

Benediction Weekly

September 6, 2015

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.



Evening Eucharist Saturday, September 12, 5:30pm
followed by soup supper & conversation

CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

Potluck lunch follows the service. Visitors welcome!

Tuesday, Sep 8

5:30 pm – Vespers

6:15 pm – Potluck

Wednesday, Sep 9

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep 10

10:00 am – Hollister Institute Symposium --

“*Laudato Si: Spirituality & the Environmental Crisis*”

Friday, Sep 11

9am-3pm – Nature Academy

Saturday, Sep 12

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill

5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, Sep 13

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

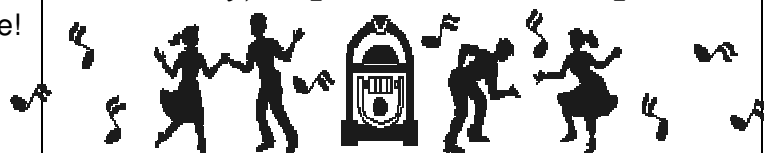
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ Healing Service

12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

2:00 pm – Deanery Mtg at St Luke's Atascadero

St. Ben's Sock Hop

Friday, September 18 – 6pm



Award for best costume!

Party favors!

Dancing, dancing, dancing!

Tickets \$30

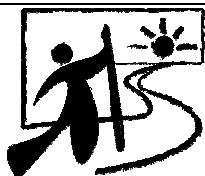
Drive In Menu Dinner, includes Hot Dogs & Chili Dogs, Burgers & Veggie Burgers, Root Beer Floats, Banana Split Bar.

Music provided by The Bald Spots and DJ Alek Speck

Contact Maria Kelly for tickets & questions
mmkelly66@gmail.com or 805.423.5331

HOLY BAPTISM: We'll be having baptisms on September 20!

Anyone who hasn't yet been baptized but would like to be should contact Caro+.



The next **SLO Deanery Harmony Hike** is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, at Point Buchon.

We will meet at the trailhead parking lot just past the south end of Montana de Oro at the end of Pecho Valley Road at 12:45pm and begin walking promptly at 1pm. All ages are welcome. This is a fairly easy 1.8 mile loop trail along coastal bluffs and meadows. We will have a stational Eucharist stopping at several points along the way to begin the service, listen to scripture, have a short time of silence, and

end with Communion. Sorry, dogs are not allowed this time. Remember to bring water and sunscreen! If you have any questions please call the Rev. Barbara Miller at 805-712-0650 or email her at revbmiller@stjamespasorobles.org to be added to the contact and reminder list.

Upcoming hikes: Oct 17 Limekiln Canyon (this is a longer drive); Nov 21 A portion of the Bob Jones Trail near Avila; Dec 19 Reservoir Canyon; Jan 16 Monarch Butterfly Grove.

SLO FOOD BANK's HUNGER WALK Saturday, September 19th Join “Team St. Benedict's” (or be a sponsor) as we participate in the countywide Hunger Walk Info: www.slofoodbank.org Judy Schloss has details.



Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev Donna Ross; Preacher: Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Alan Kiste;
Chalice: Rob Ross; Lectors: Judy Schloss & Lorraine Schwenk; Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Steve Hirahara;
Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Altar Guild: Judy Schloss; Flowers: Brian Spolarich;
Potluck Hosts: Ron & Laura Thompson and Charlene Morse; Tellers: Judith Cadigan & Katy Keeney;
Cantor: Anne Kanter; Music Director: John Cribb. **Thank you all for your service!**



On-Going Activities at St. Ben's

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP—
First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

HEALING SERVICE — a time for
prayers for healing at the 10:30
service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE —
Opportunities for stimulating
discussion and thoughtful exploration
for everyone, whether or not they are
members of a church. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE—
Prayers for the community and the
world. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB —
Discussion and fellowship. 4th
Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

LUNCH BUNCH — lunchtime social
gathering following church, 2nd
Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEET ME IN MORRO — lunchtime
social gathering, 3rd Tuesdays
at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

MEN'S BREAKFAST — morning
social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at
Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

NATURE ACADEMY — Alternative
Middle and High School program
through Outside Now, a nonprofit
educational organization dedicated to
reconnecting people to the wonders of
the natural world. Mondays & Fridays
9am-3pm Returning September 11

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN — Providing and
serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st
Saturday of odd-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st
Sunday of each month donations to
Prado Day Center are collected, and
potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
On the last Sunday of each month, the
loose plate offering is designated to this
fund to help those in need.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION
5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service
using varying liturgies, followed by
potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:

Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Pam Bleisch, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Michael Lucas,
Celeste Pennington, Anne Kanter,
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West

Proper 18: Sunday closest to September 7—Year B

Welcome to our parish. The Gospel reading today contains two healing stories. In the first, Jesus astounds the disciples by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman, an act unheard of in his day. Then he heals a man who is deaf and mute. These healings, like the others in the Gospel, is for Mark a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus' attempt to prevent the healing being made known, and the crowd's amazement at this event, is a characteristic of Mark's Gospel. Also characteristic of Mark is that the people healed are in every case people who were rejected by traditional religious leaders.

The Old Testament reading is chosen because in it Isaiah foresees the coming of the Messiah characterized by healing and new life.

Today we continue reading the Epistle of James. This brief letter, ascribed to Jesus' brother, is strikingly similar in tone and content to the Sermon on the Mount. James is particularly concerned that belief in God be accompanied by conduct congruent with that faith. Above all, James is concerned lest we settle for faith which does not produce good works for others, especially the poor and helpless. Faith without good works is an empty faith.

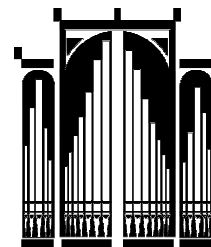
The People of God gather, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. His presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of his Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

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Some Upcoming Deanery Events

St. James Concert to Feature Historic Stevens Pipe Organ

St. James Episcopal in Paso Robles will host a concert on **Sunday, September 13** at 4 p.m. to celebrate the recently completed kitchen restoration. Cactus Sam Harris will perform on our historic pipe organ and Krista Moore will join him on flute; a wine and cheese reception will follow. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased by calling the St. James' office at (805) 238-0819, or at the door before the concert. For more information, visit www.stjamespasorobles.com



Join the Concert Celebration at St. Peter's by-the-Sea

All are invited to join St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal in Morro Bay for an exciting demonstration performance to celebrate its new Allen digital organ! Virtuoso Phillip Smith -- the Organ Conservator for one of the nation's premiere concert venues, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles -- will perform **Saturday, September 19** at 4 p.m. at St. Peter's, located at 545 Shasta Ave. in Morro Bay. A delicious supper of chowder, bread, salad, dessert and beverages will be offered following the recital. The concert is free to all; a donation of \$10.00 is appreciated for the reception following the performance. Please attend and join our celebration! For more information, visit www.stpetersmorrobay.org.

Sacred Journeys; A Men's Retreat at St Paul's, Cambria

To be led by Donna and Rob Ross **Saturday, September 26:** from 9:30am - 1:30pm

Introduction to Centering Prayer at St. Stephen's, SLO

To be led by the Rev Amber Sturgess **Saturday, October 10.** Register by Oct 8

ECLECTIA Lecture Series at St. Peter's, Morro Bay, returns starting **Oct 1** Thursdays at 1:30 pm

~ For more details on the above events, please see the flyers on our bulletin board. ~

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley, 528-7497; The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670; or The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple, (210) 422-8284. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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