

## The Choir Customary

The Saint Barnabas Choir  
Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church  
Greenwich, Connecticut

1. The choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. service every Sunday from September to early June. In 2010-11 there is one Sunday **OFF** (January 2) and seven (7) engagements that are **Sign In** (October 17, November 14, December 24, January 30, February 29, March 20 and May 15).
2. Regular, and required, rehearsal is on the same Sunday that the choir sings, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m.
3. Each choir member should learn the music **before** rehearsals and services. Rehearsal time is more enjoyable and efficient when all members are prepared and at their best.
4. There may be occasional choir concerts during the year. These concerts are not required, but a commitment is necessary to participate. A full rehearsal is required the day before any concert. Depending on the music, extra rehearsals may be necessary.
5. Beginning and ending on time is **very** important as our sessions together are planned with great care and consideration. The following times for Sunday mornings will be held exactly.

9:00 a.m.	Vested in red cassocks and ready in the choir room to rehearse.
9:45 a.m.	Break from the gallery, time for refreshment and final vesting. Only music for the service should be left in the gallery.
9:55 a.m.	Processional line-up in the hall by the Conference Room. Please keep a quiet time during this final preparation.
10:00 a.m.	Clergy prayer and Processional Hymn. Process down the center aisle, bow with partner, turn right and move up the window aisle to the gallery. The crucifer will not take the choir up the window aisle, but will remain in the crossing and wait for the clergy. At the final Hymn, please recess from the gallery on the second verse, standing along the window wall all remaining verses. After the Dismissal, cross over the front and fall in behind the crucifer in doubles as you process out.
11:30	Rehearsal
1:00	End

6. All choir members are asked to not use aftershave, perfume, cologne or any product that has a scent. This is due to allergic reactions by past, present and probably future choir members.
7. When it is known in advance of an absence, the **sign-out** sheet in the choir room should be marked and verbal notice should be given to Michael Roush.
8. If a choir member is not signed out in advance a phone call **must** be placed to Michael Roush at the church. (661-5526 ex.13)
9. The above #8 is absolutely necessary.