



The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | *April - June 2024*

Taizé Services AT SAINT BARNABAS

Step into a moment of tranquility away from the hustle and bustle of life. Every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm, Saint Barnabas opens its doors to embrace the serene ambiance of a Taizé service, held within the comforting embrace of the Sanctuary.

Transport yourself to the tranquil landscapes of France's renowned Taizé community as you immerse yourself in this meditative gathering. Let the melodic strains of Taizé songs guide you through a liturgy enriched with scripture readings, moments of profound silence, and prayers.

Discover the peace that comes with this unique style of worship, offering a sanctuary for reflection and spiritual renewal. With solace, connection, or simply a moment of quietude, our Taizé service beckons to all who yearn for a serene worship experience.

For further details, don't hesitate to reach out to the **Rev. Jennifer Tucker** at jeninifer@saintbarnabas.org or contact our welcoming church office. To learn more about our contemplative life program, please visit:

saintbarnabas.org/contemplative-life

Please look inside to see the schedule of planned events.

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MAY 4, 2024 WALK AS ONE FOR

Peace

The
LABYRINTH
SOCIETY

Mark your calendars for a day of unity and peace as Saint Barnabas invites you to join thousands across the globe for the 16th Annual World Labyrinth Day Walk For Peace, happening on Saturday, May 4, 2024. It will be a journey of reflection and solidarity as we convene in Hutton Hall at 9:30am. Savor insightful remarks and delightful refreshments before venturing towards the labyrinth for a meditative walk. Each step on the labyrinth's path invites prayerful contemplation, fostering inner peace and harmony. Accompanied by live Native American flute music, the experience promises to be truly enriching. Not keen on walking? Fear not! Finger labyrinths, tables, and chairs will be readily available nearby, ensuring everyone can participate in this collective moment of tranquility.



Bring the little ones along, as children are warmly welcomed with engaging activities tailored just for them! Let's join in creating a ripple of peaceful energy traversing time zones and continents. All are welcome in this global movement — so why not bring a friend along for the journey? Organized by the Saint Barnabas Contemplative Life Ministries Team, this event promises to be a beacon of harmony in an often turbulent world. For further details, reach out to **Chuck and Diane Neal** at cdnealjr51@gmail.com Join us as we weave together a tapestry of peace on **World Labyrinth Day** - let your heart be part of this global symphony of serenity. Visit saintbarnabas.org/labyrinth-walk to discover more about the 16th Annual World Labyrinth Day Walk for Peace and a guide for beginners.

Missions at Saint Barnabas

Our Saint Barnabas missions are alive and well as we head into spring and summer of 2024.

Family Promise families will be our guests April 28 – May 5, July 21 – 28 and November 17 – 24, 2024. There are many opportunities to serve. We welcome groups (choir, TAEHS, families, worship teams, centering prayer groups, or any group) to serve together with our Family Promise families. If you are interested in any leadership role or are new to serving Family Promise, please contact **Deacon Susie Parker** at: susie@saintbarnabas.org

• **THE 2024 SAINT BARNABAS MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION** | Heading to Ensenada, Mexico on July 14 and returning July 19, our 27-year-old mission brings vital medical and dental care to four underserved communities. Volunteers are crucial, serving in medical roles, translating, and assisting with setup and patient flow. Fluency in Spanish is a plus! Contact **Mary Beth Volberding** at mvolberding@live.com or 321-223-7566. Even if you can't travel, your support matters. Please pray for our patients and team. Donations of items on the list below are appreciated; drop off at the church campus by June 2. **Gracias!**

- Children's toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Large toothpaste
- Large bars of soap
- Hats (*new & gently used*)
- Shoes (*new & gently used*)
- Glasses (*prescription, readers, sunglasses*)
- NEW REQUEST: T-shirts (*all sizes, youth and adult*)

Ongoing Missions are:

- Millet House
- Food Drive
- Blood Drive
- Habitat for Humanity
- Bridging Arizona
- Angel Tree
- United Thank Offering
- Operation School Bell – Assistance League of Phoenix
- Saint Luke's at the Mountain



We are discerning a new mission in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest for Refugee and Immigration Services. If you are interested in the forming of this program at Saint Barnabas, please contact: **Deacon Susie Parker** at susie@saintbarnabas.org



• BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 8AM - 12PM | HUTTON HALL

Across the Valley, the critical need for blood continues. This is one very important way we can help our community friends and neighbors. See the link below for important information on Donor Eligibility, Donor Preparation, Parental Consent forms (for 16 – 17 year olds), general information concerning blood drives, and even a Self-Scheduling link. Appointments are required for our blood drives. Visit: saintbarnabas.org/bd-may for more or email **Hank Parker** at hank@sewfromtheheart.com

Missions at Saint Barnabas Continued...

› HABITAT FOR HUMANITY | MEET THE FUTURE HOUSE OWNERS

Address: Lot # 18016 – Tempe, AZ 85281



Meryssa and Ali. Meryssa is an Arizona native and while Ali was born in California, he was raised and has lived much of his life in the Grand Canyon State. Meryssa stays home caring for their young daughter while Ali is a carpenter.

The couple learned about Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona from family members who are current Habitat homeowners. They were motivated to apply for a home with Habitat when they saw “how beautiful and safe it will be to have a home to call ours.” The family recently moved in with Meryssa’s parents, leaving their small apartment due to its being a harmful environment with the inconsistent availability of water, strong cigarette odor from their neighbors, a constant presence of ants, and a strange yellow substance dripping from the ceiling.

Most importantly, due to safety issues in the neighborhood, the family was unable to take the evening walks they love.

The Aljazairi family’s new home will provide them with the opportunity to not only take the evening walks they relish but also to play outside and take their daughter to the park. Additionally, Ali can fulfill his wish of creating a home-based ministry. Their new home will allow them to create a stable life for their daughter, safely expand their family, and provide a forever home for them all.

› CONSTRUCTION UPDATE!

We finished installing cabinets and countertops in the kitchen. Interior and exterior paint is complete. We’re waiting for appliances and flooring. Soon, we’ll be finishing interior details and landscaping. Our anticipated completion is the first of June with the dedication soon after.

Ali and Meryssa are excited about their new home and they are expecting their second child in October.



“Owning a Habitat home is an answer to our prayers. As young parents with our first baby, this opportunity to be able to give her a home where she will spend her life growing up with stability is a blessing.”

- Ali & Meryssa Aljazairi



CALENDAR | APRIL - JUNE 2024

APR 28-MAY 5	Family Promise week	
APR 28	Newcomer Lunch	11:20am
MAY 2	Exploring Poetry as a Spiritual Practice	10am
MAY 4	Labyrinth Walk For Peace	9:30am
MAY 7	Taizé service	7pm
MAY 11	Quiet Day	9:30am
MAY 15	Blood Drive	8am
MAY 16	Book Club	9:30am
MAY 18	Food Drive	8am
MAY 19	The Feast of Pentecost	7:45am & 10:15am
	New Member Sunday	7:45am & 10:15am
	Grief Circle	11:45am
MAY 27	Memorial Day (parish office closed)	
JUNE 4	Taizé service	7pm
JUNE 8	Quiet Day	9:30am
JUNE 9	Newcomer Lunch	11:20am
JUNE 10-14, 17-21	Saint Barnabas Arts Camp	8:30am
JUNE 15	Food Drive	8am

Baptisms

Quincy Perna January 14, 2024

Marriages

Catherine Refo & Steven Farris February 17, 2024

Pamela Mundy & Frank Caserta March 9, 2024

Deaths

David Nichols January 12, 2024

Forrester (Bo) Darling January 20, 2024

James McGovern January 21, 2024

Serena Montooth February 2, 2024

Jeffrey McDonald February 18, 2024

Peter Connolly February 22, 2024

Beverly Eaton February 22, 2024

Robin York March 2, 2024

Margaret (Peg) Riviere March 12, 2024



rites of passage

Broadway Bash 2024 | Young at Heart was a whimsical musical extravaganza!

Picture this: Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church transformed into a playground of musical delight, all in the name of our annual fundraising for Youth Missions. It was a celebration of the pure magic of childhood, where dreams soar higher than skyscrapers and mischief lurks around every corner. Our resident script wizard, Adele Powers, spun a tale that would make even Peter Pan jealous: a birthday bash for a young-at-heart grandfather and his grandchildren, with a mischievous age-reversal potion that caused more chaos than a troupe of monkeys in a kitchen.

The stage came alive with toe-tapping tunes and belly laughs galore. Imagine grown-ups channeling their inner child, and children strutting their stuff like seasoned pros. From the timeless optimism of “Tomorrow” from *Annie* to the whimsical wisdom of “Giants in the Sky” from *Into the Woods*, and even a sprinkle of nostalgia with “Raining on Prom Night” from *Grease*,

every note was a step closer to never growing up. But let’s talk about the culinary masterminds behind the scenes! Our kitchen staff were more than just cooks, they were culinary magicians. Think charcuterie on a stick, Caesar salad with optional forks (because who needs ’em anyway?) spaghetti with a side of giant meatball, and a spoonful of s’mores for dessert. It was a feast fit for Neverland itself!

And what’s a bash without some good old-fashioned fun? Raffles and silent auctions kept the

excitement buzzing well into the night, ensuring that the spirit of youthfulness lingered in every corner. As the curtain closed on another unforgettable evening at Saint Barnabas, we couldn’t help but feel grateful for the joy and laughter that filled our hearts. Until next year, when we’ll do it all over again—

because why should growing up stop us from having fun?





Scan the QR code below to see more images of the event or visit saintbarnabas.org/broadway-bash-2024



Quiet Day | Save the Date!

• SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9:30AM – 1PM | SANCTUARY + ZOOM

Rest in the peace of God on Quiet Day.

We are excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. Catherine Gregg to lead our Quiet Day sessions.



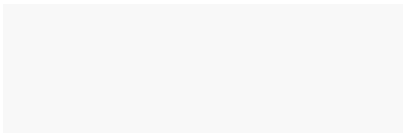
Listening to the God Who Speaks: Learning to Hear the Heartbeat of God

The contemplative life is quite simple and accessible to everyone. It is simply the intention to pause, to be still, and, by faith, to rest in Christ's presence. Quiet Day includes reflections by the Rev. Catherine Gregg, quiet solitary time, and sessions of communal silent prayer in the Sanctuary. Participants are welcome to the Sanctuary, to quiet areas for reading or journaling, or to walk our beautiful campus. The day concludes with Holy Eucharist. Please bring your Bible.

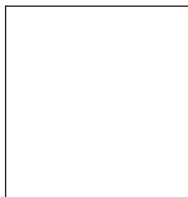
To join at the time of the event go to Zoom.us and type the following:
Meeting ID: 825 3083 3892 | Passcode 504615



Questions? Contact Ann Hott at ann.hott9@gmail.com. All are Welcome!



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