler.

Before she died, Sister Constance offered a message in writing and verbally for her companions. "You will be good to my people."

Sister Constance, as she lay dying of the same plague she tended to [in] others, chanted, "Alleluia, Osanna," which translates to "Praise the Lord, save us now" or "Praise the Lord, I pray." At the altar of St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis, the words "Alleluia, Osanna" are inscribed as touching memorial to Sister Constance and Sisters Francis, Ruth, Thekla.

All six martyrs are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. "Greater Love Hath No Man" proclaims the graves of Fr. Parsons and Fr. Schuyler.

Say their names. Remember their names. *Sister Constance, Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, the Rev. Charles Carroll Parsons, the Rev. Louis S. Schuyler.*



Sister Constance and her Companions belonged to the Episcopal Order of St. Mary,. In 1888, Sister Hughetta, the only sister who survived the epidemic, moved to Sewanee, Tennessee and started what is now the Southern Province of the Sisters of St. Mary. The order is closely associated with the Beeken School of Theology at the University of the South. This year, members of the order serve as Spiritual Sojourners for Education for Ministry. You can find an excellent brief video about Sister Constance and her Companions at the Advocate Church YouTube channel: [The Vicarage, Episode 8 - Constance and Her Companions](#)

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

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party will be **Saturday May 9, 2-4 p.m.** in the Richardson Room. Don a festive and/or clever hat, bring your mother or friends, and enjoy a delightful afternoon of teas and treats.

Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6-12, and children under age 6 may attend for free.

At the February WOSB brunch, those who attended agreed to the proposed 2026 distribution of funds WOSB raised or donations received in 2025. In April, WOSB gave \$1950 to ministries of St. Barnabas and a total of \$3850 to charitable organizations. WOSB plans to distribute another \$1650 in in the fall.



## Summer Birthdays

Hugh Agnew  
 Maria Anderson  
 Lydia Arana  
 Gil Baldwin  
 Deborah Batten  
 Francine Conteh  
 Joshua Dugger  
 Matthew Dugger  
 Liam Ewald  
 Lulu Harris  
 Ed Ing  
 Randy Jones  
 Luke Lilienthal  
 Sophie Lilienthal  
 John Lowery  
 Todd McKeever  
 Theresa Merchant  
 Jackson Miller  
 Ron Parlow  
 Garrett Patterson  
 Genevive Phillips  
 Andy Riddle  
 Jessica Riddle  
 Jeff Schaefer  
 Cat Shellito  
 Joaquin Tamanaha  
 Nora Verstandig  
 Laura Westerlund

## Creation Care at St. Barnabas'

Early this year we got a surprise call from a coalition of PRISIM of Fairfax County, Plant NOVA Trees, and other local organizations asking to use our facilities to train landscapers in identification and removal of invasive plants. We agreed that we would be happy to support their effort and over eighty landscapers turned up in late February to take the training!

The BIG benefit for St. Barnabas' was that after the morning class the workers went outside behind the church to practice removing invasive plants, including English Ivy climbing up tree trunks, Amur Honeysuckle shrubs, Porcelain Berry vines that climb our trees and block the sunlight, Honeysuckle vines, and other invasive plants.

All participants agreed that the event was a plus for both organizations, and we hope to be able to host the workers and benefit from their energy in the future.



*Bush Honeysuckle (foreground) with cut stems painted with herbicide to kill the roots.*



*Removing vines from trees.*



*Our overwhelmed dumpster after the training concluded.*

## Pentecost and Trinity

Pentecost and Trinity Sunday together mark a pivotal turning point in the life and theology of the Episcopal Church. Arriving after the close of the Easter season, these two feasts invite the Church not only to remember foundational events but also to reflect deeply on the nature of God and the mission of the Church in the world.

Pentecost, celebrated fifty days after Easter, commemorates the moment described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–21), when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the disciples were empowered to speak in many languages, proclaiming the good news to people from diverse nations. For Episcopalians, this event is often called the “birthday of the Church,” because it marks the beginning of the Church’s public mission.

In the Episcopal tradition, Pentecost is not only a historical remembrance but an ongoing reality. This emphasis is reflected in the Book of Common Prayer, where the prayers for Pentecost ask God to renew the hearts of the faithful and to empower them for service. Liturgically, the day is celebrated with red vestments symbolizing fire, and some congregations incorporate multiple languages into worship, echoing the unity-in-diversity revealed in the Pentecost story.

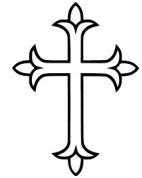
Immediately following Pentecost, Trinity Sunday shifts the Church’s focus from what God does to who God is. Trinity Sunday is unique in the Church year because it is dedicated not to an event but to a doctrine: the mystery of one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While the word “Trinity” does not appear explicitly in Scripture, the concept arises from the Church’s reflection on passages such as Matthew 28:19, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, and the broader witness of the New Testament.

Historically, the doctrine of the Trinity was clarified in the early centuries of Christianity, particularly through the work of theologians and councils such as the First Council of Nicaea. Within the Anglican tradition, this teaching is affirmed in the creeds regularly recited in worship, especially the Nicene Creed. Trinity Sunday, therefore, serves as a moment to reflect on the Church’s theological inheritance and to affirm a shared understanding of God’s nature.

Trinity Sunday can feel abstract, but it carries practical meaning. It expresses that God is relational at the deepest level, an eternal communion of love, and that human community is meant to reflect that same pattern of relationship. The same Spirit poured out at Pentecost is part of this triune life, drawing believers into a deeper participation in God’s presence.

Together, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday form a natural pair. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church’s mission, while Trinity Sunday reflects on the divine mystery that makes that mission possible. One emphasizes action: God at work in the world, while the other emphasizes being: the nature of God as revealed in Scripture and tradition. In the rhythm of the Church year, they invite Episcopalians to move from celebration to contemplation, from receiving the Spirit’s power to pondering the fullness of God’s life.

### In Memoriam



### Lawrence “Larry” Wendel Stark

April 17th, 2026  
Alexandria, Virginia

*Rest eternal grant to your  
servants, O Lord; and let  
light perpetual shine  
upon them.*

*May their souls, and  
the souls of all the  
departed, through the  
mercy of God,  
rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

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## Parish Workdays

At the April 18 parish workday, volunteers cleaned up the church grounds. Additional spring workdays are planned for **Saturday May 16** and **Saturday June 13 - both 9 a.m to noon.**

## Canaan Valley Ski Weekend 2027

Planning has already started for our parish ski weekend at Canaan Valley State Park Resort. The weekend will be Presidents' Day Weekend, February 12-15 2027. The resort is holding a block of rooms for St. Barnabas for us, with option for a few rooms on February 11 or 16. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and winter sports. Please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz for more information.

## ACCA News ▪ *Annandale Christian Community for Action*

ACCA is a church-related organization providing rental assistance, food, furniture and other services to low-income families in the Annandale/Baileys Crossroads area, as well as day care.

In collaboration with Rebuilding Together Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church, St. Barnabas' will be partnering with Annandale United Methodist Church on April 25 to complete repairs for lower-income homeowners in Springfield. The summer Reporter will include a report on our project.

On March 28, volunteers from St. Barnabas and from Cornerstone Evangelical Church delivered furniture to four households who needed furniture and picked up donations from six households. Our next turn to provide a furniture crew will be Saturday May 30. Volunteers meet at 8 a.m. at the furniture warehouse, on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. This will be our last furniture program duty until September. Donations of gently used furniture are invited. Sofas (up to six feet long), tables and chairs, and dressers are the current greatest needs, and twin, full and queen mattresses are always needed.

The ACCA Child Development Center is a full day comprehensive child development program. The program provides affordable, high-quality early education and care for children ages 3 months to 5 years. The Center has openings.

Demand for food assistance continues at a high rate. ACCA delivers a 7- to 10- day supply of groceries and personal hygiene products to families and individuals who have an urgent need. In March, ACCA provided deliveries to 123 households. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items are always needed. You can leave your gift in the narthex.

For more information about ACCA or to volunteer, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz or see [www.accacares.org](http://www.accacares.org). To request assistance, contact the Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning office at 703-222-0880.

## Heritage Mission Center

The Mission Center of Annandale United Methodist Church provides services to the diverse Heritage neighborhood including food distribution. The Center gives food to over 350 families a week. St. Barnabas' collects food for distribution at the Mission Center. Please leave your donations of nonperishable food items in the narthex basket.

## Cuba Mission Report – St. Barnabas' sibling congregation

Our sister church in Cuba, Saint John the Baptist, continues to flourish.

Rev. Yordanis Acosta has replaced Rev. Halbert who visited us in the summer of 2024. Rev. Acosta had brought new energy and ideas to the feeding program at Saint John the Baptist. Instead of us sending food through foreign businesses, they now buy groceries for less money from local vendors. They can get more food for less money and they support local farmers. They are expanding their kitchen to provide more meals for the growing number of needy people.

St. Barnabas' still provides milk and infant formula through foreign channels because they are not available in Cuba at any price.

They had well attended daily activities during Holy Week:

- *Monday*: A retreat
- *Tuesday*: A discussion of a film about the life of Christ
- *Wednesday*: a catechism (class) on the meaning of each day of Holy Week
- *Thursday*: Yumilka conducted a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing
- *Friday*: Rev. Yordanis came to conduct the Good Friday liturgy at 8:00 AM.
- *Saturday*: Easter Vigil, in the dark because of the power outage. This was Yumilka's first anniversary serving as the lay leader of this parish.
- *Sunday*: Rev. Yordanis returned to conduct the Easter service for an overflow crowd

Three teens and two adults were baptized. After the service they had a lunch prepared with groceries purchased with funds that St. Barnabas' had given.

Yumilka has settled in to her new responsibilities:

- Enlarging the meal distribution system under Rev. Yordains' guidance
- Conducting monthly lunch-and-Learn session for seniors with 42 people attending the most recent one
- Conducting catechism classes for children, and leading an active youth group
- After the Hurricane last fall, Yumilka distributed relief supplies from the St. Barnabas' and other sources to people in the congregation and the neighborhood.

## Shrine Mont Camps Summer 2026



With over 60 years of history, **Shrine Mont Camps** welcome families and children of all ages, identities, and backgrounds. At Shrine Mont, we explore the beautiful Shenandoah Mountains and engage in fun activities in Christian community. Shrine Mont Camps is the overarching name for a collection of individual camp programs, each one distinguished by a unique name and number of sessions. In 2026, Shrine Mont Camps is excited to offer **15 different camp sessions** for **children ages 7-17**. All are welcome! <https://www.shrinemontcamps.org/2026calendar>

## Pastoral Care

For urgent pastoral or prayer concerns, whether for yourself or others, in addition to Caritas, please feel free to contact the Rev. John Bolin Shellito directly at (571) 402-2218.

## FACETS Clients Increase

St. Barnabas' and FACETS have seen a significant rise in the number of individuals and families turning to us during our monthly **food distribution**. This increase in need is deeply felt across our entire volunteer team who continue to rise to the challenge with generosity and dedication. While we are doing all we can, we are beginning to feel the pressure of meeting every request with the fullness of care and dignity our mission calls for.

When we joined the **Hot Meals Program** many years ago, we made a promise: to provide every person who came to us not only with a **warm, nourishing meal**, but also with extras such as a piece of bread, a serving of applesauce, and a small treat: a simple gesture of kindness that reminds each recipient that they are seen, valued, and not alone.

Thanks to the incredible support from the **St. Barnabas' community**, we have been able to honor that commitment year after year. We have worked hard never to turn anyone away, and it is our deepest hope to continue fulfilling that promise, even as the need around us grows.

If you have questions about any aspects of the program, please contact me at [mnewling42@gmail.com](mailto:mnewling42@gmail.com).

## Unexpected Problems in the Life of a Foreign Service Officer

*By Anne Radway*

I was assigned to Montevideo, Uruguay, from 1986–88, a favorite post for foreign service officers. The city is modern and safe, and the parents of U.S. personnel looked out for each other. Our house was all on one floor with a large upper room which was my middle son Garth's domain. My youngest son, Derek, and his sister, Jennifer were also with me, and even our cat loved the house because the floors had radiant heat. I had a piano with me that I had bought for Jennifer when she was six and we were living in Annandale. My oldest son, Dana, was not with us because he was at university in the U.S.

While we were in Montevideo, the Anglican Bishop of Lower South America, who was a personal friend, baptized Derek and Jennifer in a bright blue plastic wading pool in the backyard. Even though it was July, the children were very cold (Uruguay is south of the equator, so the seasons are reversed).

I was assigned directly to Caracas, Venezuela, from Montevideo, where the three of us spent three years. We were not quite so lucky in Caracas, where we had a beautiful apartment on the 13th floor. My piano, which had gone easily into the house in Montevideo, would not fit into the elevator. I discussed the problem with the movers, who finally convinced me that by using ropes they could safely pulley the piano up to the thirteenth floor outside the building. I took the elevator up to meet it, but I couldn't watch—my heart was in my throat. We had an open-air balcony with only a low wall, and soon the piano appeared. It was a simple matter to pull it onto the porch, and soon it was sitting in its new home in our living room.

My tour there was, for the most part, uneventful as I performed a variety of diplomatic duties.

After leaving Caracas, I was assigned to Boston, and the piano fit our house there beautifully. I next transferred to Washington and returned to my house in Annandale. Several years later, in 2009, Jonathan and I were getting married, and the house we bought had no wall where I could place the piano. I asked my daughter Jennifer, who by then had four daughters and was renting a piano for them to take lessons on, if she would take it. She said yes, and off went my piano to yet another home, this time in Long Island.

Jennifer was happy to have it, but the tuner she hired advised her that the piano's many voyages had just about destroyed it and that she should get rid of it. I almost couldn't bear the verdict because there were so many memories attached to it. The trip up the outside of the building in Caracas was the most memorable because it was the most unusual. Jennifer, by the way, ignored the tuner. The piano is currently in her living room, and she plays it often.

## The Living Tradition of Sacred Sound at St. Barnabas'

*By Dr. Linda Bennett, Music Minister*



This past season at St. Barnabas has been nothing short of extraordinary. In the weeks leading up to Holy Week, we gathered for a series of joyful and highly musical workshops—moments of learning, refinement, and shared purpose that culminated in a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a vibrant Easter Cantata. These experiences reminded us that great church music is not accidental; it is prepared with care, discipline, and devotion.

The St. Barnabas Choir continues to reveal itself as a remarkable ensemble—gifted with strong voices, keen musical intelligence, and a depth of artistry that is both rare and inspiring. It is a true blessing to this church, and

to my work as a music minister, to collaborate with such thoughtful and capable singers.

My own journey into the Episcopal choral tradition began many years ago. I grew up in Virginia, studied at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and spent my early professional career in Toronto. When I moved to Washington, DC in the early 2000s, I had the privilege of singing for two years at St. Alban's Church under the direction of Norman Scribner. There, I was immersed in the richness, precision, and spiritual depth of the Episcopal choral tradition at its highest level.

That experience shaped my understanding of what church music can—and should—be: not simply beautiful, but formative; not merely performed, but offered.

Just recently, I visited our beautiful Virginia Theological Seminary campus and chapel, where our own seminarian Joshua delivered his graduating sermon. Joshua gave his sermon around the life of our church namesake: beloved St. Barnabas, then concluded his sermon musically in his signature gospel-style, ending with a sustained final high note, where time seemed to stand still. Attendees seemed bonded and held together in a shared moment of awe and wonder—an experience that transcended performance and became prayer.

Music has that power.

It gathers us. It shapes us. It lifts us beyond ourselves. This is the sacred calling of church music. It belongs to all who participate in its offering:

- the singers who robe and give voice,
- the composers who craft beauty into sound,
- the clergy and administrators who support and sustain these ministries,
- and the listeners—whose hearts, ears, and generosity make the work possible.

At St. Barnabas, we are blessed with a congregation that is musically alive—vocally strong, intellectually engaged, and spiritually receptive. There is a readiness here, a shared openness to the transformative power of music in worship.

As we move through this season, we are also looking to grow our ensemble. We are currently seeking: **basses, one alto, and one or two tenors.** to join us through mid-May.

While the choir takes a well-earned pause during the summer months, the music itself never ceases. It continues—in preparation, in reflection, and in the quiet anticipation of what is to come.

Stay tuned for more in our next newsletter.

## ***Thanks and More Thanks***

- For Joshua Duncan and his preaching and leadership as our Seminarian.
- For the Risen Christ who has continued to show up in our midst
- For the leadership and care of the Vestry
- For the wisdom, fortitude, peace, and good humor of so many St. Barnabasians.
- For Cindy and her leadership.
- For our Parish Administrator and Contributions Recorder
- For the Altar Guild and Flower Guild
- For the Counters, Finance Committee, and Treasurers
- For the B&G Committee and all those who have assisted with our Parish Workdays
- For the Youth Committee and everyone who has assisted, taught, and/or inspired our students
- For our Choirs and our Music Minister

## ***The St. Barnabas' Reporter for Michaelmas and All Saints'***

The deadline for submissions to the Summer 2026 issue for *Michaelmas and All Saints'* is **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome a variety of content, including announcements, ministry updates, personal reflections, and event photos that reflect our parish life during this sacred season. Please consider how your contributions can enrich our collective story during the summer months. To contribute, please email your announcements, photos, or other items to the Parish Office at [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com). Alternatively, hard copies of your submissions can also be dropped off at the office.

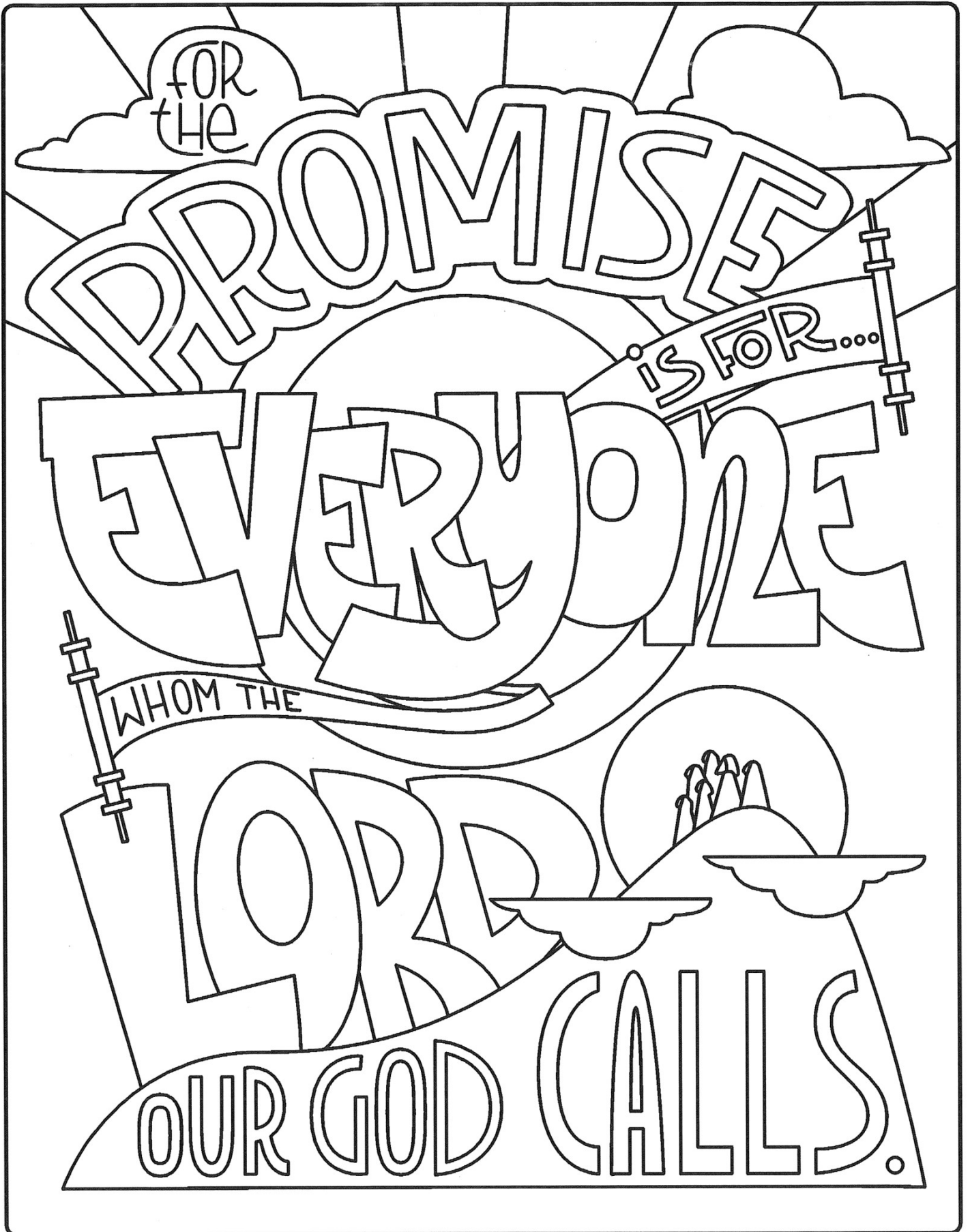
## ***In the Presence of God***

***We pray for God's strength and healing for ...*** Bernard Blair, Charles Camp, Cricket Camp, Margot Donnelly, Charlie Flaherty, Rotha Frye, Joan Gibbs, Beth Harper, James Harris, Barry Hayhurst, Roger Hefferan, James Hughes, Gertrude Jones, Sharon Jones, Joy Lyles, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Maria Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Theresa Merchant, Jack Miller, Helen Mosher, Val Nelson, Linda Pettit-Waldner, Alice Phillips, Anne Radway, Grace Rampersaud, Norma Ricketts, Ellen Riddle, Barbara Rigden, Mary Riggs, Grace Robbins, Trisha Serven, Kathleen Stark, Larry Stark, Karen Steidel, Samuel Tonge, Dana Wiseman, Dave Wright, Mary Yeaman, James Strange.

***For the Church ...*** the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally; our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Sean Walter Rowe; and our Diocesan Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Mark E. Stevenson, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Assistant Bishop; and their families. For our Rector, the Rev. John Bolin Shellito, and his family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment), for our Seminarian Joshua Duncan; for our Vestry, Wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of our sister parish of San Juan Bautista in Palma Soriano, Cuba and for the Archdeaconate of Eastern Cuba.

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

KIDS' COLORING PAGE





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**Celebration of Life for Larry Stark** May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm

**WOSB "Mad Hatter's Tea"** May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

**Mother's Day at St. Barnabas'** May 10<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Workday** May 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon

**Youth Sunday** May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am  
*with recognition for our graduating Seniors*

**Pentecost** May 24<sup>th</sup>  
*beginning of 10:00 am combined Summer Worship*

**Trinity Sunday** May 31<sup>st</sup>  
*(outdoor worship, weather permitting)*

**St. Barnabas' Day celebration** June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Workday** June 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon

**Juneteenth Sunday** June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Save the Date: Shrine Mont Retreat** October 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>