Benediction Weekly October 30, 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.

Peoples' Kitchen this Saturday Sign up to provide food or to serve at Prado



Potluck Next Sunday - -

A-G: Salad & bread

H-R: Main dish

S-Z: Dessert

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/ Healing Service

4:00 pm - Sunday Session: *Talia Ortega*

Tuesday, Nov 1

5:30 pm — Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15 7:15 pm — Hollister Institute: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Thursday, Nov 3

10:00 am - Hollister Institute: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

7:00 pm - Drop-in Dream Group

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Nov 5

12:00 pm - Peoples' Kitchen at Prado Day Center

Sunday, Nov 6 ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVED

NO 8am Service or Bible Study

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch

4:00 pm - Sunday Session: Sunshine & Stardust

All Saints' Day will be observed next Sunday.

If you would like someone remembered in the memorial during the Eucharist, please give their names to Stef Shuman for inclusion in the bulletin by Wednesday, November 2nd. If you would like their photos included in the slide show, please send digital files to office@stbenslososos.org or leave a photo in an addressed envelope in Danna's box.



Daylight Savings Time Ends <u>Next Sunday</u> Turn your Clocks Back!

Coming next month



There will be a **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** here on Thursday, November 24 at 1pm.
Watch for sign-ups.

Talia Ortega will be featured today at 4pm in our ongoing series of "Sunday Sessions", a service of music and spiritual connection and reflection. Talia is a local dancer and musician who draws her inspiration from jazz, blues, Americana, Latin American music, Flamenco and Arab art music. She will perform with bassist Matthew J. Evans and vibraphonist Tom Brown. The trio will explore the nature of improvisation and its role in both music and daily life.



ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA WITH ISAIAH THE POET

Thursday mornings, December 1,8, & 15 - from 10-11:30am Led by Donna Ross, Barry Turner and Carol McPhee



Our Bishop will be making her official visit to St. Benedict's on January 15. If you are interested in being Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church, please speak with the Rector.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice: John Horsley; Lectors: Judith Cadigan & Janelle LaFond; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Laura Thompson; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Judy Schloss; Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Diana Hammerlund; Cantor: Francis Rivinus; 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 CIRCLEPrayers 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.



November 13th is St. Benedict's Pledge In-gathering Sunday

Next year will be St Benedict's 30th Jubilee. It has often been a challenging journey these three decades as we have grown a new church from scratch and recycled a church building which is still in the process of becoming. All through these years the people of St Ben's have been a committed, courageous and generous people.

We have understood that our abundance comes from God who never asks us to undertake a mission without providing the resources. It can be easy during the times when there isn't enough money to pay all the bills or complete all that we have started, to resort to the normal mentality of scarcity which says that we must hold on tight to what we've got because there isn't enough. Abundance thinking realizes that we always have all that we need even if we don't recognize it, and that the more that we give, the more abundance flows.

That's why we named our thrift store The Abundance Shop, because as we share our abundance of stuff as well as our abundance of love and hope, so we are blessed and others are blessed and the abundance grows.

We have been extraordinarily blessed this last year by the gift of stock which enabled us to pay off three-quarters of our bank loan, with some left over to help us develop future plans and to jump start the Endowment Fund. We have also received some other large gifts which allowed us to install the new projectors and which underwrote the cost of moving the Abundance Shop.

We are deeply grateful for those large gifts. Yet it is the smaller everyday gifts which help us most in celebrating and developing a culture of abundance. Some of these gifts are inkind; the flowers for the altar, food for Sunday's fellowship hour or the Gratitude dinner, and others come as cash in the plate on Sunday morning or a check in the mail.

Thank you for being one of the generous people of St Benedict's who are never afraid to share God's generous love with all comers.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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Weekly Events:

Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p, Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p (except Nov 2)

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Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun) Bible study 920a (except 1st Sunday) Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a Sunday Sessions program 4pm (thru Nov 20)

- 3 Drop-in Dream Group, 7p
- 3 Choir Rehearsal, 7p
- 4-5 Diocesan Convention, Salinas
- 5- People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center, 12n
- 6- "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service
- 9- Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 9- Earthcare Meeting, 230p
- 11- Healing Ministry Meeting, 4p
- 12- Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café, 9a
- 12- Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 13- Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café, 1230p
- 15- "Meet Me in Morro" at Dorn's, 12n
- 17- Parish Council Meeting, 6p
- 17- Drop-in Dream Group, 7p
- 18-20-Parish Retreat, Santa Barbara
- 23-Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 24-Thanksgiving Dinner, 1p

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.