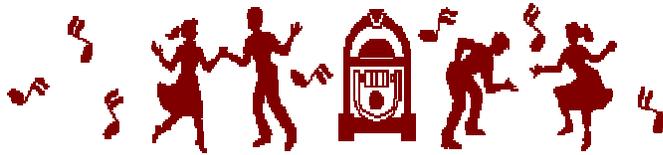


# Benediction Weekly

## September 13, 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. Ben's Sock Hop

### Friday – 6pm

Dance to the sounds of The Bald Spots and DJ Alek Speck. The Drive-in style menu will include hot dogs, chili dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, root beer floats and banana splits. Tickets are \$30. Contact Maria Kelly at mmkelly66@gmail.com or at 805-423-5331 for tickets or information

### CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### TODAY

12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café  
2:00 pm – Deanery Mtg at St Luke's Atascadero  
4:00 pm – Organ Concert at St James, Paso

#### Monday, Sep 14

8:30am-3:30pm – Nature Academy

#### Tuesday, Sep 15

12 noon – Meet Me in Morro – lunch at Dockside  
5:30 pm – Vespers  
6:15 pm – Potluck

#### Wednesday, Sep 16

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Sep 17

10:00 am – Hollister Institute Symposium --  
“*Laudato Si: Spirituality & the Environmental Crisis*”  
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

#### Friday, Sep 18

8:30am-3:30pm – Nature Academy  
6:00 pm – Sock Hop

#### Saturday, Sep 19

12:45 – SLO Deanery Harmony Hike at Pt Buchon  
1 pm – SLO Food Bank Hunger Walk – Morro Bay  
4:00 pm – Organ Concert at St Peter's – Morro Bay

#### Sunday, Sep 20

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ Baptism

*Please mark your calendars:*

### The Canterbury BBQ and Silent Auction

#### October 18th from 4 to 6:30 pm

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in SLO

In addition to the great silent auction items, there will be a Chili cook-off. We know the chili is going to be GREAT, because YOU are going to make it. We are looking for a team from each church in our deanery to make a pot of chili for our contest. We will have best meat chili and best vegetarian chili prizes. We only need one chili from each church and hope that St. Paul's will make a meat chili and St. Ben's will make a vegetarian one.

Bishop Mary is going to be one of the judges for the chili and there will also be a people's choice, so please encourage everyone to attend to vote for your chili.

Please let me know your team names and the style of your chili by the beginning of October so we can get signs ready.

How much chili? Make enough to fill your regular spaghetti pot.

More questions? Call me at 805.200.7908

~ Lorraine Schwenk



There will be a memorial service for Joann Rusch on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am at St. Benedict's

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall ; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;  
Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Pelfrey & John Horsley; Lectors: Janelle LaFond & Diana Hammerlund;  
Ushers: Ron Thompson & Michael Lucas; Greeter: Ann Lucas; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Pamela & Reva Strawn;  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Alice Welchert & Barbara Schippers; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Steve Cake;  
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. 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.

**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

**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  
Pam Bleisch, Jr. Warden  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Michael Lucas,  
Celeste Pennington, Anne Kanter,  
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West

*Proper 19: Sunday closest to September 14—Year B*

Welcome to our parish. Today's liturgy is similar in theme to the feast of the Holy Cross (September 14), which always falls near this Sunday of the Church year. The Gospel reading is Peter's acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah, which was followed by Jesus' first prediction of his crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus calls his followers to pattern their own lives on his, sharing in the self-giving love which leads to the Cross.

The Old Testament reading from Isaiah is the third of the poems called the "Servant Songs." In them the prophet foresees the servant of God suffering persecution and death for his faithfulness to God, a death which would be redemptive for all people. The first Christians, following Jesus' teaching, understood Isaiah's oracle to have been fulfilled in the dying and rising of Jesus.

The second lesson is again drawn from the Epistle of James, an intensely practical discourse on Christian living. In today's reading, James exhorts us to learn self control, especially in our speaking. The tongue, when disciplined, is used to glorify God, but when undisciplined, can cause hurt and damage.

The People of God enact in song, story, and sacrament their unity with Jesus dying and rising in their midst. In baptism and Eucharist we join him in his death and resurrection. We speak and sing our praise to him in our worship and in our lives of ministry, acceptance, and love for all people.

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There will be music and meditation on the *Canticle of Saint Francis* (brother sun, sister moon) at St. Timothy's in Morro Bay on Sunday September 20, 3:30- 4:30pm. All are welcome.

The wardens, vestry and people of St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande, cordially invite you to the celebration of our shared ministry and the institution of *The Rev. Robert Lincoln Keim* as rector of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church by Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves. The service will take place on Saturday, October 3, at 1:30 p.m. St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church is located at 301 Trinity Avenue in Arroyo Grande. A reception will follow; please RSVP by Sept 29 by calling 805-489-2990, or emailing [saintbarnabas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saintbarnabas@sbcglobal.net)



**Coming Soon to St. Benedict's**

- **Fall Quilting Bee, September 26**  
(contact Pamela Bleisch Strawn at [pr.bleisch@gmail.com](mailto:pr.bleisch@gmail.com) or 805-602-1240)
- **Harvest Dinner Fundraisers, October 2 and 3**  
(contact Maria Kelly at [mmkelly66@gmail.com](mailto:mmkelly66@gmail.com) or 805-423-5331)
- **Iris Garden Planting, October 10**  
(contact Liz Maruska at [liz@lizmaruska.com](mailto:liz@lizmaruska.com) or 805-528-2654)
- **Annual Gratitude Dinner, October 16**  
(hosted by the Parish Council)

**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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