



The Encourager

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

OCTOBER 2011

EUCCHARISTIC LECTIONARY YEAR A

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:45 AM RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST
11:00 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

WED. 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST
THURS. NOON
HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING - CHAPEL

CLERGY AND STAFF

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See inside for a listing of activities!

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BY FR. JEFF

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The above notation is from The Book of Common Prayer and often included in service leaflets at funerals and memorials here at St. Barnabas. Although we know intellectually that all living things must die and that change is our only constant, we live the majority of our lives seemingly oblivious to these truths, believing against all reason, that somehow, the things and people we hold dear exist beyond the reach of these most basic of laws. But what happens: people do die; people move in and then out of our lives; things do change. Despite our death-tinted amnesia, this is the reality of our lives.

But as the inevitability of human fate seems to push us down, we Christians should be buoyed by the spiritual reality of the gift of eternal life in God. But even though, in and through Christ, we are given the ultimate reprieve from death, this consolation is lost on us who grieve for those we see no longer.

I especially love and appreciate the above wisdom from our prayer book for its gentleness in dealing with incredulousness experienced by those who have suffered a great loss. For after forcefully evoking the promise of resurrection, the writers address the difficulty of somehow finding joy in a death, acknowledging specifically that there is nothing "unchristian" about human grief. *"The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death."*

So as each of us are forced to come to grips with the reality of human impermanence; those times when grief becomes our shroud, may we be gentle with ourselves. May we remember that grief has its place- that, in grieving, we are given the opportunity to process our loss, only to emerge on the other side, a new creation.

On Sunday, October 16th at 3:00pm, St Barnabites will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need walkers and sponsors. Each of us has the opportunity to participate in one way or the other.

More than 1 billion people are hungry worldwide... that is 1 in 7 people. Each day almost 16,000 children die of hunger related causes...that's one child every five seconds! People are hungry in the United States, too.

If all 36.2 million Americans faced with food insecurity stood in line at a food pantry in New York, the line would stretch to Los Angeles AND BACK, TWICE.

We as christians, need to do all we can to help.

How Can YOU Help?

Come by the church office and sign up to walk (there is both a 5K and a 1 mile option). OR Drop off a check of \$5, \$10, \$25, or more to sponsor St. Barnabas Walkers. Each walker has a \$150 goal and we expect to have at least 20 walkers!

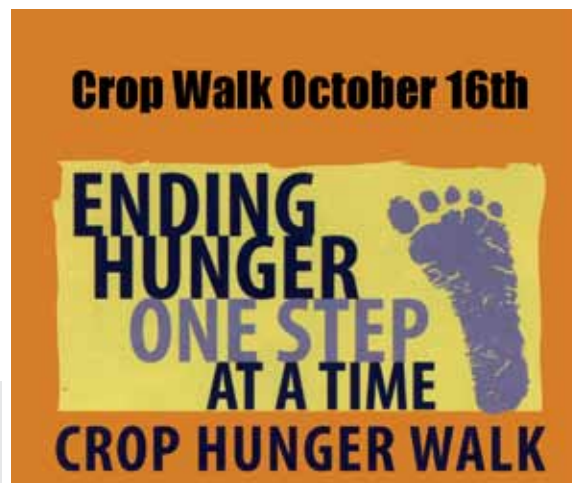
The Encouragers are leading the way, once again, with both the youth and their families participating in the walk.

Father Jeff has already signed up!!

PLEASE JOIN THEM!

St. Barnabas has always been a leader in Outreach Activities including being instrumental in the establishment of the Recycling Center, the Food Pantry, and the Good Samaritan Center to name a few. Let's build on our past and continue to be an Outreach leader.

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP AS A WALKER
OR TO SPONSOR A WALKER OR TEAM ON
SUNDAY THE 2ND
DURING THE POTLUCK**



What's the point of walking?

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. We walk because we want to end hunger – one step at a time.

Where does the money go?

The Fredericksburg Crop Hunger Walk helps fight hunger and poverty locally and globally, with 25% of what the Crop Hunger Walk raises going to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry and 75% being used to support world hunger initiatives. In the last 20 years, CROP Walk Hunger Walks have raised more than \$294 million to assist around the block and around the world those struggling to feed their families.

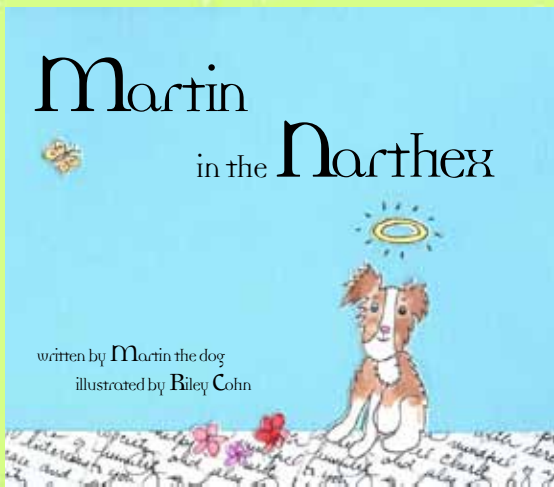
What makes CROP Hunger Walks special?

They are community-based and interfaith. They have impact locally and globally. Walk sponsors may designate their gifts to the international hunger fighting agency of their choice if desired.

BOOK SIGNING HOSTED BY ST. JEROME'S LIBRARY GUILD

features MARTIN THE DOG & RILEY COHN

Sunday, October 16th, 2-4pm



Join Us for a Book Signing Party!



Martin in the Narthex, is a book written by Martin the dog, an Australian Shepherd. He was the official greeter at St. Barnabas in Fredericksburg, Texas, for almost five years. With canine insight, he describes his joyful role in helping to make the church a friendly, caring community. Readers of all ages will enjoy and understand this story of love and redemption. The book's cheerful, engaging illustrations are the work of twelve-year-old Riley Cohn, who brings Martin's story to life with drawings that reflects her own unique way of viewing the world.

Music, MUSIC, Music

Our 9:00 worship service at St. Barnabas is changing. The music for all parts of the service will come from the RENEW hymnal and will be easier to sing for many of us. We will use the keyboard and other instruments as available, leading the singing from the front of the church. The hope is that some of you will be participants in the offering, sharing your ability to strum a guitar, play rhythm bass, or add a flute sound (or some other wind or string instruments). This will be our usual Eucharistic Celebration with a more casual feel.

If you would like to add your musical talent to this endeavor, or have any questions, please call Hazel at 997-7690. Keep in mind that our purpose is to "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!"

Choir

The St. Barnabas Choir meets every Thursday from 7:00-8:00pm in the choir area of the Encouragers Classroom. We hope that you find our gift of song an enhancement for your worship. Come join us! There is child care available, and we learn our music as we go. You don't need to read music, just have a desire to praise the Lord in song. If you have questions, call Hazel at 997-7690.



Greetings from Rob, Kelly, Abigail and James Harris
Rob has begun seminary at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin

The Buds and Blooms

4th, 5th & 6th grade

Take Flight



Sam Cowsar, Susan Kimbrell, Graham Hammond, Wyatt Young, Garrett Young, Allison Young, Sidney Cohn, Joe David Shearer

When the Buds & Blooms met for the first time for this new year, we selected a Coat of arms/theme.

Sam Cowsar came up with Take Flight and The other students agreed.

They want to learn more and fly higher this year with the Air Force, Birds, Jesus, fire-flies, etc.

- Garrett - Fly with Eagles
- Wyatt - Fly with the Air Force for Peace
- Sidney - Fly with Angels
- Sam - Fly with your Spirit
- Graham - Fly with Jesus
- Allison - Fly with Fireflies

GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN FOR CALVARY BASTROP

It is such a joy for me to be a part of the fantastic community of youth in our parish. The efforts of the Encouragers to collect gift cards for the Calvary, Bastrop church has proved once again that we are surrounded by loving, compassionate followers of Christ. **Thanks to all who contributed to the \$4200+ in HEB, Walmart and VISA gift cards. We send them with love and prayers to the Calvary, Bastrop Parish.**

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Here are a few excerpts from their website:

The people whose homes have burned have all now been allowed onto their property to see for themselves the fire's devastation. Many people whose homes remain still have no water and/or electricity and have smoke or other damage that make the home uninhabitable. Clean-up has begun and people are beginning to shift their focus from meeting immediate needs to the bigger picture. It can be very overwhelming. Matching the donations and volunteers to the needs continues to be a challenge, but relief efforts are becoming more organized every day.

Calvary continues to be the beneficiary of prayers and donations from not only Episcopal churches and church members in the Diocese of Texas, but from Episcopal churches all over the country, as well as other churches in the state. Each day we experience God's grace in new ways. When we have been unable to use donated goods within the parish, we have tried to find the organizations and people who can. We hope to provide space in the coming weeks for a "free garage sale" on Main Street to distribute some of the many, many donations of goods that have been collected by area churches. I have assisted members of our community and others with gift cards and financial assistance and will continue to do so as the situation continues to evolve.

<http://www.calvaryepiscopal-bastroptx.org/BastropFire> (This is the link to their site)

MMO NEWS

Don't forget our upcoming garage sale! Please help support the MMO Program by coming to our garage sale on **Saturday, October 8th from 9:00am to 12:15pm** in the Parish hall. We are still gratefully accepting donated items for the sale. Thanks to all the families and individuals who have generously contributed items already! *Thanks also to the Bailey family, the Kothmann family, and Nancy Steinbach for allowing us to use their facilities for much-needed temporary storage.* We do need help on Sunday, October 2nd in the afternoon to relocate items for the upcoming sale. Please contact Vickie for more information at 830-997-6595 or 210-215-6165.

The new after-class TOT activity, offered to MMO students, is a great success! We have nine students currently enrolled. The children not only learn basketball skills but also are challenged with fun "brain train" lessons. The very talented instructor is Jennifer Knight, who creatively combines both athletics and academics in a very exciting program. Visitors are invited to watch the children participate on Mondays from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm in the fellowship hall.

The Hill Country Mobile gymnastics class is returning to Saint Barnabas this year! The class will be led by Kent Fryburger and is offered on Wednesday mornings to MMO students.

We have had a wonderful start to a new session in our preschool enrichment



"brain train" lesson: combining two colors to make a third color

Last Fabulous 4th Friday of the Year

Bring your lovely children Friday, October 28th, 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Cost is \$5 per child until Wednesday the 26th, afterwards cost is \$7.50 per child.

We are also in urgent need of caregivers. Interested? Call Madaline Clanton, Nursery Director, 990-9055 or (210) 394-9177

COATS FOR KIDS

Our Annual drive to collect coats and other cold weather clothing for the Need's Council begins in October and concludes with a hotdog supper party complete with pumpkin carving on Oct. 25th, from 4-6!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday
October 9th • 4pm



It's that time of year, again! We will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi with our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 9th at 4pm in the courtyard. Last year there were at least 42 animals and we hope for as many or more this year. It is always an enjoyable time for all participating, filled with blessings and fellowship. Please bring your pet properly leashed or crated for its safety. Come celebrate with us! If you would like to help or have questions, please call Jan or Hazel at 997-7690.

VESTRY NOMINEES SOUGHT

In January of every year we gather for our annual Parish Meeting where we elect four new members for the 2012 Vestry as well as choosing six delegates for our Diocesan Council in Feb. A Nominating Committee, consisting of **Mike Wuest, Walt Biddle, Cindy Scroggins, Marcia Manhart, Bud Parish, Ceci McMurrey, and Shelly Kothmann,** have been charged with gathering the names of individuals who are interested in serving in these important capacities.

If you would like to be on the ballot yourself or to nominate someone for either of these positions, please approach a committee member with your request. And please, if nominating someone, make sure they are willing to serve.

Vestry candidates must be contributing members of the parish who are willing to attend monthly meetings and serve for three years.

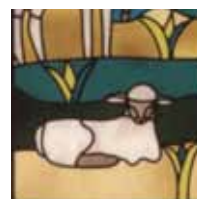
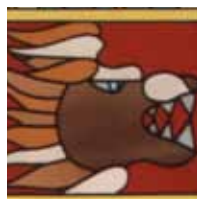
Council Delegates must also be contributing of the parish, who are available to attend a 3 day meeting held in McAllen Feb. 16-18.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AT ST. BARNABAS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1
11:30AM – 2:00PM

Program includes:
Scripture readings, names of
Our St. Barnabas Saints,
names added by our parishioners,
Readings about St. Barnabas,
And other well known saints.

To add names of loved ones departed,
please contact the Church office,
by Thursday Oct 27th.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Evan-Claire Kendrick
Rosabel Smith
- 2 Janice Christofferson
- 4 Delores Sinks
Martha Matteson
- 6 Ann Maguire
Gwynne Juett
- 8 Beverly Carnes
Allan Dinsmore
Virginia Muncey
Katya Walker
- 9 Ann Adams
Olivia Alvarez
- 10 Jani Schofield
Marilu Reynolds
- 11 Sharon Miller
- 14 Jennifer Knight
Nik McWhirter
- 18 Zane Beckmann
Bill Miller
- 19 Lola Roseberry
Linda Miller
- 20 Sara Gordon
Pat Magee
Jadon Trujillo
- 21 Patricia Reese
Charles Deaton
- 22 Jack Swanzy
- 24 Virginia Scheffelin
- 25 Pat Kreuz
Arther Shafer
Mickey Gamble
Vincent DiNino
- 27 Sherrie Gregg
- 28 Nancy Jackson
- 29 Barbara Beckett
Steve Neale
- 30 Lianne Mercer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill and Pat Sadd
- 2 Doug and Susan Kimbrell
- 7 Stephen and Sharon Smith
- 10 David Clements & Cynthia England
- 11 Harlan and Rexanne Hill
- 18 Jeff and Barclay Hammond
- 20 Ric and Pat McCormick

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun Mon Tues Wed Fri Sat.
8:00 p.m. CEB
Spanish Speaking Meeting
Sunday & Monday
6:30 p.m. CEB
Thurs, Closed Meeting
(Women) CEB 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon
Monday 6:30 p.m. - CEB
Friday 8:00 p.m. - CEB

Bible Study - Library
Monday 7:00 a.m.

Women's Book Study
Wednesday 10:00 p.m. - CEB

Knitting of Prayer Shawls
Wednesday 2:30 p.m. - CEB

Bible Study
Thursday 10 a.m. - CEB

Bell Choir
Wednesday 4:30 p.m. - CEB

Choir Practice
Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Room 133
childcare available

Daughters of the King
2nd Saturday of Month
9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall

Men's Breakfast
Thursday 7:00 a.m. - Parish Hall

MMO (Mom's Morning Off)
Mon & Wed. 9:00 a.m.

St. Jerome Library Guild
1st Thursday of Month - 9:30 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 137
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - CEB

Vestry
3rd Monday 6:15 p.m. - Parish Hall

**Potluck Sunday,
October 3rd
Please bring a
dish to share!
Hosted by the Daughters
of the King**

**A-H Main Dish
I - P Veg. or Salad
Q - Z Dessert or Bread**

**Thanksgiving Potluck
November 6th
Bring a Thanksgiving
side-dish to share!
Hosted by the
St. Jerome's Library Guild**

**A-H Dessert or Bread
I - P Veg. or starch
Q - Z Veg. or Salad**

Altar Flowers

October 2nd
Given to the Glory of God
by Ron & Lola Roseberry

October 16th
Given to the Glory of God
by Pat & Ric McCormick
in celebration of their anniversary

“The fruit of silence is prayer.
 The fruit of prayer is faith.
 The fruit of faith is love.
 The fruit of love is service.
 The fruit of service is peace.”
 ~Mother Teresa

Prayer Service
Evangelism



“Is this for us?”
 “Why are you doing this?”
 “Can I sit and window shop?”
 “I have not had new clothes is a long time.”

These are just a sample of the comments at Fredericksburg Nursing Home. The Daughters of the King have adopted Fredericksburg Nursing Home providing clothing, parties, visitation and reading to residents, gardening opportunities, room decorating.

Service is part of the commitment Daughters of the King make to the parish. And an incredible afternoon of shopping was the result. Most of the residents rely on family and friends, unable to shop and choose color, style, button down versus pull over. That changed on a Friday afternoon with the boutique sale paid for with Monopoly money won at Bingo during the week before. They were thrilled to have money to shop and clothes to choose from.

We take so much for granted in our lives when we are healthy and able to do for ourselves. It takes so little to enrich the lives of others, returning to them that sense of independence and the opportunity to have choices.

Fun, laughter, tears – what an experience, bringing Christ in the form of clothes to those in need.

Sarah Campbell, Gillespie Literacy Council - On Tuesday, September 6, Gillespie Literacy Council began its 22nd year of helping local people learn to speak, read and write English.

Over the years we have tutored people from Mexico, Central and South America, Laos, Germany, Cambodia, India, Bosnia and also a probationer from a U.S. prison.

Having participated as a volunteer in G.L.C. for 20 years, I find this work most rewarding.

All our tutors are volunteers; our funds come from churches (including St. Barnabas), individuals and other nonprofit organizations.

What started as a handful of students and tutors has grown to 38 students this fall. Our two sessions are every Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. at Lady of Guadalupe Parish hall on College Street. In 2008 we added U.S. citizen preparation classes and seven students as a result have become U.S. citizens.

We need more tutors; it is not necessary to know or speak Spanish, so if anyone is interested tutoring at G.L.C. please call Barbara Sultemeier at 990-9360 or me!

Gayne Young, Boy Scouts - As cliché as it reads, the Boy Scouts guided me to the man I am today.

The men that volunteered to lead Troop 364 in Bryan, Texas instilled in me a spirit of independence, patience, thought, service, and humanity. The twenty-one merit badges I earned on the road to Eagle Scout opened my eyes to a world of community service, pride in my country, the importance of preparedness and setting goals, and the social skills that I would need to be successful in life. Camping and trips afield taught me that I could survive any situation with no help from others and that it was my duty to help those that could not. I never did learn how to help an old lady cross the street however. And, yes, I feel cheated by that.

Because of my experience with the Boy Scouts in my youth I always pledged that I would volunteer with a Scout Troop as an adult. I promised to give back what I had been given. Or at least to try. Ronald Roseberry's "retirement" as Chartered Organization Representative from Saint Barnabas Church to Troop 137 this past July provided just that opportunity. In the past few weeks of my new position I have met the young men that will become our town's and country's future. They are a great group and deserve far more than I or any of the other adult volunteers can give. After all, I can't teach them about helping old ladies across the street if I never learned myself.

Troop 137 has an exciting year ahead of them. As a group they will travel, camp, hike (including a June trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico), canoe, fundraise, and study. As individuals they will advance and grow. All of this requires the time and assistance of adult volunteers.

If you feel you have something to share in the way of time or experience, would like to make a financial contribution, want to offer prayers or words of encouragement, or are familiar with helping the elderly cross busy intersections, please contact me and Troop 137 through the church office. The young men of Troop 137 would greatly appreciate it.