

Benediction Weekly

October 16, 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.



St. Benedict's Gratitude Dinner this Friday at 6pm.

Each year we celebrate our gratitude to God and each other for the many blessings we have received as part of St. Benedict's. The dinner is provided by the Parish Council and everyone is welcome, including those Abundance Shop volunteers who are not regular church members. We have much to be grateful for and it is a wonderful time to gather and remind ourselves of the abundance of God's love.

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 w/music
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *"Explode the Machine"*
- 4:00 pm – Chili Cook-off at St. Stephen's SLO

Tuesday, Oct 18

- 12:00 pm – "Meet Me in Morro" @ GAFCO
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
- 7:15 pm – Hollister Institute: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Wednesday, Oct 19

- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 20

- 10:00 am – Hollister Institute: Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- 6:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in dream Group

Friday, Oct 21

- 6:00 pm – Parish Gratitude Dinner

Saturday, Oct 22

- 1:00 pm – LitLovers' Book Club @ Thompsons'

Sunday, Oct 23

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *Amaris Laurette Taylor*

Hurricane Matthew Response from Episcopal Relief & Development

As Hurricane Matthew continues to affect the Caribbean and southeastern United States, Episcopalians are asking how to respond.

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the hurricane, for first responders who are conducting rescue operations and for church communities who are reaching out to care for their most vulnerable members and neighbors

Contributions to the Hurricane Matthew Response Fund will help Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance to those most in need. Please donate to the Hurricane Matthew Response Fund and visit the organization's website for more info about relief and recovery efforts:

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-matthew-response>

Please see the flyers on the usher's table.

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

September Income: \$ 13,076	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 1,115) surplus
YTD Income: \$103,221	YTD Income Budgeted: \$107,647	Difference: (\$ 4,426) shortfall

Explode the Machine, a high-energy rock band from SLO, will be featured at 4pm today in our ongoing series of "Sunday Sessions", a service of music and spiritual connection and reflection. Explode the Machine plays music across a range of genres, including rock, blues, hip hop, funk, reggae, soul, country and heavy metal, with a lyrical message promoting truth and a vigilant, informed mind.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Esta Kandarian; Chalice: Bryson McKelvey; Lector: Alek Speck; Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Marie Moore; Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Bryson McKelvey; Coffee Hour Hosts: Stef Shuman & Margaret Fegan; Tellers: Steve Cake & Judy Schloss; Intercessor: Celeste Pennington; Music Director: John Cribb.

Thank you for your service!



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. 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.

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.

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

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL

3rd 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.

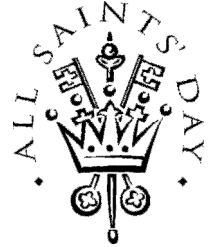


CANTERBURY CLUB FUNDRAISER TODAY

SLO Canterbury Foundation Chili Cook-Off & Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser, featuring Silent Auction and Raffle will be held today from 4:00-6:30 pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1344 Nipomo St, SLO. Plan to attend to support our young adults and their new interfaith ministry center, The Shire. BBQ tickets \$12 at the door.

All Saints' Day Necrology

St. Benedict's will be observing All Saints' Day on Sunday, October 30th. 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 give their names to Stef Shuman for inclusion in the bulletin by Wednesday, October 26th. If you would like their photos included in the remembrance please send digital files to office@stbenslososos.org or leave a photo in an addressed envelope in Danna's box.



Voters' Guides

Not sure how to vote on all those propositions? There's a simple faith-based guide available from California Church Impact on the ushers table. Please take one. It also may be read online or downloaded as a pdf at <http://www.churchimpact.org/impact-blog>

Not registered to vote? Register here: <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>

Not sure if you're registered to vote? You can check here: sos.ca.gov

Join us for our monthly "*Meet Me in Morro*" no-host lunch this Tuesday at noon at the Great American Fish Company. Good food in good company. Each month we rotate locations among varying Morro Bay eateries. Please let Mary Elizabeth know if you can join us, so she can make the reservation.



Hollister Institute – The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tuesdays Evenings or Thursday Mornings

This DVD-based class on the major themes of the writings of the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 or Thursday mornings at 10. The conversations are being led by Caroline Hall+. Everyone is welcome, and participants can expect to be challenged with some new ideas about Christian community and our response to the Gospel.

October 18 & 20: Living in Christian Community

October 25 & 27: Religionless Christianity

November 1 & 3: Come and Die

There is an accompanying study booklet Bonhoeffer Study Guide: The Life and Teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas which is available from Amazon and other booksellers.

People of Faith for Justice in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Congregation Beth David present a Community Screening of Ken Burns' documentary,
Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War

Thursday, Oct 20, 6:30 PM at Congregation Beth David, 10180 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO with Special Guest Judge Bruce J. Einhorn. For more information: www.uua.org/sharpstory

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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