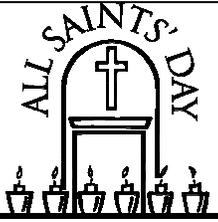


Benediction Weekly

October 25, 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.



All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. It is the tradition of the church that each year the names of parishioners and loved ones who have died are read as part of the Eucharist that day. If you would like a friend or loved one remembered, please contact Stef Shuman for inclusion in the bulletin by Thursday, October 29th.

CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music

Monday, Oct 26

8:30am-3:30pm – Nature Academy

Tuesday, Oct 27

5:30 pm – Vespers
6:15 pm – Potluck
7:30 pm – *Soul Keeping*

Wednesday, Oct 28

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 29

11:00 am – *Green Group*

Friday, Oct 30

8:30am-3:30pm – Nature Academy

Saturday, Oct 31

9:30am-2:30pm – *Deanery Music Workshop*

Sunday, Nov 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY

No 8:00 am service
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music, followed by "Potluck & Prado" – bring a dish to share and a food contribution for the Prado Pantry.
Also: UTO in-gathering (blue boxes or checks)

Two events will highlight the Installation of The Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected and confirmed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention on June 27. According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, he becomes Presiding Bishop on November 1. Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

A Vigil Celebration and Eucharist sponsored by the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) will be held in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 31st at 11 am. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society will sponsor a live webcast of the Vigil Celebration at www.episcopalchurch.org. (8am Pacific time).

The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Curry, will occur on Sunday, November 1st at 12 noon at Washington National Cathedral. Bishop Curry will preach at the service. The service will be live webcast at www.nationalcathedral.org (9am Pacific time).



Time to turn back your clocks!

Daylight Saving Time Ends next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks BACK!

Soul Keeping: Tuesday October 27 - 7:30pm

Please join us for a DVD, talk and discussion led by Carmen Fojo, inspired by the book "Soul Keeping - Caring For the Most Important Part of You" by John Ortberg.

Green Group: Thursday October 29 – 11am

Following the recent Hollister Institute discussion of Laudato Si several people expressed an interest in continuing to explore together and to support one another in an ecological lifestyle and in political and practical action to help maintain and nurture our environment. The first meeting will be Thurs at 11am. You are welcome even if you did not participate in the Laudato Si class.

Free Concert Today

The Voice Studio of Mary Sue Gee will present a Fall Recital today from 1:30-3:30pm, at St. Peter's by the Sea, in Morro Bay. There will be duets and solos, art songs, opera arias, musical theater selections...something for everyone.

Deanery Music Workshop - Oct 31st 9:30am - 2:30pm

Jane McDougale, an experienced church musician and teacher, will be spending a day in the San Luis Obispo Deanery to help us discover new hymns, new chants, new styles of music that will enliven our worship and deepen our experience of spirit.. Cost: \$15 includes lunch.

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

Celebrant: The Rev Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Diana Hammerlund; Chalice: Bob Pelfrey; Lectors: Francis Rivinus & Judith Cadigan; Ushers: Bill Hayes & Esta Kandarian; Greeter: Joan Hayes; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Coffee Hour Hosts: Connie Weldon & Gigi Rivinus; Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & June Wright; Cantor: Alek Speck; 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. Mon & Fri 830-330

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 25: Sunday closest to October 26—Year B

Welcome to our parish. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers.

In the first reading Jeremiah tells that one day God will reach out to his people and call all of them back. No one will be left out, but all will come rejoicing into God's family. The story of the blind man in today's Gospel reading is a sign that what Jeremiah foretold is coming true in the ministry of Jesus.

Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer is reminding his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priests no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity.

In the Eucharist our use of physical bread and wine as the elements of spiritual communion with God remind us of this truth. We become part of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus so that we can live in his life eternally. We cannot live apart from God or apart from moral responsibility to all people. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living

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November 2015							Highlights
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 - Potluck and Prado, 1030a 5- Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 7- People's Kitchen, 12n 8 - Lunch Bunch @ Garden Café, 1230p 11 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 14 - Men's Breakfast @ Sea Pines Grill, 9a 14 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 15 - PFJ Fundraiser Concert, 3p 17- Meet Me in Morro Lunch, 12p 19 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 25 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY 28 - Lit Lovers' Book Club, 1p
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						
Weekly Events: Mondays+Fridays, Nature Acad 830-330 Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p							

Caro+ will be on vacation from November 2 through December 1

During her absence, please contact Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974; call Junior Warden Pamela Bleisch with church facility issues, 602-1240; call Senior Warden Maria Kelly with all other church business, 423-5331. For counsel & spiritual care call any of the assisting clergy: Mary Elizabeth, 528-7497; Donna Ross, 235-5117; Barry Turner, 784-0670; or Sharon Dalrymple, (210) 422-8284.

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826;

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