

Benediction Weekly

August 16, 2015

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 Annual Jazz Concert

Inga Swearingen with the Real Time Jazz Band

Sunday, August 23rd - 3pm

\$30 includes wine and refreshments.

Tickets at: Abundance Shop, Boo Boo Records, or www.brownpapertickets.com



CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

Tuesday, Aug 18

12:00 pm – Meet Me in Morro – Bayside Café

5:30 pm – Vespers

6:15 pm – Potluck

Wednesday, Aug 19

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug 20

10:00 am – Hollister Institute: *Laudato Si*

7:00 pm – Drop in Dream Group

Friday, Aug 21

6:30 pm – Film Night at the Horsleys' - "*St Vincent*"

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8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

3:00 pm – *Annual Jazz Concert*

Starting this week: *Laudato Si*

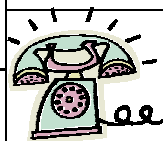
Thursdays, August 20 – September 24 at 10 am

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". Those are the opening words of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. This new *Hollister Institute* class is an opportunity for us to go beneath the hype in order to consider what the Pope is saying and how it relates to our own understandings of the challenges facing humanity today. The class will be led by the Rev. Caroline Hall, Bob Pelfrey, Carol McPhee and other members of the Hollister Team. We will take one chapter each week:

- What is happening to our Common Home?
- The Gospel of Creation
- The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis
- Integral Ecology
- Lines of Approach and Action

Save the Date: Friday, September 18, 6pm

SOCK HOP!!!



New Phone List is being prepared. Please check the listing on the draft version posted at church, and make corrections or additions as needed, or contact Stef.

Film Night at the Horsleys – 6:30 pm Friday, August 21st Showing: "*St. Vincent*" – starring Bill Murray

Vincent is an old Vietnam vet whose stubbornly hedonistic ways have left him without money or a future. Things change when his new next-door neighbor's son, Oliver, needs a babysitter and Vince is willing enough for a fee.

From that self-serving act, an unexpected friendship forms as Vincent and Oliver find so much of each other's needs through each other. As Vincent mentors Oliver in street survival and other worldly ways, Oliver begins to see more in the old man than just his foibles. When life takes a turn for the worse for Vincent, both them find the best in each other than no one around them suspects. **Join us!!**



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Diana Hammerlund;
Chalice: John Horsley; Lector: Betty Field-Haley; Usher: Esta Kandarian; Greeter: Ken Kenyon;
Altar Guild: Lorianne Schwenk; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Intercessory Team: Rev. Mary Elizabeth;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Charlene Morse & Connie Weldon; Tellers: Judy Schloss & Stef Shuman
Music Director: John Cribb. **Thank you all for your service!**



On-Going Activities at St. Ben's

CENTERING PRAYER –
Tuesdays at 4:15pm

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

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
On the last Sunday of each month, the
loose plate offering is designated to this
fund to help those in need.

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

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Pam Bleisch, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Michael Lucas,
Celeste Pennington, Anne Kanter,
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West

Proper 15: Sunday closest to August 17—Year B

Welcome to our parish. Jesus' discourse on the bread of life continues to be the center of our liturgy, as it has been now for several weeks. Jesus has met physical hunger by providing material bread (a primary Old Testament sign of salvation); he has said that a spiritual (or mystical) relationship with him constitutes the bread of eternal life; now he says that nourishment with his life is given by actually eating his flesh and drinking his blood. If we eat his body and drink his blood, we will have eternal life.

The Epistle is once again from the letter to the Ephesians. We are exhorted to let God's Spirit inebriate us and speak through us in thanksgiving and song.

"People with a story to tell and a song to sing" is a way Christians have been described. It is preeminently in liturgy that we carry out that role. We gather here to be fed physically, spiritually, and sacramentally. Our response is to give thanks (the word "eucharist" means "thanksgiving") and, having told our story and sung our song here, to take it out to our brothers and sisters in the world.

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St Benedict's Los Osos - Feeding Mind and Soul

Thank you for your input last week into a catchphrase for us to identify ourselves with. The Parish Council offered you four of the ideas that had been suggested, and we used a weighted average to score your responses (a first place scored 4 points, second scored 3 and so on), Here are the results:

Where mind and mysticism meet 61
There's a warm welcome for everyone 61
God loves everyone, no exceptions 83
Feeding Mind and Soul 105

Write-ins were: Where God's love shines for all; to love and to serve; feeding mind, soul and body.

DEANERY NEWS:

Institution at St. James, Paso Robles

Next Sunday at 4pm The Rev. Barbara Miller will be instituted as Rector of St James in a special Celebration of Shared Ministry, Bishop Mary presiding.
Please pray for the continued mission and ministry of this parish.

Save the date – Concert and Fiesta!

On September 19, St. Peter's, Morro Bay, will celebrate their new organ with a special concert by virtuoso Phillip Smith. The concert is at 4 PM followed by a festive reception including light supper. As always, the party is open to all, so plan to bring friends family and a neighbor or two.

An Introduction to Centering Prayer with The Rev. Amber Sturgess

Saturday, October 10, 2015, 9:30am to 3:30pm

Would you like to deepen your prayer life? Come and learn the ancient method of contemplation known as Centering Prayer at a one day retreat at St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo. \$25 suggested donation includes lunch.
Registration deadline Oct 8. Please see the flyer on our bulletin board.

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

July Income: \$ 7,808	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$11,128	Difference: (\$3,320) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 82,312	YTD Income Budgeted: \$77,893	Difference: \$4,419 surplus

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. Sharon Dalrymple, (210) 422-8284. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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