

# Benediction Weekly

## April 3, 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.*



**Saturday Evening Eucharist this week.**  
**Join us at 5:30 for a gentle alternative worship service, followed by a simple supper.**

**CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:**  
 (at the church unless otherwise specified)

### **TODAY**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by Potluck  
*Visitors are Welcome to join us for lunch!*

### **Tuesday, April 5**

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

### **Wednesday, April 6**

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 7**

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

### **Saturday, April 9**

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill  
 5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

### **Sunday, April 10**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
 9:20 am – Bible Study  
 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music  
 12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

## **UPCOMING BOOK EVENT**

The monks of the Monastery of the Risen Christ invite you to join them on Wednesday, April 6, for an after-Vesper's book event in the chapel. Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, prior of New Camaldoli Hermitage, will discuss his **Spirit, Soul, and Body: Toward an Integral Christian Spirituality** (Liturgical Press), and Camaldolese oblate Paula Huston will talk about her just-released **One Ordinary Sunday: A Meditation on The Mystery Of The Mass** (Ave Maria Press). Both authors will be available to sign and sell books during the wine and cheese event after the talks; the proceeds will be donated to the monastery bookstore.

Where: The Monastery of the Risen Christ,  
 2308 O'Connor Way, San Luis Obispo

When: Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, OSB, Cam.;  
 and Paula Huston, OSB, Cam., oblate.

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## **Eight Great Philosophers - Spring "Eclectia" Lecture Series at St. Peter's**

Lenny Erickson will be teaching a course on "8 Great Philosophers" at St. Peter's By-the-Sea, Morro Bay, on Thursdays beginning April 7th, from 1:30- 3:45pm. Each session will center on a great philosopher of the Western tradition viz, Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Spinoza/Leibniz, Berkeley/Locke, Hume, Kant. We'll cover a short bio, his place in an historical context, an exposition of his ideas, with a short reading of text for those who want to read along. Text citations are available from the church office. (See announcement on St Ben's bulletin board)

***Rev. Caro+ will be on Vacation*** from April 4 through April 11. During her absence the church will be ably managed by the Parish Council, led by our wardens Maria Kelly and Anne Kanter. The clergy team will be available for spiritual counsel. Pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Celeste Pennington.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Diana Hammerlund; Chalice: Judy Schloss;  
 Lectors: Alek Speck & Ann Lucas; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Michael Lucas; Greeter: Margaret Fegan;  
 Altar Guild: Gigi Rivinus & Judy Schloss; Potluck Hosts: Anne Kanter & Carol Baker;  
 Flowers: Laura Thompson; Tellers: Steve Cake & Francis Rivinus; Cantor: Brian Spolarich;  
 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** - Discussion and fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEET ME IN MORRO** - lunchtime social gathering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of odd-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West,  
Esta Kandarian and Jo Oliver.

## Diocesan Spring Conference May 21



Join us on Saturday, May 21, for "**Living Room Conversations: Respecting, Reconciling, and Appreciating Differences.**" Joan Blades, who helped start MoveOn.org and founded [livingroomconversations.org](http://livingroomconversations.org), is the featured speaker for this conference. She will share insights and tools for creating hospitable dialogue around difficult issues. The conference will begin at 9:30 am and end at 4:00 pm, taking place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas. Cost is \$25.00 and lunch is included.

For questions, contact Mary Beth Powell at [marybeth@realepiscopal.org](mailto:marybeth@realepiscopal.org). Whether paying online or at the door, be sure to sign up via our online registration at [www.realepiscopal.org/event/spring-conference-2016/](http://www.realepiscopal.org/event/spring-conference-2016/)



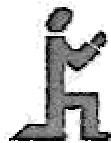
### Hollister Institute Class Begins April 14

#### Finding Christ Through Buddha

We will begin a new Hollister class starting Thursday, April 14, exploring the ways that an understanding of some aspects of Buddhism can enhance our experience of Christian spirituality. The key text will be "**Without Buddha I could not be a Christian**" by Paul F. Knitter. Knitter describes his difficulties with Christianity--many of which will seem familiar to Hollister Institute readers--and how his understanding of Buddhist insights helped him resolve those issues.

The class will be led by Rev. Carolyn (Caro) Hall at St. Benedict's Church from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 14, April 28, May 5 and May 12. Group members will be encouraged to share books, authors and practices they have found useful in their spiritual journey. Hope to see you there!

### Body Prayer, part 4: Genuflecting



Should we genuflect? This is a mark of honor for the presence of Christ contained in symbolic form in the tabernacle. If you wish to genuflect (bend one knee) it is appropriate to do it in the direction of the tabernacle

### 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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