

What a Difference a Year Makes!

What a difference indeed! One year ago, I celebrated my first Easter with all of you here at St. Barnabas'. We had just begun meeting in person once again, and we were getting the hang of live streaming our services. There were all of 40 people in the pews that day for our principal service, but it was still joyous as it had been so long since we were able to be together in person.

This year, our joys were multiplied. As the wave of the Omicron variant waned and the pandemic loosened its grip, more people began to feel comfortable returning to church. This Easter, over the course of three services, we totaled roughly 200 people in attendance and we celebrated with full choir and even had a brass quartet accompany our virtuoso organist Dr. Will Thomas. Easter day certainly was a glorious day of celebration and the Holy Spirit is very much still "up to something" here at St. Barnabas'.

So much has been happening in recent months and our activities bring with them the sense of joy that being a part of a busy and living church feels like. As summer fast approaches and many of us head to the beach, I hope that you will continue to take advantage of all St. Barnabas' has to offer. We are currently in the process of planning Friday nights at the movies where we will come together as a church family and watch a movie together on our beautiful lawn under the oaks. I pray that you all are having a lovely Eastertide. And please do get in touch if you would like to have coffee or lunch with me over the summer. There are so many wonderful people here at St. Barnabas that I have yet to get to know. I would love the chance to share a meal together and get to know you, your family, and learn about how you came to call St. Barnabas' home.

God's blessings,

Fr. Kenn+