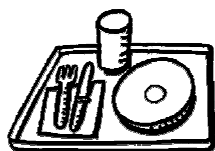


Benediction Weekly

August 30, 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.



People's Kitchen this Saturday Potluck & Prado next Sunday

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/ Healing Service

Tuesday, Sep 1

5:30 pm – Vespers

6:15 pm – Potluck

Wednesday, Sep 2

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep 3

10:00 am – Hollister Institute Symposium --

“**Laudato Si: Spirituality & the Environmental Crisis**”

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, Sep 5

12:00 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado Day Ctr

Sunday, Sep 6

NO 8:00 am Service

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music

followed by Potluck Lunch:

A-G Dessert; H-P Salad & bread; R-Z Main dish

Please remember donations to Prado box

Spirituality and the Environmental Crisis

Our new Hollister Institute symposium series continues on Thursdays 10am – 12pm

Laudato Si, the encyclical published by Pope Francis in May, challenges us to understand the current environmental crisis as a moral and spiritual issue. It makes the connection between our failure to adequately care for our planet and our failure to care for poor and dispossessed humans. Each session in this symposium will include a summary and discussion of one of the six chapters of Laudato Si, as well as a presentation by one of the faculty to provide greater background and grist for an enriching conversation.

Faculty include Bob Pelfrey, Carol McPhee, Joe Morris, John Horsley, the Rev. Barry Turner and the Rev. Caroline Hall.

Lit Lovers' Book Club Selection for September

The Bohemians: Mark Twain and the San Francisco Writers Who Reinvented American Literature, by Ben Tarnoff
Focusing on four writers—Charles Warren Stoddard, Ina Coolbrith, Bret Harte and Mark Twain—Tarnoff alternates his narrative among these aspiring writers struggling to achieve something new. He vividly describes a vibrant 10-year period when San Francisco was adjusting to the impacts of the Civil War and the arrival of the transcontinental railroad. But the strongest and most fascinating strand of Tarnoff's story focuses on the friendship and rivalry between Harte and Twain. This sad drama offers important insights into how young Twain—by turns helped and hindered by an increasingly irrational and vainglorious Harte—became the great American writer he was.



Renew Ralph's Community Cards starting September 1st

Sign in to your online account at www.ralphs.com then go to > Community > Community Rewards-Re-enroll > Type # **83646** > Click on St Benedict's > Click Enroll. Full detailed instructions sheets available at usher's table.



Today is the last day to verify your listing for our new phone directory.

Please make corrections or additions on the draft version posted at church.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss;
Chalice: John Horsley; Lectors: Michael Lucas & Ann Lucas; Usher: Ron Thompson; Greeter: Bobbi Shields;
Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Ghilotti & Diana Hammerlund;
Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Judith Cadigan; Music Director: John Cribb. **Thank you all for your service!**



On-Going Activities at St. Ben's

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.

NATURE ACADEMY – Alternative
Middle and High School program
through Outside Now, a nonprofit
educational organization dedicated to
reconnecting people to the wonders of
the natural world. Mondays & Fridays
9am-3pm Returning September 11

PEOPLES' 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

There will be a memorial service for **Joann Rusch** at St James South Pasadena
Sept 12 at 11am, and probably at St Bens on Oct 3 – that date to be confirmed.

Proper 17: Sunday closest to August 31—Year B

Welcome to our parish. The Sunday Gospel readings return to Mark's Gospel today. This passage recounts one of the occasions when Jesus took the Pharisees and other experts on the Law to task for putting more emphasis on ceremonial and dietary rules than on the "weightier" requirements of God. It is not outer conformity to the Law but an inner change that brings us into a right relationship with God and with others.

The Law is intended to set the people of Israel apart from other nations, as Moses says in today's reading from Deuteronomy. This is so that other nations, impressed by Israel's righteousness and wisdom, will be drawn to Israel's God. Jesus is actually reaffirming this Mosaic principle in the reading from Mark. (Christians need to remember that when Jesus criticizes the practices of his contemporaries he is not criticizing Judaism, but those whose practices undercut real Judaism.)

Today we begin reading through the letter of James. This epistle encourages us to live our faith in concrete actions of love and mercy. True religion is based on carrying out its faith in lives of righteousness and mercy.

As the people of God we gather to remember what God has done, to remember God's principles for living, and to realign ourselves with God. Out of our relationship with God, re-established in our liturgical and sacramental encounter, comes the power to confront and overcome evil, and the righteousness which draws others to God.

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Weekly Events:

Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p

Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p

Thursdays: Hollister Institute class 10a

Highlights

3 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p

5 - Peoples' Kitchen @ Prado Day Ctr, 12n

6 - Potluck and Prado, 1030a

9 - Prayer Circle, 10a

12 - Men's Breakfast @ Sea Pines Grill, 9a

12 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p

13 - Lunch Bunch @ Garden Café, 1230p

13 - Deanery Mtg @St Luke's Atascadero, 2p

15 - Meet Me in Morro Lunch, 1230p

17 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p

18 - SOCK HOP, 6p

19 - Hunger Walk, meet at St Timothy's MB, 1p

26 - *Quilting Bee*, 10a

26 - Lit Lovers' Book Club, 1p



Nature Academy returns Sept 11 > Mondays + Fridays 9a-3p

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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