

Benediction Weekly

February 26, 2017

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pizza Party !

At 6:15pm on Tuesday, following our regular Vespers service, we will have our annual pizza party. (*St. Benedict was Italian!*) Everyone is welcome. Bring salad, dessert, or beverage to share if you wish. A small collection will cover the cost of the pizza.



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

Tuesday, Feb 28

5:30 pm – Vespers,
6:15 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pizza Party

Wednesday, Mar 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 am – Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm – Imposition of Ashes
8:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar 2

10:00 am – Hollister: The Worshipping Community
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Sunday, Mar 5 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

NO 8:00 am service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music,
followed by **Potluck Lunch**

Lenten Book Study

America's Original Sin - Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America
by Jim Wallis and Bryan Stevenson

Thursdays: March 9, 16, 30 and April 6 at 7pm

In America's Original Sin, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

Whenever divided cultures and gridlocked power structures fail to end systemic sin, faith communities can help lead the way to grassroots change. Probing yet positive, biblically rooted yet highly practical, this book shows people of faith how they can work together to overcome the embedded racism in America, galvanizing a movement to cross the bridge to a multiracial church and a new America.

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Los Osos Cares Community Meeting – Monday, March 6, 6pm - Los Osos Community Center

Several different groups and many individuals have expressed concern about the increased number of homeless people who are camping out in Los Osos in cars, RVs and under bushes. This meeting will draw on the experience of those who are offering services such as safe parking, warming shelters and community dinners in other communities. In addition, those who are leading initiatives in Los Osos will report on projects which are currently underway or being planned. This will be an opportunity for those who wish to help our homeless neighbors to get involved in community action together.

Sponsored by Los Osos Community Coalition, People Helping People and St. Benedict's Episcopal Church



Ashes to Go

Can't get to the Ash Wednesday services (at 12noon and 7pm)? The imposition of ashes will be available for all comers outside the Abundance Shop from 8am to 11:45 on Wednesday.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Donna Ross; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;
Eucharistic Minister: Alan Kiste; Chalice Bearer: Brian Spolarich; Lector: Bryson McKelvey;
Ushers: Margaret Fegan & Rod Morse; Greeter: Ann Edwards; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch;
Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Intercessor: Louise Beeler; Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Anne Kanter;
Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & Stef Shuman; Cantor: Rachel Espinosa; Music Director: John Cribb



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. 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 Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-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
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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Weekly Events:

Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p

Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p (8p on Mar 1)

Thursdays: Hollister Institute 10a
and Lenten Book Study 7p (starts Mar 9)

Sundays:

Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun)

Bible study 920a

Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a

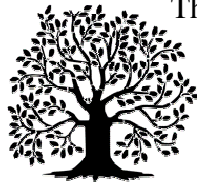
1 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 12noon + 7p
1 - Choir Rehearsal, 8p
2 - Drop In Dream Group, 7p
5 - Potluck and Prado, 1030a
6 - Los Osos Cares Community Mtg., 6p @ LOCC
8 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
8 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p
10 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 330p
11 - Men's Breakfast @ Celia's Garden Café, 9a
11 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
12 - Lunch Bunch @ Celia's Garden Café, 1230p
16 - Parish Council Meeting, 6p
16 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p
18 - G. Roger Bailey Benefit Concert, 2p
21 - Meet Me in Morro @ GAFCO, 12p
22 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
25 - Lit Lovers' Book Club, 1p

Hollister Institute discussion starts this week...

The Worshiping Community: Praying with the God of Becoming and Relationship

Inspired by Rabbi Bradley Artson's "*God of Becoming and Relationship*"

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - from 10:00-11:45 am.



Why do we pray?

Why do we reflect on Scripture and other sacred texts?

How do we make peace with each other?

How do we share God's peace with the world around us?

Praying with the God of Becoming: <http://faithmatters.us/the-process-of-offering-ourselves/>

Remember to register at donnaross@charter.net

Lectio Divina with the Prophet Isaiah



On weekdays, listen for a word.

On Saturday, re-read the whole passage.

What do you hear now?

Lectio for February 27 - March 4

Monday	Isaiah 52: 3-6
Tuesday	Isaiah 52: 7
Wednesday	Isaiah 52: 8-9
Thursday	Isaiah 52: 10
Friday	Isaiah 52: 11-12
Saturday	Isaiah 52: 7-12

St. Peter's Spring 2017 "Eclectia"

class will finish the series, "Eight Great Philosophers" that Lenny Erickson began last spring. There will be a packet of readings available for purchase at the class.

Thursdays Mar 2, 16, 23 from 1:30-3:45pm
St Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church
545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay

March 2	Locke, Berkeley
March 16	Hume
March 23	Kant

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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