

The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | *December-January 2021*



CHRISTMAS *at Saint Barnabas*

ONLINE CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND WORSHIP

Premiering at 9am and available for viewing all day, the children of Saint Barnabas will offer a glorious recorded retelling of the Christmas story.

Premiering at 5pm and available for viewing all evening, celebrate Christmas Eve with carols, anthems, preaching and more from the comfort of your own home.

Watch our online Christmas programs at saintbarnabas.org/online-worship

CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE WORSHIP | 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

These celebratory services incorporate Holy Eucharist, traditional carols for the whole congregation to sing, and wonderful anthems from our Parish Choir with orchestral accompaniment. This year we will worship outside in the Saint Barnabas Courtyard. Look for signups online to save your seat.

CHRISTMAS DAY | Friday, December 25 | 10:30am

Join us for festive worship with Holy Eucharist on Christmas morning outdoors in the Saint Barnabas Courtyard.

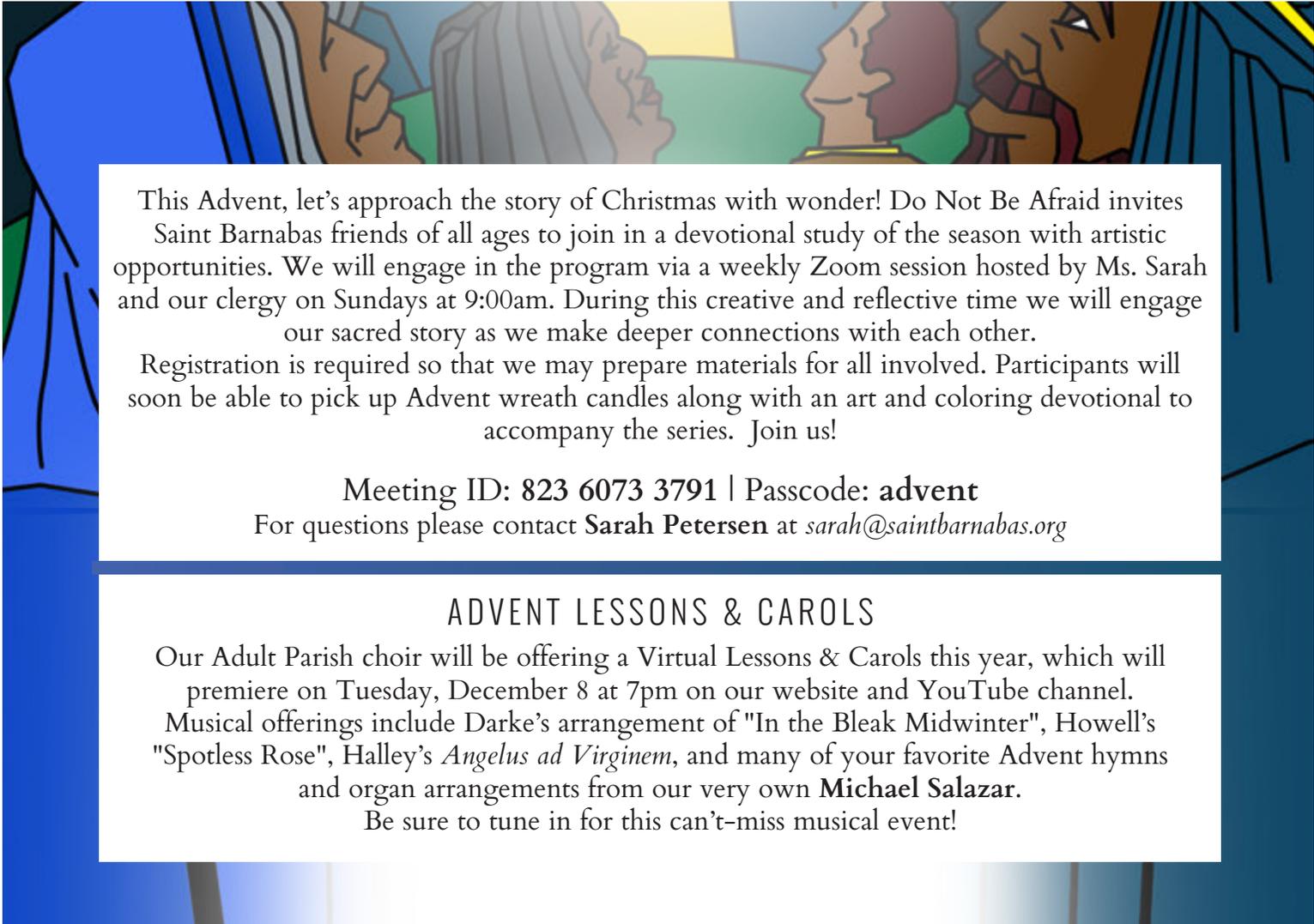


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FOR FAMILIES

DO NOT BE AFRAID

AN ALL-PARISH ADVENT SERIES

SUNDAYS AT 9AM VIA ZOOM | NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 20 - REGISTRATION REQUIRED



This Advent, let's approach the story of Christmas with wonder! Do Not Be Afraid invites Saint Barnabas friends of all ages to join in a devotional study of the season with artistic opportunities. We will engage in the program via a weekly Zoom session hosted by Ms. Sarah and our clergy on Sundays at 9:00am. During this creative and reflective time we will engage our sacred story as we make deeper connections with each other.

Registration is required so that we may prepare materials for all involved. Participants will soon be able to pick up Advent wreath candles along with an art and coloring devotional to accompany the series. Join us!

Meeting ID: **823 6073 3791** | Passcode: **advent**

For questions please contact **Sarah Petersen** at sarah@saintbarnabas.org

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Our Adult Parish choir will be offering a Virtual Lessons & Carols this year, which will premiere on Tuesday, December 8 at 7pm on our website and YouTube channel.

Musical offerings include Darke's arrangement of "In the Bleak Midwinter", Howell's "Spotless Rose", Halley's *Angelus ad Virginem*, and many of your favorite Advent hymns and organ arrangements from our very own **Michael Salazar**.

Be sure to tune in for this can't-miss musical event!

THE LONGEST NIGHT | DECEMBER 21 AT 7PM ON ZOOM



A service for those with grief or sorrow at Christmas
Meeting ID: 830 2912 5629 | Passcode: **light**

This service offers a time for grief and sadness during the holiday season. The Service of the Longest Night gives space for the meaning of Advent — that our saving hope comes as a light within the long night of sorrow. Christ is near. We are not alone. If you have questions or need more information, please contact:
Rev. Elizabeth at elizabeth@saintbarnabas.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

It is our Christmas tradition at Saint Barnabas to honor loved ones and celebrate gratitude through decorating with poinsettias and Christmas trees. You can participate in this tradition and help beautify your church in honor of someone you love! All thanksgivings and memorials will be listed in our Christmas bulletins.

Order online by Wednesday, December 16 at:
saintbarnabas.org/flowers.

Suggested donation amount is \$55.00. Flower donations support Christmas flowers and altar flowers throughout the year. Donations may also be made by check sent to the church; please be sure to include your name and your intention – who you wish to remember or your thanksgiving.



ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree® is a national program of Prison Fellowship, that shares God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. Here are four ways to help sponsor children of incarcerated parents and their families and bring joyful gifts this holiday season:

- Shop Virtually at our Amazon.com registry where you can purchase specific items that have been asked for by children. All gifts will be sent to Kate Fimbres. Go to amazon.com/baby-reg/homepage and search SAINT BARNABAS (all caps) in the search bar.

- Visit in Person by Hutton Hall on Sunday mornings from 8am to 12:30pm and choose names. **Masks are required** and we will social distance.

- Connect Directly by emailing **Kate Fimbres** (kate@saintbarnabas.org) and she will email you relevant information and mail the gift tags to you! Details you will receive include:

- 1.- How many children
- 2.- Ages of children
- 3.- Gender of children

Give Joyfully to saintbarnabas.org/give and donate any amount of money and someone else will do the shopping for you! For more information, please contact **Kate Fimbres**. We would love to have you participate in continuing this important holiday mission. **Thank you!**



BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, December 2, 8AM to 12PM | Hutton Hall

Especially in the midst of the COVID-19 health crisis, the need for blood continues. This is one very important way we can help our community friends and neighbors. Appointments are required to participate in the Blood Drive. No drop-ins will be allowed to donate. Go to saintbarnabas.org/blood-drive for more information and to register. For assistance registering, please contact **Daniel Collier** at 480-221-1936. **Thank you!**



HABITAT WORKDAY Saturday, December 5, 7:30AM to 10:30PM

Calling all adults and youth (age 16+)! Join us for a Habitat for Humanity 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. 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, go to saintbarnabas.org/habitat or contact **Jay Harris** at jayharris_1@yahoo.com



DECEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

DEC 2	Blood Drive	8 AM
DEC 5	Habitat for Humanity work day	7:30 AM
DEC 12	Quiet Day	10 AM
DEC 21	The Longest Night worship service - online	7 PM
DEC 24	Christmas Eve Children's Pageant - online Premieres	9 AM
DEC 24	Christmas Eve worship services - in-person Christmas Eve worship service - online	3, 5, 7 PM Premieres 5 PM
DEC 25	Christmas Day worship service - in-person	10:30 AM
DEC 26	Saint Barnabas Food Drive	8 AM
JAN 1	New Year's Day - parish office closed	
JAN 9	Quiet Day	10 AM
JAN 18	Martin Luther King Day	Parish office closed
JAN 23	Saint Barnabas Food Drive	8 AM
JAN 31	Annual Meeting/Yearly Celebration	

HISTORY OF SAINT BARNABAS

By Marga Fritze

Groundbreaking Anniversary

December 4!

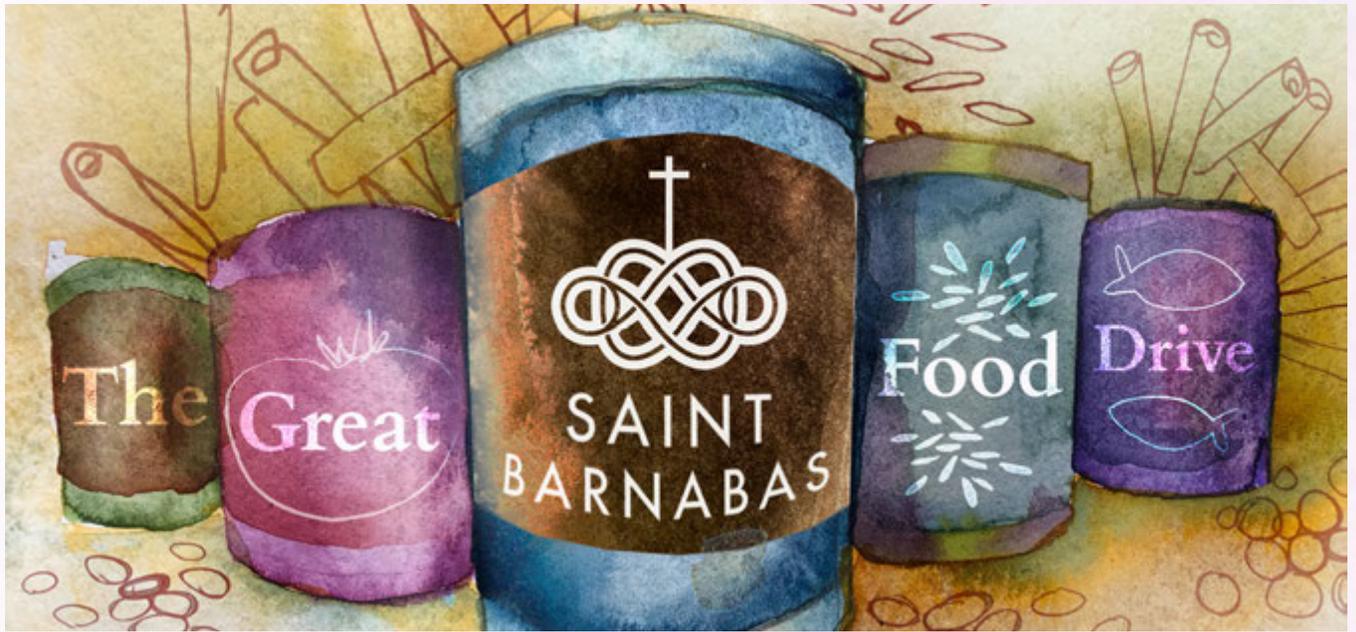
Sixty years ago! The celebratory groundbreaking for construction of our Sanctuary took place on December 4, 1960. Scottsdale was tiny compared to its size today and Saint Barnabas was truly “on the Desert.” Things look considerably different today! In celebration of our groundbreaking and looking ahead to the 60th anniversary of Saint Barnabas’ first services and dedication (next September), the Fine Arts Committee begins this month sharing photos taken in our parish’s early days. We want to celebrate the fascinating history of Saint Barnabas on the Desert and are working to capture that history in a book.

We are looking for more input and details about our church's history. If you would like to contribute, please reach out to **Marga Fritze** at Mfritze2@cox.net





Groundbreaking of the Sanctuary on North Mockingbird Lane took place on December 4, 1960, following a generous land grant by **Mr. and Mrs. Fowler McCormick, Jr.** (*grandson of John D. Rockefeller*) and the design work of architectural firm **T.S. Montgomery**. Pictured, from the left: **The Rev. Henry B. Getz**; **Jack Huntress**, *chairman of the building committee*; **Douglas Huntress**, *junior warden*; **John Lombard**, *senior warden*; **Leonard Redden**, *contractor*; **T.S. Montgomery**, *architect*.



Look at what you all have accomplished from May through October!

- 25,300 total pounds of food and essential items collected
- \$14,500 in total monetary donations
- 503 total participants driving through on Food Drive days
- 392 total cars
- 194 total volunteers

All your efforts have resulted in each of our Food Drive partners receiving approximately 6,325 pounds of food and essentials and \$3,625 in total!

You responded to a call for participation and volunteering totaling 697 Saint Barnabas parishioners and friends.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

You have made a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Here are just a few of the sentiments expressed by our Food Drive partners:

“Our need is so great at this time. Our relationship with you is essential to our services which are more in demand.”

“It means so much to have your support during these difficult times.”



Our Food Drive continues on November 28 and December 26. Mark your calendars now!
Our Food Drive partners are:

- Saint Luke's at the Mountain, South Phoenix
- Matthew's Crossing, Chandler
- St. Mark's Food Pantry, Mesa
- Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM), downtown Phoenix
- White Mountain Apache Tribe (amounts described above do not include the tribe as its needs differ from those of the other agencies)

Contemplative Life

Quiet Days

QUIET DAYS

December 12 and January 19, 10am - 12pm

on Zoom

Meeting ID: 825 3083 3892

Passcode: 504615

Quiet Day gatherings via Zoom have been enriching and powerful. The mornings include teaching, prayer, and opportunity for questions.

The Zoom link and handout to attend are sent via email to all on the 'Contemplative' mailing list.

Contact **Ann Hott** (ann@saintbarnabas.org) if you would like to be included.

All are Welcome!

In Memoriam

JACQUES KASSABIAN | SEPTEMBER 11

Father of parishioner Mo Kassabian, **Jacques** moved to Scottsdale from Michigan and made many close friends at Saint Barnabas, where late in life he found his faith. Until only recently he could still bowl a 300 game! Always quick with a friendly smile.

MILDRED MERRING | SEPTEMBER 11

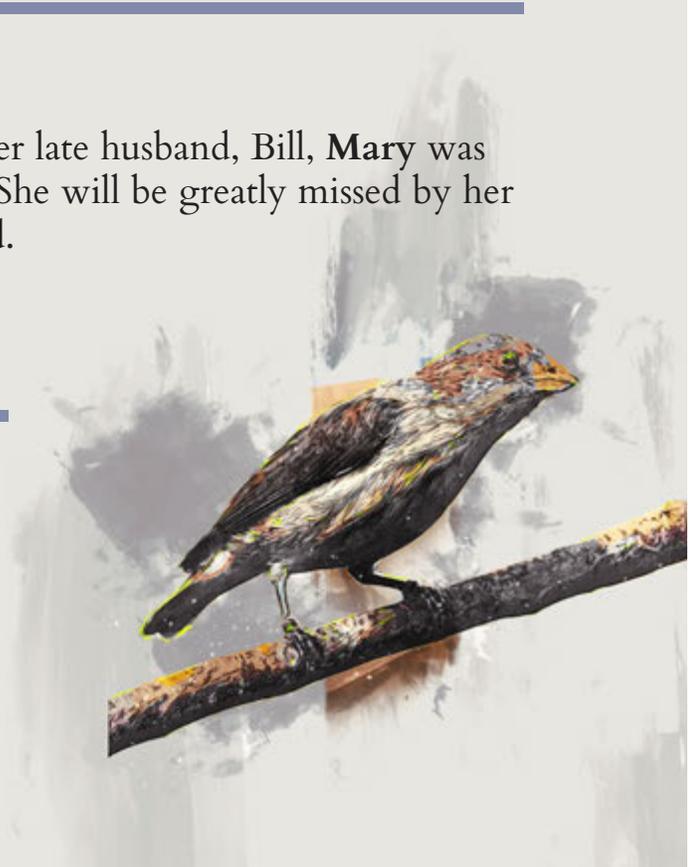
After arriving at Saint Barnabas nearly 40 years ago, **Mildred** sang faithfully in the parish choir with her late husband, Leroy. A gifted organist and carillonneur, **Mildred** also served as the choir librarian for many years. She was a devoted mother to her sons, Brian and Michael.

MARY ARENDT | OCTOBER 5

Beloved, long-time member along with her late husband, Bill, **Mary** was also a nationally known watercolor artist. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends all over the world.

JERRY HARDEN | OCTOBER 23

Jerry was a parishioner since 1977, when he moved to Scottsdale from Illinois. He was married to Linda Harden for 62 years, and his three children, Ted, Joe, and Elizabeth, were all married at Saint Barnabas.



A message from our treasurer

Linda Killmer

DONATION OPPORTUNITY DURING 2020

As many of you make plans to complete your 2020 pledge, or perhaps pre-pay your 2021 pledge, I'd like to remind you of the IRS rules for your IRA account and a special revision for 2020. There is a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for all over 72 years of age. However, the CARES act temporarily waives the RMDs for all types of retirement plans for calendar year 2020.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from one's IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity (and Saint Barnabas is a qualified charity). Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying the RMD for the year, up to \$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if one uses the money to make a charitable contribution later on.

Why is this distinction important? If donors take the RMD as income, instead of as a QCD, the RMD will count as taxable income. This additional taxable income may push the taxpayer into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a QCD.

Saint Barnabas thanks you for your consideration.



Gratitude Sunday

We invite you to join us in hope when we celebrate Gratitude Sunday on December 13. This year's pledge campaign theme – **Continuing our Mission - Making Disciples - Staying Connected** – celebrates how, in the midst of remarkable challenges, we continue to thrive with an abundance of devotion, service, joy, and generosity.

We trust you've been blessed and inspired by the storytelling videos of our parishioners during the campaign, the exciting and fun-filled parish post project, the message from our senior warden, and the sermons from our clergy. All of which have been celebrating the robust Life of Saint Barnabas.

Soon you will be receiving a pledge card in the mail, or you can pledge online at saintbarnabas.org/pledgenow. We hope you will consider continuing your support of Saint Barnabas.

Our Saint Barnabas future is bright because of you. **Thank you and bless you!**



Education for Ministry is a discussion-based program that aims to deepen one's knowledge and understanding of scripture, the history of Christianity, and current Christian thought with an emphasis on Episcopalianism. We invite you to join us! Seminarians participate in regular theological reflection as a way to utilize their acquired knowledge in their lay vocational calling.

We have a group that meets Monday mornings at 9am and another group that meets at 6pm on Tuesday evenings. We will kick off 2021 on January 4 and 5.

The deadline to enroll is November 24.

Please contact: **Tom Hott** at (480) 216-0278 or thomasvhott@gmail.com or **Cynthia McKinley** at (703) 282-4189 or casmckinley@aol.com

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into the search bar, select the first result, and you're done!

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THE REV. TARA BARTHOLOMEW



Dear Saint Barnabas Friends,

Over twenty years ago, while looking for our personal place of comfortable abode from California, my daughter and I did first what any good Episcopalians do when planning a move. We found a parish home! Saint Barnabas has since nurtured, comforted, and inspired our family in marriage, birth, Baptism, death, Confirmation, Ordination, and ministry. This note is written as a sincere Thank You!

Some of you may have noted my gradual lack of presence first on campus then online post Pandemic. This is because of my professional involvement in ministry outside of parish service and inside Banner Healthcare as a full-time clinical chaplain. My assignment has thus changed from 'Deacon on staff at Saint Barnabas' to 'Deacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona'. The blessing of Saint Barnabas as our church remains and, because of you, it's the place we'll always know as home.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Tara Bartholomew



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SAINT BARNABAS YEARLY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' Presence among the servant saints of Saint Barnabas in 2020 and as we envision our call to discipleship in 2021.

We will elect new vestry and convention delegates.