

The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | October–November 2020



What two things could be more important during this year unlike any other? In spite of all the challenges that 2020 has brought us, we have remained determined to Continue our Mission. Making Disciples is at the heart of who Saint Barnabas is and we haven't quit! From food and blood drives to webinars for personal growth, from online Quiet Days to a continued Listening Initiative, Saint Barnabas continues to grow and thrive during this pandemic. Thanks be to God! We have sought to stay connected to each other, and this year's pledge drive offers a new and fun opportunity to do just that through our joyful Parish Post project. We hope you'll all take part! Stay tuned for more information this month about how you can be part of things AND support your church going into 2021.

RE-GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Great job, Arizona! In spite of huge spikes in Covid-19 cases this summer, we have managed to reduce our cases substantially in the past couple of months. That means that we are now moving near Phase II of approved worship possibilities: gatherings for up to 50 people, masked and socially distant, at church! There will be much to learn about how to do this safely, but there is HOPE! To keep up on the various guidance from our diocese and parish, visit www.saintbarnabas.org/gathering.

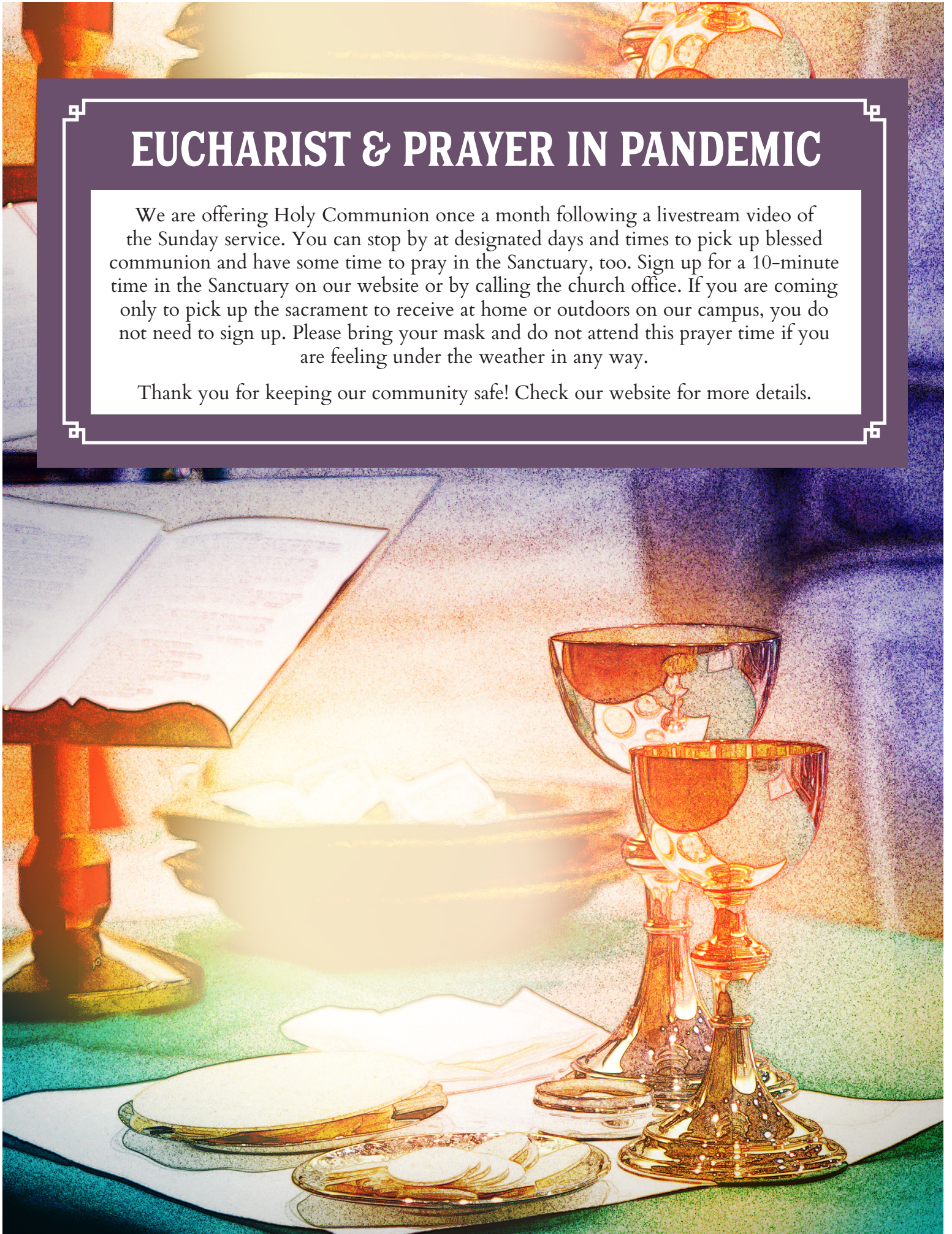
*Sunday
Mornings
Online:*

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| 8:30 | Family Formation Sunday School |
| 9:00 | Conversations |
| 9:00 | Gathering Families |
| 9:15 | Children's Chapel Premieres |
| 10:15 | Worship |
| 11:15 | Gathering Kids |
| 11:15 | Adult Coffee Hour |

EUCHARIST & PRAYER IN PANDEMIC

We are offering Holy Communion once a month following a livestream video of the Sunday service. You can stop by at designated days and times to pick up blessed communion and have some time to pray in the Sanctuary, too. Sign up for a 10-minute time in the Sanctuary on our website or by calling the church office. If you are coming only to pick up the sacrament to receive at home or outdoors on our campus, you do not need to sign up. Please bring your mask and do not attend this prayer time if you are feeling under the weather in any way.

Thank you for keeping our community safe! Check our website for more details.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our Children and Youth leaders **Sarah Petersen** and **Kate Fimbres** continue to find ways to help our children grow during this time. You can learn more about our programs on our website. saintbarnabas.org/children-youth



MUSIC: VIRTUAL CHOIR UPDATE!



Our adult parish choir is still going strong at this time through virtual choir projects and Zoom meetings. Be sure to check out the videos on our YouTube page or our website at saintbarnabas.org/church-updates.

If you would like to join the choir and contribute to our digital musical offerings, please contact: **Robert Heyde** at music@saintbarnabas.org. Weekly Zoom meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7 pm:
Meeting ID: 897 0290 3652 | Password: 266276

REV. ERIKA VON HAAREN DEPARTURE



After 14 years, **Rev. Erika** is departing full-time employment at Saint Barnabas in mid-October to begin her own consulting/coaching business to help those seeking transformational change. We will have a Zoom party for her after church on October 11 (keep your eye on the website for the links as it draws closer).

As is our custom for departing clergy, we are collecting a purse for **Rev. Erika** that you can contribute to at www.saintbarnabas.org/give or by mailing a check to the parish office (payable to Saint Barnabas and designated for Erika's purse). These gifts are not tax-deductible.



Making Connections

UPLIFTING OTHERS

Saint Barnabas has been brimming with life over the past months!
You can find more updates about our busy missions programs at saintbarnabas.org/missions

Welcome Hygiene Packs

Thanks to our hardworking volunteers and lay leader **Allie Tossberg**, 250 care packs were made in early September to be distributed to the homeless who are quarantined with Covid-19. The supplies used to create the packs were items left unused from canceled events during lockdown.

We are so glad to find ways to ensure our resources continue to help those in need!



THE GREAT SAINT BARNABAS FOOD DRIVE

October 24 and November 28, 8-10am | Saint Barnabas

Our monthly food drive has been a wonderful success, providing much-needed donations to our missions partners.

Drive through every 4th Saturday between 8-10am to drop off your donations! Check our website for current needs and more information: <https://saintbarnabas.org/food-drive>

Image by Vanessa Ortiz



THE MILLET HOUSE

The Millet House in Mesa has been serving marginalized people for over twenty years, first via technology outreach, later with a real-life gallery that brings together emerging and established artists of all walks of life so that they can learn from one another. Under normal conditions, people come to the Millet House twice a week to eat. Then after dinner they make art or help make plans for our shows and activities. During the week they may come for cooking lessons, or bring their little ones for “messy art” projects. They might come to borrow a book from our library or to pick up art supplies to take home. Now, under pandemic conditions, we have transitioned to virtual activities. Our first quarantine show, *art-while-apart-Black-lives-matter*, was a huge hit – you can still view it at: <http://themillethouse.com>. Now the artists have planned two more virtual shows: the next, to be called *Silver Linings*, will take place in October, and the third will include a Christmas gift market.

Our weekly Pizza evenings have transitioned to Zoom meetings each Friday, to which all are invited – including you! It’s a great opportunity to meet the artists and to talk about art. Even our most marginalized members are now successfully using Zoom! If you have a working smartphone or an old laptop to donate, we would find them very useful in these virtual times. Some of our members are still using older phones that do not provide good focus or color, and that makes things difficult for artists.



ST. LUKE'S AT THE MOUNTAIN FARMER'S MARKET

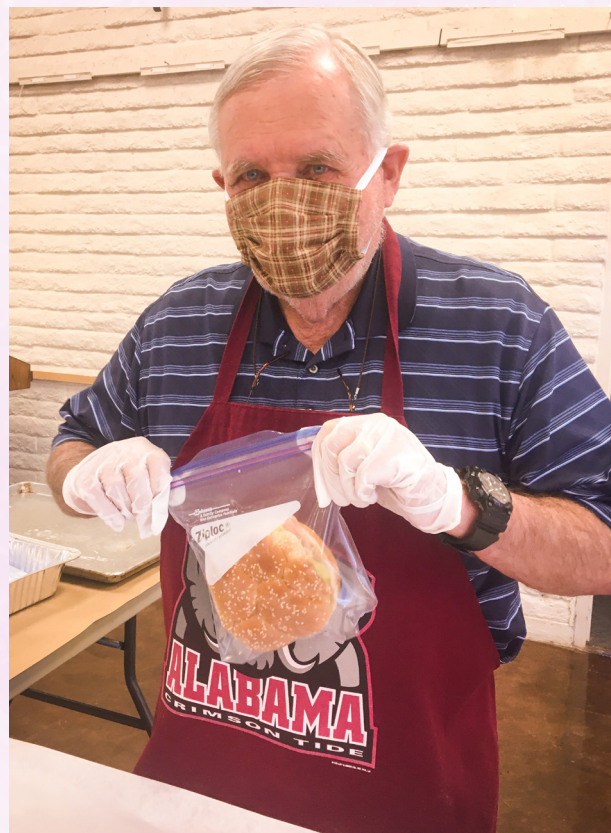
Every 2nd/4th Saturday of the month, 8-10am
St. Luke's at the Mountain Episcopal Church

Did you know? You can represent Saint Barnabas by volunteering to help at the St. Luke's Farmer's Market downtown! Contact **Rev. Susie** at susie@saintbarnabas.org to get involved. Learn more at: <https://saintbarnabas.org/missions>.

Making Connections

EAST VALLEY MEN'S CENTER (EVMC) LUNCH-MAKING PROGRAM November 1-7 | Saint Barnabas

The EVMC volunteers and Saint Barnabas staff will organize a lunch-making ministry in November. Social distancing (limited number of volunteers) and face masks are required. We are thrilled to still be able to provide the needed number of lunches and delivery drivers for the week to the men at East Valley. Contact Mission Leader **Bil Zeleny** (onel5969@cox.net or 928- 379-0031) for more information.



SAINT BARNABAS BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, December 12 | Hutton Hall

In response to community need during Covid-19 times, Saint Barnabas is partnering with Vitalant to offer quarterly blood drives on our campus. Participants keep social distance and wear masks during donation.

Check our website for the link to schedule your appointment:
<https://saintbarnabas.org/blood-drive> or contact Mission Leader **Daniel Collier** for more information (dannycollierSF@gmail.com or 480-221-1936).



Making Connections

PRISON CARD MINISTRY

Over the past months, several members of the parish choir have been writing cards to the women incarcerated at the Perryville state prison in Goodyear. We are sharing some of the recipients' responses to give encouragement to choir members sending cards and to invite parishioners to join us in this ministry.

“Having had no contact with anyone from the outside world for ... years, I sometimes feel like I'm slowly disappearing, but your card and beautiful words of encouragement appeared as if from any old friend. So thank you for the time to write a total stranger....”

“I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to your wonderful prison ministry. You have brought light many times into dark places.”

“Your warm blessings do me well in a world where I feel I scarcely exist & certainly don't matter to the rest of this country. It's good to know there are a few kindhearted, loving people who still consider us human & worthy of a simple kind gesture. Thank you.”

“To all of thoughts (sic) that take the time to send warm wish and happy thoughts to us girls. It means so much to us that are having hard time, with vary (sic) little happy moment while we're away from are (sic) familys.”

“I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the birthday cards. It brought a smile to my face. So many of us get forgotten in here by our loved ones.”

“You guys sure do know how to make someone feel so special & loved!”



If you would like to participate in this mission, just contact either of us. Thank you! It's really a good feeling to be involved in doing something so positive these days.



Janet McKay jmckay5820@msn.com 480-361-6130
Mary Klock maryhklock@aol.com 480-707-8950



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Saturday, December 5 | 7:30AM-10:30AM

Calling all adults and youth (age 16+)! Join us for a workday. The virus won't keep us from our work of building homes for deserving families!! In order to limit contact between volunteers, attendance is limited to 10 per shift.

No previous construction experience is required! We provide maps and directions to the location and all instructions and tools are provided on-site, as well as lunch and snacks. Even if you've never swung a hammer before, join us! Together, we're taking one step further on the path to eliminate homelessness in the Valley. Registration is required by November 29. To participate or to learn more about how to help, please contact **Jay Harris**.



FAMILY PROMISE

This is a call-out for Chefs for our October 18-25 commitment to Family Promise. We will not be hosting overnight guests at the church, but we will provide food to support families at the Family Promise Day Center. We will be providing for 16 people during our week. As we will not be preparing food at the church, please use your home kitchen to prepare the food and then deliver it to the Day Center at 7447 E. Earll St. in Scottsdale by 5pm. We will do a call-out for people willing to pick up and deliver food from chefs' homes if needed.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you can take a night to make dinner and, if so, what your menu will be. Also, many items are needed for breakfasts, lunches, and snacks during our week. Contact Jane Gharibian for the list and how to donate. Thank you for taking this on in this uncertain world that we are co-existing in! Contact **Jane Gharibian** to get involved: jgharibian@cox.net or 602-295-7209.

Contemplative Life

QUIET DAY

QUIET DAYS WITH THE REV. JIM CLARK

Saturday, October 10 and Saturday, November 14 at 10am

At Saint Barnabas we are sorely missing in-person community but also finding vibrant new and meaningful ways to be together. We are especially pleased to host Quiet Days in October and November, a gathering for prayer and renewal.

Check our website for details:

www.saintbarnabas.org/qd-online

Centering Prayer



SAINT BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AWAKENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES:

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER (ONLINE)

Foundations of the Practice with Rev. Jim Clark and Liza Bell

Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am -1:30 pm

INTIMACY WITH GOD Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Centering Prayer is a uniquely Christian practice of consenting to God's presence and action within. We learn to gently return our chattering minds to our intention of just allowing God to love us. With practice, we notice a growing sense of presence and peace infusing more of our waking hours. As God does God's patient work within us, we gradually begin to transform habits and behaviors that have limited our ability to be the hands of Christ in the world. This program is for anyone who wishes to learn the practice of Centering Prayer, as well as for those who wish to renew their practice. Reservations are required; contact **Liza Bell**, lizabell@cox.net.

"And the deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is beyond words, and it is beyond speech, and it is beyond concept. Not that we discover a new unity. We discover an older unity. Citizens, we are already one. But we imagine that we are not. So what we have to recover is our original unity. Who we have to be is who we are." -*Thomas Merton*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: PRAYERFUL LISTENING

"We can't always see God's activity by ourselves." -*Henri Nouwen*



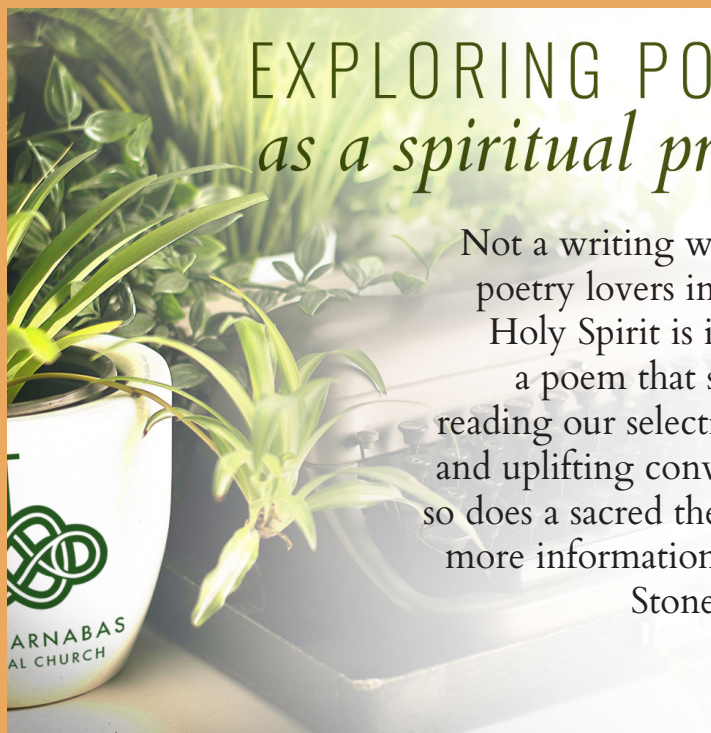
The practice of Centering Prayer, of inviting ourselves to abide in God's indwelling silence and co-creative presence, may lead us into unfamiliar spiritual territory. As we outgrow our old emotional programs for happiness, our image of ourselves and God may begin to change, and the path ahead may be difficult to discern. At this point in the journey, it can be helpful to have a spiritual companion or director to listen with us for God's direction in our lives. Saint Barnabas works with a number of certified Spiritual Directors who offer private spiritual direction online. For more information, contact **Joyce Vidal-Thornburg**, 602-750-9970, jvidal460@gmail.com.

If you are interested in becoming a spiritual director, see the Christian Formation and Direction Ministries of Arizona (CFDM-AZ) website, <http://www.cfdmarizona.org/>. CFDM-AZ, a partner of Saint Barnabas, is now accepting applications for the two-year certification program beginning October 15-17. The program is comprised of three retreats per year, with directed study and practicum between retreats. The first year's retreats will be offered online, and the format for the second year's retreats will be determined at a later date. For more information, contact **Joyce Vidal-Thornburg** (see above).

EXPLORING POETRY *as a spiritual practice*

Zoom Meeting, 3rd Thursday
of every month, 9:30 – 11:30am

Not a writing workshop, not a book club, we are a circle of poetry lovers into whose midst the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit is invited. Our format is simple: we each share a poem that speaks to us on a spiritual level, taking turns reading our selections and sharing our reflections. Energizing and uplifting conversations emerge and, more often than not, so does a sacred theme that connects our diverse offerings. For more information, or to join the next meeting, contact Mary Stone, 480-993-450, maryspeckerstone@gmail.com.



BLESSING

of the animals



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4

Check our website for details to come:
saintbarnabas.org/blessing-of-the-animals

STAY ALERT!

STAY SAFE!



Reminder that even (and maybe especially) during a pandemic, there are those who try to take advantage of others. Please pay attention to the email addresses you receive mail from. The Saint Barnabas staff email addresses end in @saintbarnabas.org.

Any other address is NOT from us!

We will NEVER ask you for financial or personal information via email or text. Please let the church office know if you're getting solicitations from folks who are pretending to be us. And stay vigilant so you don't get taken advantage of!

Thank you.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 | VESTRY & CONVENTION DELEGATES

Our Vestry Nominations Committee will meet this fall to select nominees for our 2021 elections.

Would you be interested in serving? Do you know a person who you feel would serve Saint Barnabas well on Vestry or as a Diocesan delegate? Nominations may be submitted to Ann Hott in the parish office on or before October 31. (by email – ann@saintbarnabas.org)

Requirements as stated in our bylaws: Each Vestryperson shall be a communicant in good standing, 21 years or older, canonically resident in the Parish for at least one year and a pledging member in support of the Parish at the time of election and during full tenure. Convention delegates shall be communicants in good standing 18 years of age or older. Any communicant may petition to have his or her name included on the ballot as a nominee for Diocesan Convention Delegate.

In Memoriam

CURTIS C. HARE | AUGUST 14

Curt was a true gentleman, a man of intellect and wit, generosity and compassion, devoted to his family and friends. A Saint Barnabas member since 1980 with his dear wife, Rae.

RUTH A. RUSH | JULY 22

Ruth is remembered by her children and grandchildren for her New Year's Eve celebrations with sauerkraut and pennies, for Thanksgiving dinners in July, for scotch and Pop Tarts, visits to the theatre on Broadway, and for 48 years of taking wonderful care of Bill.

GLORIA TURNER | AUGUST 25

Gloria Turner loved Saint Barnabas, was a member for 45 years and a faithful 7:45-er until last year when she became too frail. She enjoyed reading and jigsaw puzzles. One of her last delights was welcoming a great-grandchild this summer.





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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - LOOKING FOR SECURITY EXPERT

With our Welcoming the Neighborhood building update projects starting soon, we are researching future security options for our campus. We are looking for someone in our parish community or consultants who have experience with security planning for commercial building spaces. If you are able to help, please contact **Ann Hott** at ann@saintbarnabas.org.

Thank You!

STAYING CONNECTED IN CORONA TIMES

Have You Heard from Us?

We've attempted to call/email/text/carrier pigeon (!) every household of the parish since this all began! If you haven't heard from us, please contact **Rev. Robert** at: Robert@saintbarnabas.org or call the office at: 480-948-5560 to let us know.

We want to stay in touch with you!

