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We need more Barnabases

Biblical names are back on the baby name lists, including Noah, Jacob and Elijah, but you rarely meet a Barnabas. This stalwart Jewish Christian was the one who sought out Saul of Tarsus after his conversion and introduced him to a skeptical, fearful faith community in Antioch. Barnabas and Paul (Saul's new name) became partners in the mission to the gentiles. Without Barnabas, who knows how things might have gone.

Amid the superstars of Christianity, the apostles and saints, there are countless others in the often anonymous ranks of believers who helped the early church grow—men and women who preached the Gospel, who founded and presided over house churches in the first churches established in the Mediterranean basin, from Antioch to Rome itself.

We are the Church, all of us. And we are its main evangelizers and community builders. Wherever two or three are gathered together in

faith and prayer, Jesus is with us, the Holy Spirit animating us to be the body of Christ in the world.

The central work of the Church is to demonstrate and bring the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation to our fractious world. Whenever a

believer reconciles with a brother or sister, whenever a Christian helps facilitate peace where there has been conflict, the Gospel is preached.

Pope Francis has invited us all to enter a Holy Year of Mercy. It is to be a time of Jubilee, full amnesty within the Church, everyone

off the hook, every wounded sinner invited through the doors of Mercy, restored and renewed by God's unconditional love and forgiveness. How much we need this, especially those of us who have been so long divided within the Church over theological and ideological differences!

It is time to kiss and make up, to come back together at the Table of Life.



Taking inventory of your time and talent

The Time and Talent campaign is an annual opportunity to consider how you would like to participate in the parish life of St. Patrick's. Op-



portunities abound. On the weekend of August 15-16, a booklet outlining opportunities will be distributed at all Masses, and the following weekend (August 22-23), cards on which you've indicated areas of interest will be collected. Of course, you don't have to wait until then to join in many activities. Call the parish center (367-2665) if you want to become involved with something sooner than that!

These are special times for our parish: we're in the midst of major construction on the church, and the want of space makes it hard for groups to meet. After construction is complete, we'll need to re-build our parish community, and committed and experienced volunteers will be needed to welcome and guide the new parishioners attracted by the church expansion. New space and new people mean some rethinking about the range and tasks of ministries. Don't miss out!

You might use the time between now and the Time and Talent week-

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Meet our new Parish Council members

You've probably met some of the new members of our Parish Council, even seen them in action around the parish, but here they introduce themselves with information you may well not know about them. They bring a wealth of experience, a diversity of ways in which they've already been active in the mainstream of parish life, and a broad range of talents to share. We thank them for their readiness to serve the parish, and pray that they find in the Council a source of spiritual enrichment and growth.

From Gary Wszalek:

I grew up in Milwaukee, where I attended Catholic grade school and earned a master's degree in American history.



In 1987 I came to Champaign to pursue a Ph.D. in U.S. intellectual and cultural history. I stayed involved in academic affairs as an undergraduate academic advisor and, with stints in general advising, biology advising, and psychology academic advising, I have been a part of the University of Illinois for nearly 30 years.

My family includes my wife of 28 years, Tracey; son Andrew, 23 (you may see him around the parish helping Bob with custodial duties, or perhaps on the Jumbotron during Illinois basketball in his bright orange wig and orange scrubs); daughter Gabrielle, 19 (just finished her first year at Texas State University); and daughter Maris, 15 (taking driver's ed this summer!).

We have been active parishioners for 20 years, involved in RCIA, Building and Grounds, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, CREW, and the best of all ministries, Ladies Knight Out.

I am excited to take on the challenge of Parish Council membership during our parish's unprecedented transition. With prayer and kindness, I am confident that we will grow into an even more loving and caring community. Please continue to pray for all our ministries.

From Mary Derenne:

It will be a great joy for me to become even more involved in St. Patrick's Parish. I am currently an usher at Saturday evening Mass and have really enjoyed getting to know people in that capacity. The parishioners are really nice and caring in so many ways.



My husband, Jim, and I have two children, Melanie and Tyler; we have been members of St. Patrick's for over 10 years now. Before that we lived in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, where we belonged to

Holy Cross Parish and ushered at Mass there.

My family is a large part of my life, and I am very grateful that they have such a strong faith. I pray that my knowledge and input will help the Parish Council and St. Patrick's in many ways.

From Jack Parisi:

I work as the downstate territory manager for a Chicago medical equipment company. I have been married for 19 years to Annessa Parisi; we have two college-age boys, Colton and Braxton. We have been parishioners since around 2000, and I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus almost that long. I have been involved in the community as a coach for baseball and basketball through Little League and at Holy Cross. I have also served as president of the Athletic Booster Organization (ABO), both at Holy Cross and The High School of St. Thomas More, for which I won a volunteer service award in 2013.



For five years, Annessa and I have organized and coordinated the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Run, raising money for the main hospital in Memphis and local affiliates. Over 15 years of volunteering at nine organizations, I have assisted, organized, coached, chaired, or managed to raise well over a million dollars in donations.

Since our boys are now off to college, I am excited to finally give St. Patrick's Church my full attention. Six months ago I began co-chairing CREW with Father Phelps, and expect to continue. I will also continue attending meetings for the Stewardship Ministry while serving on the Parish Council. I am very excited about the church construction and will help to plan for a prosperous future of our incredible parish.

From Rachael McMillan:

I am originally from Bourbonnais, Illinois. After graduating from Eastern Illinois University, I moved with a former roommate to Los Angeles and then to Champaign. Shortly after we arrived in Champaign, she and her sister (another close friend) introduced me to Scott; in 2002 we were married at St. Patrick's by Fr. George Remm. We have three children: Jack (10), Kate (8), and William (2). Jack and Kate attend Holy Cross Elementary School.



To serve on the Parish Council during such an historic

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time is something I think about often. This gives me two goals: to increase our welcoming presence in the community, and to find some specific ways that my skills can help our parish. I have worked with the Moms Meeting Moms group, providing adult conversation for moms and playtime for youngsters. I have also served as an officer in The Women of St. Patrick, planning spiritual and social events and helping with the Cellar-to-Garret Sale.

When my term is up (three years will go by fast!), I hope that I'll have become really good at doing something—I'm not sure yet what—that both helps our parishioners and is a source of spiritual growth for me.

From Kathy Cimasky:

My daughter Mary (who just graduated from Beloit College) and I completed the 2006-7 RCIA program at St. Patrick's and joined my husband, Felix, as members of St. Patrick's Parish. Previously, we were members of the First United Methodist Church in Urbana, where I chaired the Staff Pastor Relations Committee for six years. I recently celebrated 35 years of pharmacy practice.



Since becoming a parishioner, I have participated as a

lector, lector coordinator, CREW chaperone on four CREW mission trips, and co-coordinator of the last two CREW mission trips.

I look forward to the completion of the church expansion and to assisting with the transition from the parish hall back to the expanded church. My hope is that St. Patrick's will continue to grow as a welcoming community as we walk by faith on our spiritual journey.

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ends to think prayerfully about how you could grow in faith and with the parish community. Join the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Women of St. Patrick, or one of the parish choirs. Prepare couples for marriage, welcome people at Coffee Shop, plan or write for In Focus. There's so much more—think and pray now, join in August!

Father Joel says goodbye

Fr. Joel Phelps celebrated his last weekend Masses at St. Patrick's on June 6 and 7. Parishioners reacted both with sadness at his departure, and with joy in his years spent with us.

During his homily, Fr. Joel said that ten years ago he decided to become a priest. He did not know what would happen, but trusted in the Lord. He added, "The Lord came through for me."

Now he is more convinced than ever that he made the right decision. These last three years have been worth the whole of his life, and are more powerful than all his seminary years.

Fr. Joel enjoyed working with parishioners in planning weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Only three weeks after he arrived here, he was sent on the CREW mission trip. He did not know what to expect, but discovered that he greatly enjoyed working with the parish youth. He continued to be involved in their activities, including playing trombone in the Youth Orchestra.

There was a wonderful and delicious going-away party for Father Joel after Saturday's 5:00 Mass. Under a large tent set up in the parking lot were long rows of tables and chairs. In the middle were more tables piled with homemade foods: freshly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs; cold salads including lettuce, potato, layered, bean, taco; hot sides of pork and beans, rice, veggies; and a mouthwatering display of desserts including pies, squares, cookies, and a large sheet cake decorated for Father.

Fr. Joel is looking forward to his next assignment at Holy Cross in Mendota, Illinois. He hopes it increases his parish experience, to convince the bishop that he can be "the boss" one day. He will continue to pray for us that we all may be drawn together by the Body and Blood of Christ.

Farewell and God speed, Father Phelps. Our prayers go with you!



Are you a re-roofer? Your help is needed!

Reroofing a home at 1201 North Coler, opposite the county fairgrounds, an empty tomb project, has been ongoing for several weekends. More volunteers are needed to complete this. Workers meet at empty tomb on North Fourth St. before 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. If you can help, please call in advance so an estimate can be made of how much work can be accomplished. Call Richard Keane (974-0099) or Cecil Billingsley (369-7674), identifying the hours you can help with this or other empty tomb projects.



Q: At funeral Masses I've noticed that concelebrating priests standing in the sanctuary bow after the consecration along with the presider. Lately I've seen individuals do this at parish Masses. What is this about?

A: Out of reverence for the wondrous event that has just taken place, the presence of Christ's Body and Blood called into being at the consecration of the bread and the wine, all present who are standing at this time make a profound (deep) bow when the presider genuflects or bows following the consecration of these elements. It is simply a matter of reverence, of acknowledgment of Christ's Eucharistic presence on the altar.

Now that we are celebrating Mass in the parish hall and are standing during the consecration, it is only fitting that we join in this action of the presider and make a profound bow in concert with the presider when he genuflects or bows after the consecration of the bread and of the wine. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #43)

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Questions about Catholic practice or Catholic teaching may be sent to the Communications Committee in care of the parish office.

Bl. Junípero Serra to be named a saint in September

Father Junípero Serra (as he was known until his 1988 beatification, which gave him the title Blessed) lived from 1713 to 1784. Born on Majorca Island, he joined the Franciscans in 1730 where he became a noted priest, scholar and professor. He left Spain in 1749, becoming a missionary in Mexico. In 1768 he began his work as the administrator and founder of missions in Baja and Alta (lower and upper) California. Under his leadership twenty one missions were founded, from present-day San Diego to San Francisco. These missions were key to the religious, social and economic life of the new California colony. Tens of thousands of Native Americans were baptized at the missions. Many were inspired by the impassioned preaching, personal zeal, humble virtues and public mortifications of Bl. Serra.

During Pope Francis' September trip to the U.S., Junípero Serra will be canonized. He is often referred to as a patron saint of vocations, of California, and of wine grape growers. His feast day is July 1.

Critics of Serra and his upcoming canonization emphasize his role in the colonization of California's native tribes. Like most missionaries of his day, Serra had a caring but paternalistic view of aboriginal people. The California missions practiced corporal punishments, forced labor, and sometimes cooperated with the Spanish military. On the other hand, Serra was also known as a protector of Native Americans, sometimes arguing with colonial administrators and military officers who tried to hurt Indian tribes. The California missions offered education, community, food, and shelter to converts as well as spiritual direction and hard agricultural work.

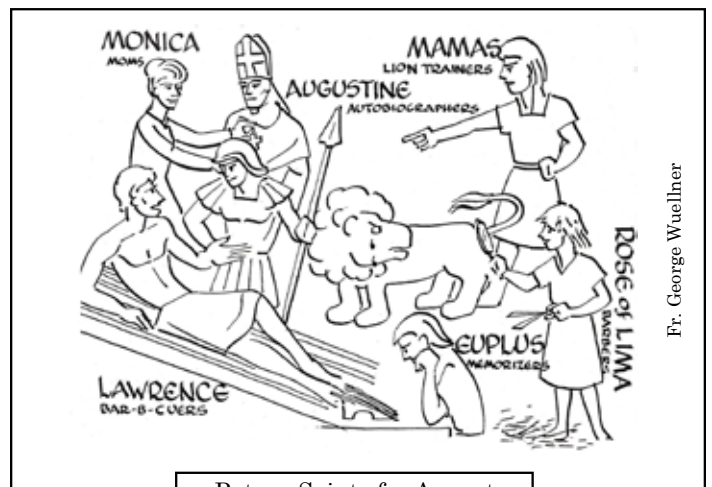
As Catholic News Service journalist Cindy Wooden noted, "Blessed Junípero Serra is being canonized because he was holy, not because he was perfect." He was by all accounts a loving and inspiring pastor to many, and devoted his adult life to the missions of Mexico and California.



Statue of Junípero Serra at the Mission San Diego de Alaca in San Diego



Patron Saints for July



Patron Saints for August

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When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together.
Acts 2:1

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, was a day to remember at St. Patrick's and marked a turning point for our parish community. It was a milestone day for Father Alex Millar who celebrated his First Mass here, beginning his new priestly ministry, and a milestone day for St. Patrick's, beginning a new chapter in the parish's history. This was the last Sunday we gathered in the church before the start of renovations to the interior—part of our major church expansion plan. For this reason, all of the liturgies we celebrated on Pentecost Sunday were especially beautiful and alive with the Spirit. It was an incredible day from start to finish!

Not long after the last Mass ended, a crew of parishioners gathered to begin a massive effort—removal of all the pews and church furnishings. They worked tirelessly to get the job done; many hands made light work (well, not exactly light!). In addition, many volunteers have worked together with the parish staff over the past few weeks to create our temporary worship space in the parish hall. Thanks to their efforts, we have transformed our coffee shop space into sacred space.

To all who helped make this happen: Bravo, thank you, and bless you!

The before-and-after photos below capture the beauty of parishioners gathered for Mass on Pentecost Sunday and the dramatic changes that took place in the church that weekend. View more photos online at stpaturbana.org



Looking for a way to put your faith into action?

Consider joining the Communications Committee, which produces the parish newsletter, *In Focus*, 11 times a year. We need idea people who can meet monthly on 4th Thursdays to decide on articles for the upcoming issue. We also need writers, photographers, editors, and page layout people who can take an occasional assignment. It's a great way to serve your faith community and to learn about the many people and activities at St. Patrick's.

Interested? Contact Cathy Salika at 367-7861 or csalika@illinois.edu.



Vocation Prayer

Lord my God, when your love spilled over into creation, you thought of me. May nothing ever distract me from your love. Direct all that is me—all that I am, all that I do—toward your praise. Teach me how I may serve you, how I may share with others all the love that you have given me; let me hold nothing back. For I love you, Lord my God!.

The other day I watched my terrier in front of a mouse hole—for well over an hour she lay there, motionless and yet eagerly attentive. This is how I want to be when praying: eagerly attentive to the loving presence of God.

—Sara Maitland

International Fair gives a taste (literally!) of many cultures

Rain showers came and went but failed to dampen the spirits of the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's at the International Fair picnic on the afternoon of June 13. People of all ages enjoyed gathering at the Exhibit Hall at the county fairgrounds, sampling a variety of foods, playing games, listening to music, and making new friends.

Participants were greeted with a sign expressing our values of faith, hope, and love in many languages. Adults received a bright yellow paper for a "Get to Know Each Other" scavenger hunt. While searching for someone who had visited the Holy Land or finding someone who was born in another country, new friends were made and old friendships were strengthened.

Passing showers occasionally sent the children in the bounce houses scampering for cover, but indoors there were games aplenty for them too. From ring toss to "Padre Plinko," there were games for every ability and candy prizes for the winners. Children brought their homemade welcome cards to our new parochial vicar, Fr. Joseph Baker, and in turn were treated to a bag of caramel corn as his expression of thanks. His Spanish greetings to many of the young children from St. Mary's won broad smiles in return.

Of course, the highlight was the food from many corners of the globe. From the basic all-American burgers and hot dogs, the food table stretched for a country mile. Plates were filled with sauerkraut from Germany, udon noodles and mandoo dumplings from Korea, tamales from Guatemala and tabouli salad from the Middle East, mikate donuts from the Congo and beans from Cameroon, Brazilian zucchini salad and Irish brown bread, Filipino fried rice and amazing mole, the "king of Mexican cuisine," chicken cooked in a complicated blend of spices and chocolate and made only for special occasions. Watermelon, fruit, and cookies rounded out the fare, and no one went away hungry.

With physical appetites sated, the Coro La Voz Universal "Choir of Universal Voices" band from St. Mary's delighted with their musical offering. The afternoon proved to be a feast for all the senses and a wonderful testament to the indisputably international character of our sister parishes.



Leisure

What is this life, if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare,
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hid their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this, if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

—W. H. Davies



St. Patrick's expansion project a labor of love for two parishioners

Keith Henry and his wife, Bonnie, joined our parish when they moved from Champaign seven years ago. Since then, Keith has adopted some key roles, including serving as Eucharistic minister and lector. Recently he added another role that is close to his heart. He has spent his adult life working as an electrician. (In fact, on October 17 he expects to retire from his life's work.) This expansion project is his last job before he can enjoy the golf course without feeling guilty.

He didn't seek this new job. When it was offered to him, he felt that it might be his final job as an electrician. The company he currently works for, Aladdin Electric, specifically requested him for this. He told Father Joe that he feels it was "the hand of God" that dropped him into this, his final job in the profession he loves—and for the parish he loves.

Keith considers himself the "luckiest guy in the world" to be heading

into retirement on this note. "It is a pleasure to do God's work," he exclaimed.

Parishioner Marty Kirby owns Kirby Turner, the company that will provide the concrete work for the church expansion. He said, "Being a new Catholic in our parish hasn't kept me from having a special place in my heart for what's happening on this par-

telling his wife, Tammie, he went to that meeting and signed on to join the Catholic faith. For Tammie, it was the answer to her prayers; she was delighted to join Marty as his sponsor on this sacred journey.

Marty especially enjoyed the challenge he and other contractors have been given to seamlessly match the new expansion with the century-old architecture. He is also relieved that some of the delicate, old, arched stained glass windows have been safely extracted and now await their new spaces.

"Like the other St. Patrick's parishioners, I anticipate the joy of celebrating the first Mass in our expanded worship space," he said.



Marty Kirby (left) and Keith Henry at work

ticular building site. I feel very much a part of St. Patrick's hundred-plus year history."

Marty likes to tell that it was an article in *In Focus* soliciting catechumens for our RCIA program that caught his eye three years ago. Without



Old meets new



in our parish library

Due to the materials and offices relocated by construction, the parish library is now off limits. Next year we hope to resume our parish librarian's recommendations of parish books for children and adults that inform and enliven our spiritual journeys together.

How can you find a nearby Catholic church when traveling on vacation or a business trip? Go to www.masstimes.org, or call 1-734-794-2100 and enter a zip code.

SVDP Food Pantry garden is growing strong

Despite a late start, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry garden is coming along well. The garden, located in Urbana's Meadowbrook Park Organic Garden plots, was begun as a way to increase the amount of fresh produce available to SVDP Food Pantry clients. Garden coordinator April Jessee reports that there are currently peas, greens, tomatoes, peppers, squash, carrots, and eggplant growing in the garden. In addition, a generous neighbor with a large crop of green beans is promising to share those when harvest time comes.

Volunteers are needed for weeding (always!) and for picking green beans. If you are able to help pull weeds or help with other garden tasks, contact April (april.jessee@gmail.com) or Jim Urban (367-2665). Please pray for a fruitful year!



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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Nancy Olson

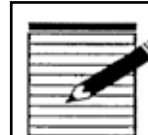
Orange Yogurt Scones

- 2 c flour
- 1/3 c + 2 t sugar (separated)
- 2 T baking powder
- 1/4 t baking soda
- 1/4 t salt
- 3 T cold margarine
- 1 carton (6 oz) lemon or orange yogurt
- 2 t grated orange peel
- 1.4 c orange juice

Mix together dry ingredients, using 1/3 cup sugar. Cut in margarine until mixture forms fine crumbs. Mix wet ingredients and stir into dry ingredients until just evenly moist. Mound dough onto an oiled cookie sheet (or use parchment paper). With well-floured hands, pat into a 9-inch circle. With a floured knife, cut through the top of the dough to make 8 wedges. Leave in place on cookie sheet and sprinkle remaining 2 teaspoons of sugar on top. Bake at 375 degrees about 25 minutes, until golden brown.

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If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send it to Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, mmenches@illinois.edu). The only requirement is that it is easy and quick to prepare!e!



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is **August 16**.