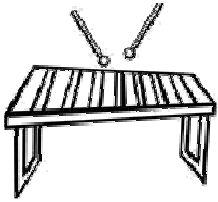


# Benediction Weekly

## August 7, 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.*



### *in 2 weeks...*

**ST. BENEDICT'S 17th ANNUAL JAZZ CONCERT: August 21 at 3 p.m.**

Darrell Voss & the Real Time Jazz All-Stars featuring a tribute to Vibraphone Masters. Tickets \$25 available at Boo Boo Records, The Abundance Shop, online at [www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) or at the door.

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

##### **TODAY**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music,  
followed by Potluck Lunch  
3:00 pm – Faith Watkins' Celebration of Life

##### **Tuesday, Aug 9**

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

##### **Wednesday, Aug 10**

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle  
2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting  
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### **Saturday, Aug 13**

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill  
5:30 pm – Saturday Eucharist, followed by Supper

##### **Sunday, Aug 14**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music  
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

#### **Highlights from the July 21<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting**

1. The stock has all been sold and the bank loan paid down to less than \$100k. Our heartfelt thanks go to the donor of the stock. We are waiting for the bank to re-amortize the loan.
2. We are waiting to hear from the Tax Assessor's office how much we will have to pay to have the sanctuary available for use by outside groups regardless of their profit or non-profit status.
3. We are also waiting for a quote on completing the fire sprinkler system.
4. Next year is our 30th Anniversary and we started talking about what we might do to celebrate.
5. A task force is going to meet to look into different temporary caretaker housing.

LAY MEMBERS: Sr. Warden Maria Kelly, Jr. Warden Anne Kanter, John Cribb, Francis Rivinus, Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers, Kathie West, Esta Kandarian, Rod Morse, and Ken Kenyon.

Parish Council generally meets on third Thursdays at 6:30pm, but will not be meeting in August. Next meeting will be Sep. 14.

**Tomorrow night:** People of Faith for Justice and the SLO Ministerial Association will present the next in their ongoing series of Opening Doors of Interfaith Understanding: ***“One People, Two Worlds.”*** A discussion led by R. Hirsch & R. Reinman at 7:30 pm on August 8th at Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa.

#### **REV. CARO+ WILL BE ON FURLOUGH** from August 8<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>

During her absence, our Sunday morning worship will be ably led by our clergy team, who can also be available for counseling by appointment: 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. Sr. Warden Maria Kelly is on vacation, so for the next two weeks Jr. Warden Anne Kanter is the person to contact for all issues other than building, 805-234-5790. Michael Lucas is the contact person for building concerns and questions, 805-215-3750. John Cribb is back-up in the event the others are not available, 805-235-6204. Celeste Pennington 805-771-8974, and Esta Kandarian 805-709-5976, will coordinate pastoral care. Danna is also in the office Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 and ready to help you with questions about scheduling and administration, 805-528-0654.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Stef Shuman; Chalice Bearer: Ann Edwards; Lectors: Janelle LaFond & Alan Kiste; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Marie Moore; Greeter: Ann Edwards; Altar Guild: Pamela Bleisch; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Potluck Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Judy Schloss; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Carol Baker; Prayer Team Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; Cantor: Anne Kanter; 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 14: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—Year C*

**Welcome to our parish.** Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the kingdom.

We will spend several Sundays reading through the concluding portion of the Epistle to the Hebrews. This section deals with the call to faith, which we have in Christ. Our forebearers in the faith, especially Abraham and Sarah, are presented as models of this faith, which is described as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. It is in remembering that God was faithful to our ancestors in faith that we are equipped for our own time of waiting.

The first reading relates God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, old and childless, to give them an heir and produce from them a new people. For the first time, the Scriptures express what will become central to the Gospel proclamation: righteousness depends on faith.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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***There are only 6 spaces still available for the Parish Retreat.***

**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 at Mt. Calvary. Accommodation is in shared rooms with simple meals included. The weekend starts on Friday with supper at 6pm and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$260, with a \$50 deposit due at registration.



To secure our group reservation we need to give a final head count by **Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please register with Danna at the church office ([office@stbenslososos.org](mailto:office@stbenslososos.org)).

**Journey of the Universe: An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth, and Human Transformation**

*Sunday, August 28th at 7pm at St. Ben's,  
co-sponsored with Trinity United Methodist Church.*

This 1-hour documentary explores the origins of the cosmos, the emergence of life, and the rise of humans. The film weaves together the findings of modern science with enduring wisdom found in human cultural traditions to explore cosmic evolution as a wondrous process based on creativity, connection, and interdependence.

**New Hollister Institute book discussion: "Care for Creation"** by Franciscan theologian Ha Delio. Five Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30pm, Sep 6 - Oct 4.

**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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