

# Benediction Weekly

## July 24, 2016

*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.*



### Healing Service Next Sunday

There will be a time for special prayers for healing and for the laying-on of hands and anointing during the 10:30 service next week, St. Benedict's regularly has such a service on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. On other Sundays a member of the Intercessory Prayer team is available for private prayers after the service.

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

##### TODAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

##### Tuesday, July 26

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

##### Wednesday, July 27

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

##### Saturday, July 29

7:30 pm – Candlelight Strings Concert

##### Sunday, July 31

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

### The Blessings of St. Benedict

Parish Retreat November 18 - 20  
Mount Calvary Retreat House, Santa Barbara

Focusing on some of the gifts of the Benedictine path, this retreat will be an opportunity to take time for deeper spiritual reflection and connection. Retreat sessions will be led by Donna Ross+ and participants will be encouraged to participate in the prayer life of the brothers (we met Brother Adam a couple of weeks ago). Accommodation is in shared rooms with simple meals included in the cost which is \$260. The weekend starts on Friday with supper at 6pm and concludes after lunch on Sunday. There are still some spaces available so please secure yours by contacting Danna ([office@stbenslosos.org](mailto:office@stbenslosos.org)) and paying your \$50 deposit.

### String Quartet Concert July 29 at 7:30pm

Cost \$15. Proceeds to go to St Benedict's ministries and the GALA center.

Sponsored by Waste Connection, who is underwriting it. Four local professional musicians are coming together to provide an evening of enjoyment for a worthy cause.

**The Candlelight Strings** hope that their July 29 concert at St Benedict's Episcopal Church will be an antidote of hope and beauty in response to the Orlando shooting and so proceeds will go to support the local LGBTQ community through the GALA Center, and also the ministries of St. Benedict's. The program will be a combination of favorite classics by Bach and Mozart, and some popular songs, arranged by violinist **Bette Byers**. In addition to Bette Byers who has a long career in Hollywood, Candlelight Strings brings together Julliard-trained **Dr. Maurice Sklar** on violin, local favorite **Jeanne Shumway** on cello, with **Sal Garza** who was classically trained by Morro Bay's Botso Korisheli.



#### Giving in June - St. Ben's General Operating Fund - Thank you!!

June Income: \$ 10,026	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 1,935) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 68,037	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 71,765	Difference: (\$ 3,728) shortfall

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Donna Ross; Eucharistic Minister: Alan Kiste;  
Chalice Bearer: John Horsley; Lectors: Judith Cadigan & Margaret Fegan ;

Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Marie Moore; Greeter: Steve Hirahara; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman;

Flowers: Gigi Rivinus; Coffee Hour Hosts: Alice Welchert & Karin Cake; Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & Steve Cake;

Prayer Team Intercessor: Louise Beeler; Cantor: Alek Speck; Music Director: John Cribb. **Thank you for your service!**



**On-Going  
Activities  
at St. Ben's**

**BIBLE STUDY** - Come join us for Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday except first Sundays.

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

**EARTHCARE** - A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. Second Wednesdays at 2:30 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** - Discussion and fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEET ME IN MORRO** - lunchtime social gathering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of odd-numbered months.

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

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

**VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden  
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian  
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

*Proper 12: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—Year C*

Welcome to our parish. The gospel reading today is Luke's account of Jesus' teaching about prayer. He gives his disciples a model for prayer and then speaks of God's willingness to hear our prayers. Jesus describes human situations in which a parent's willingness to give children what they need is a sign that God, who is far more loving and good than any human parent, is even more ready to grant that which we need.

In today's Old Testament reading, Abraham intercedes with God for the righteous persons in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The sin in the two cities turned out to be so serious that the agreement between Abraham and God was not successful in preventing their destruction. (While some Christians have assumed that that sin was sexual in nature, biblical scholars point out that the discussions of the event in other parts of the Bible do not place the blame on sexuality, but on lack of faith.)

We continue today to read Paul's epistle to the Colossians. Jesus in his death, resurrection, and ascension is the ultimate and perfect mediator between God and humanity. In our baptismal union with him, we are not only beneficiaries of his intercession but share with him in that mediatorial role. That role is expressed in the liturgy in the Prayers of the People, and more generally in our life of prayer. We gather in Eucharist as the priestly people of God, called by God into union with Christ, and bringing the world to God that it may be redeemed.

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***Companion in Franciscan Spirituality Program***

On October 1- 9, the Community of St. Francis will offer a 10-day Immersion Program in Franciscan Spirituality, centered around the Feast of St. Francis, October 4. Any interested woman over age 18 is invited to join the Sisters at St. Francis House in San Francisco in studying Franciscan Spirituality and living out that spirituality through participation in our life of prayer, work, ministry, and community. Room and board are provided as part of this free program, but donations are always welcome. (Note: St. Francis House unfortunately is not wheelchair accessible).

Application deadline is September 1; a flyer with more information is available at this link. For more information contact [pamelaclarecsf@aol.com](mailto:pamelaclarecsf@aol.com) or (415) 824-0288.

The Community of St. Francis consists of Franciscan Sisters in the Episcopal Church who are part of the world-wide Franciscan family in the Anglican Communion: The Society of St. Francis.

**ST. BENEDICT'S 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JAZZ CONCERT August 21 3 p.m.**

***Darrell Voss & the Real Time Jazz All-Stars*** with Bob Bennett, Dave Becker, Marshal Otwell and Dylan Johnson. An exciting mix of Jazz, featuring a tribute to Vibraphone Masters, in the styles of Lionel Hampton, Milt Jackson, and Cal Tjader. Tickets \$25 available at Boo Boo Records, The Abundance Shop, online at [www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) or at the door. Complimentary snacks & beverages. Wine and beer available for sale. Info 805-602-1240.



**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. Faye Hogan, 541-4595. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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