



The Steeple Bell

of St. Barnabas Parish



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It's That Time of Year Again!

St. Barnabas Auction time!

Grab your calendars; it's time to plan many of your social engagements for the year - It is St. Barnabas Auction time! This is our one big fundraiser for the year and it is time to start planning now! For any of you new folks out there, our parishioners donate items to our auction – almost all items enhance our fellowship by offering opportunities to spend time together.

So... put your thinking caps on and plan some fun! Auction items run the gamut from book talks to dinners (themed or un-themed), walks, game nights, cabin get-a-ways – ANYTHING that includes people and fun! Past auction items have included: interior design/garden consultations, Poker Nights, Chick Flick, One Week at a Time Share, Harry's FAMOUS Pecan Pies, Mexican Fiesta Night, etc.

This year's silent auction is **Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 PM.** Please join us for a **FABU-OUSS, FREE** spaghetti dinner and silent auction as well as the oral auction with live auctioneers (it's worth coming just to see them)! There will also be free babysitting

You can come play two ways!

1. **Bid** in the auction; bring your date book and fill it up with entertaining St. Barnabas' auction items, for the whole year!
2. **Donate** - Decide on your event, fill out a donor form and make a poster about your event.

Forms and posters are available in Lukens Wing. **PLEASE** turn your donor forms in by March 1st and your posters by March 7th.
(Your poster needs to be there no later than noon on Friday, March 13 to be included.)

Either way, we **NEED YOU** to participate and make this the most successful auction yet. So go and visit Lukens Wing to RSVP (so we have enough spaghetti) and pick up your donation forms.

As always, we need volunteers to help the day of the event for various activities such as set-up, data input the night of the event, clean up, etc. Consider helping out the auction committee! We look forward to sharing time with you!

Isabella Higginson Celebrates 100th Birthday

On Sunday, Jan. 11, Isabella's family hosted a 100th birthday celebration with St. Barnabas parishioners in attendance in Lukens Wing following the 7:45 a.m. service. This amazing event brought long unseen friends back to celebrate. Ours was not the only party for Isabella. "This was surely my most celebrated birthday," said Isabella.



Isabella with her niece Isabella Horsky (rear) and Mrs. Horsky's granddaughter Isabella.



ARTS on VINE All Parish Art Show and Coffee House

February 6 - 8, 2009

Opening Reception

Friday, Feb 6, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Live Music and Refreshments

All Parish Coffee House

Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:00 pm



"Dying Rose" by Jim Esten

Plan to participate by submitting your art,
Performing at the Coffee House or attending
The reception

Jack Unruh Vestry



In the early '90's I followed my wife (then girlfriend) Eloise to St. Barnabas. It was her trip, and since she was my trip I hung around. As loving and highly individual people welcomed me on Christian principle, I morphed from guest to parishioner. As of Holy Saturday 2008, I was received as an Episcopalian. Krista Tip-

pett asserts that T. S. Eliot was "a convert to [Anglican] Christianity from reason alone" – I don't buy the reason thing. It's in the liturgy, the community, the doing, the emotion that people change and dedicate themselves.

I've been active at St. B's since the late '90's, in two rounds of the Restoration Committee, as an Adult Forum steering committee member, and as a Diocesan Convention delegate. I'm an old geezer with an accumulated skill set that I believe can be useful, and as a self-employed person I can schedule the time to be an active Vestry member. I've "run" twice now, believing that our parish is empowered by its own participation. If elected I will serve with steadfastness and conscience. It's good to serve... and fun.



SUSIE REMBER'S SHOW— A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you to all of you who worked on the Susie Rember Art Show. It was incredibly successful with about \$2,700 in sales. Twenty percent of sales returns to Arts on Vine.

It takes a lot of work to put these events on and this couldn't have been done without the help of so many enthusiastic parishioners. This was a fabulous group effort - thank you all!

Barb and Roger Mattison
Show coordinators

(Arts on Vine is a self sustaining outreach program of St. B. and sponsors the All Parish Art Show at no cost to our artists.)

ELOISE MAY HONORED



The Arapahoe Library District :Executive Director Eloise May and St. B parishioner will be honored by having the district's newest library named after her. **The Eloise May Library**, at South Parker Road and East Florida Avenue, will open Feb. 21. Eloise is being honored for her 37 years of leadership and service.

Becky Bowker for Vestry



My name is Becky Bowker and I have been affiliated with St. Barnabas in one form or another, since July 2000. I was the Parish Admin for 4 ½ years and served as clerk of the Vestry at St. Barnabas for about 4 years. I have served on Vestries at two other Episcopal churches in the

past 18 years and even served as a Convention delegate and Junior Warden. I am very familiar with the work done by the Vestry and the importance of such work. I am running for the Vestry now because I have the time and energy to do this and because I know parishioners from all 3 services, so I feel I can serve a broad range of the parishioners.

Some of you may remember the meditations sent out during Lent in 2003. That ministry has continued and evolved into weekly e-meditations I write based on the readings of the Daily Office, (daily during Lent and Advent) and is sent to people from the mid-west to the Pacific coast, including several from St. Barnabas.

Conor Farley for Vestry



My wife, Barbara, and I have been attending St. Barnabas since 2003. We have two children, Aidan (5) and Oliver (3), who are active in Godly Play. We value St. Barnabas for its commitment to diversity and inclusivity, as well as its wonderful Family Ministry. I want to participate in the

Vestry to give back to this wonderful institution and to more actively participate in its stewardship.

Check out St. B's Website

To confirm dates and times of St. Barnabas events, check the monthly calendar posted on the St. Barnabas website (www.stbdenver.org) Click on "calendar" on the upper right hand side of the home page.

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 8 11 a.m. Marshall House

**Review and approve St. B's 2009 budget.
Vote for your Vestry representatives.
Talk to parish leaders about your concerns.
Stay for a chili lunch!**

Lynn Herlinger for Vestry



I have attended and been a member of St. Barnabas Church since 2004. I came to this parish from another one in Denver because I felt that the values and outreach into the community at St. Barnabas reflected the essence of what "the church" should be. I became an

Episcopalian in Pittsburgh fifty years ago.

I have lived in Denver forty years. For the past twenty-five years I have worked as a commercial real estate appraiser, having my own business for most of that time. Currently, I am working on a semi-retired basis. In the past years, I have served on the east Denver YMCA board of directors, The Gathering Place board of directors, and various committees related to the Appraisal Institute.

Here at St. Barnabas, I have assisted Jim Schefe with the sale of grocery coupons, and, with Bobbi Blanc, will be in charge of the endeavor in the coming year. I also share with Jim Schefe the collection counting. I represented St. Barnabas as a lay delegate to the diocesan conference in October 2008.

My husband Dave serves on numerous housing and finance related boards. My son Chris is a journalist living in New York, and my daughter Becky is a communications director for the March of Dimes here in Denver. My son Matt is deceased. I would appreciate the opportunity of serving on the Vestry at St. Barnabas.

JODY WILL FOR JUNIOR WARDEN



I have been a member of St. Barnabas for almost four years. I was a long-time member of Good Shepherd in Englewood when we lived in that area. At Good Shepherd, I was a member of the Vestry and the Altar Guild as well as other committees. I am a recently retired nurse psychotherapist

having been in private practice for many years working with children, adolescents and their families, both birth and foster.

Following my cancer diagnosis in 1999, I worked for my oncologist as an in-house psychotherapist for three years. I returned to private practice where I continued working with cancer patients and others. I was privileged to be a part of the Search Committee's quest for a new Rector at St. Barnabas. I have served on the Vestry for the past year. I would like to continue this service as junior warden, continuing to work with Paul Garrett and the Vestry to help implement his ideas for our dynamic Parish. As a member of the Vestry, I want to help the Church achieve its mission. I'm a good listener and want to help St. Barnabas continue to be inclusive and welcoming to all viewpoints.

"A NOTE FROM PAUL"

During Lent, to allow for a more meditative worship experience, we are going to change our announcement time and format. **The announcements will move to the beginning of the service prior to the prelude.** Also to expedite what has become a very lengthy communication process, the announcements will all be delivered by clergy unless there is a pressing need for it to be presented by someone else. So, please submit to Carol all announcements for each coming Sunday no later than the Wednesday morning prior. We will be sure to have them printed and in the bulletin, on the bulletin board and circulated by email as well.

Thanks!

Paul

LENT AT ST BARNABAS

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

SERVICES: 7 AM, 10 AM AND 7 PM

TUES. EVENING LENTEN SUPPER &
STUDY

MARCH 3 THROUGH APRIL 1

"FINDING YOUR OWN RELIGION"
will be the topic of this study. **Starting March 3rd through April 1, each Tuesday there will be a light supper and study. More details coming soon in the weekly announcements.**

ADULT FORUM EXPLORES MEANING OF FAITH

Although our discussion series began in January, all are welcome to attend the Sunday Adult Forum in Marshall House at 11:00 a.m. We are exploring our personal experience of faith, spirituality, and institutional religion, with the help of a wonderful book, Krista Tippett's, "Speaking of Faith."

Ms Tippett is the host of the American Public Media radio program of the same name, in which she interviews wise and fascinating thinkers from many of the World's spiritual traditions. Her method is to rely on the richness and authenticity of "first-person" narrative, and her book overflows with thought-provoking encounters. The book is available as a paperback in public libraries and bookstores, and Brian Price, a co-leader of the Adult Forum, may have an extra copy or two.

If you have not experienced Adult Forum, we lay out for you the big questions that will seed our discussions. We do not preach, rather the forum provides you with the opportunity to explore and share your feelings about some of the major issues of life. All are welcome to participate in the last two sessions on *Speaking of Faith* on **February 15 and 22.**

For more information on Krista Tippett's book and program visit www.speakingoffaith.org for audio

VOLUNTEER? Who me?

Yes, Family Ministry needs you. There are many ways to help.

Where do we need volunteers?

Let me count the ways.

1. To stuff Easter eggs
2. To hide Easter eggs
3. To help with crafts at the Advent or Palm Saturday events
4. To Teach Sunday School
5. To help at Art Camp
6. To help sort the supply closet
7. To sell peaches
8. To make announcements
9. To lead singing in Children's Chapel
10. To help begin a young Youth Group
11. Donate snacks
12. To help plan Families In Faith events
13. To help coordinate Families in Faith events
14. To brainstorm ideas

To pitch in to help our children, contact Jane Schmitz at 303.388.6465 or email at jschmitz@stbdenver.org

"Families in Faith" Game Night

Parents and their children are invited to St. Barnabas at 5:00pm, February 21, 2009 for a potluck dinner and games.

How does it work?

We begin with a potluck dinner (plus a "build-your own Sundae" for dessert).

Families bring a favorite game (fairly short one - so more games can be played during the evening).

After the potluck, parents will set up and oversee the games. Small groups will rotate to play different games.

Come play with us!! For further information contact Jane Schmitz at 303.388.6465 or email at jschmitz@stbdenver.org

Parish Nurse News

This fall 112 members received the flu vaccine. The flu shots were a gift from Peter Grant, a St. Barnabas member. His only request was to have all members given the opportunity to receive the vaccine.



Annual St. Barnabas Blood Drive

March 7, 2009

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Marshall House

Every one to two seconds someone in the U.S needs a blood transfusion. A little time makes a big difference. You can donate whole blood every 56 days, up to six times a year. Your blood donation save lives.

On the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex you can select the time of day you wish to donate blood. The blood bank is very cautious and follows a set protocol on donating. For more information, contact Parish Nurse, Joan Jarboe at 303-866-8366.

Stewardship Report

The pledge drive for 2009 was built on testimonials about life at Saint Barnabas and why it is meaningful to individuals from a whole spectrum of the life of our Parish. Through emails and Sunday announcements the message was amplified by many voices starting in September and continuing through November. Although the Pledge drive formally ended in November, pledges were coming in and were counted through the end of 2008 in the final results. The response of the Saint Barnabas family was nothing short of spectacular. As of 12/31/2008 there were 113 pledges, an increase of 14%. The total amount pledged for 2009 was \$295,962, an increase of 22% over January 2008. Compared to the 161 mailing addresses on the Saint Barnabas mailing list, the 113 pledges represents a 70% response rate. Increasing the pledge rate and adding new pledging members will be the pledge challenge for 2009. Even in January the pledge total has increased to \$298,562. Yes we can!

Thanks, Roger Mattison

LEARN TO PREVENT SLIPS AND FALLS

The Volunteers of America have a fall prevention program that they offer to groups of older persons. Would you believe that one out of three or 11 million older people have falls and one third of those fallen require medical treatment, each year? Of those who fall nearly 16,000 die and a great number have to change their life style.

Burley Shepherd, a volunteer for The Volunteers of America, is offering a fall prevention seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2:00pm at St. Barnabas. Save yourself from a broken bone. Sign up for the seminar at the sign-up table and remember to mark your calendar.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, ISABELLA



Isabella with nephew David Lukens, niece Penny Lukens and grandson.



Isabella with her niece Isabella Horsky (rear) and Mrs. Horsky's granddaughter Isabella.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jana Thompson
- 2 Lila Steed
- 2 Oksana Ross
- 4 Deb Angell
- 4 Janet Manning
- 5 Alex Martin
- 10 David Gartland
- 12 Christ Schmidt
- 12 Ed Trujillo
- 13 Jeff Manville
- 14 Helen Morgan
- 15 Celeste Richardson
- 16 Bob Nelson
- 18 Pat & Healthier Gorham
- 19 Jill and Joe Bednarek
- 19 Jesse Lyon
- 19 Brian Price
- 22 Oliver Farley
- 22 Karen Hoffman
- 23 Beth Angell
- 23 Erin Denholm
- 23 Tammy Geissinger
- 24 Kent Mueller
- 25 Jacob Burgess Clark
- 25 Mike Angell
- 27 Alexa Hoegberg



**The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson's
Inaugural Prayer
Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC
January 18, 2009**

"Welcome to Washington! The fun is about to begin, but first, please join me in pausing for a moment, to ask God's blessing upon our nation and our next president.

O God of our many understandings, we pray that you will...

Bless us with tears – for a world in which over a billion people exist on less than a dollar a day, where young women from many lands are beaten and raped for wanting an education, and thousands die daily from malnutrition, malaria, and AIDS.

Bless us with anger – at discrimination, at home and abroad, against refugees and immigrants, women, people of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Bless us with discomfort – at the easy, simplistic "answers" we've preferred to hear from our politicians, instead of the truth, about ourselves and the world, which we need to face if we are going to rise to the challenges of the future.

Bless us with patience – and the knowledge that none of what ails us will be "fixed" anytime soon, and the understanding that our new president is a human being, not a messiah.

Bless us with humility – open to understanding that our own needs must always be balanced with those of the world.

Bless us with freedom from mere tolerance – replacing it with a genuine respect and warm embrace of our differences, and an understanding that in our diversity, we are stronger.

Bless us with compassion and generosity – remembering that every religion's God judges us by the way we care for

the most vulnerable in the human community, whether across town or across the world.

And God, we give you thanks for your child Barack, as he assumes the office of President of the United States.

Give him wisdom beyond his years, and inspire him with Lincoln's reconciling leadership style, President Kennedy's ability to enlist our best efforts, and Dr. King's dream of a nation for ALL the people.

Give him a quiet heart, for our Ship of State needs a steady, calm captain in these times.

Give him stirring words, for we will need to be inspired and motivated to make the personal and common sacrifices necessary to facing the challenges ahead.

Make him color-blind, reminding him of his own words that under his leadership, there will be neither red nor blue states, but the United States.

Help him remember his own oppression as a minority, drawing on that experience of discrimination, that he might seek to change the lives of those who are still its victims.

Give him the strength to find family time and privacy, and help him remember that even though he is president, a father only gets one shot at his daughters' childhoods.

And please, God, keep him safe. We know we ask too much of our presidents, and we're asking FAR too much of this one. We know the risk he and his wife are taking for all of us, and we implore you, O good and great God, to keep him safe. Hold him in the palm of your hand – that he might do the work we have called him to do, that he might find joy in this impossible calling, and that in the end, he might lead us as a nation to a place of integrity, prosperity and peace. AMEN

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