

# Benediction Weekly

## November 15, 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.*



**Parish Meeting Today:** Following this morning's 10:30 service there will be a special parish meeting so that we can listen together for God's guidance about the generous gift we have been given and think about how we will best use it in our mission and ministry. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will be over by 1:30pm. Caro+ will be joining us. Please plan to attend.

### 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 with music
- 12:00 pm – *Special Parish Meeting*
- 3:00 pm – Noach Tangeras Concert – PFJ

#### Monday, Nov 16

8:30am-3:30pm – Nature Academy

#### Tuesday, Nov 17

- 12 noon – Meet Me in Morro Bay at Dorn's
- 5:30 pm – Vespers
- 6:15 pm – Potluck

#### Wednesday, Nov 18

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Nov 19

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

#### Friday, Nov 20

8:30am-3:30pm – Nature Academy

#### Sunday, Nov 22

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

## *Coming Soon*

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### *HOSPICE LIGHT UP A LIFE*

Music, poems, reading of names  
6 pm- at St. Benedict's

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

### *WHAT CHEER?*

### *ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE SINGERS*

3 pm – at St Benedict's

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### *WINTERDANCE* Celtic Christmas Celebration

3pm- at St. Benedict's

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### *ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS*

St. Peter's Morro Bay – *time t.b.d.*

### Concert today at 3pm ~ "Noach Tangeras: A Voice For Climate"

Noach Tangeras is a singer/songwriter acoustic guitar player. Her Americana-style band has strong roots in folk, country, blues, and rock as she sings out about the issue of Climate Change. *Fundraiser for People of Faith for Justice* \$15

Please turn in your pledge card, if you have not already done so. It is important for us to get an estimate of income for 2016 so we can budget for the fullest ministry possible. Extra blank cards are available at the ushers' station.



**Alternative Christmas Present Opportunity:** Honor someone you love with a gift of lighting, plumbing fixtures, signage, or other much needed item for our Great Room project. There is a wide price range of items needed. Look for the decorative contribution envelopes provided and place the card with your donation in the collection plate. *Thank you!*

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

Oct Income: \$ 10,037	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,128	Difference: \$ 1,091 shortage
YTD Income: \$ 118,031	YTD Income Budgeted: \$111,113	Difference: \$ 6,918 surplus

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross ; Preacher: The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;  
 Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss; Chalice: Diana Hammerlund; Lector: Alek Speck; Ushers: Steve Hirahara & Esta Kandarian;  
 Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Alice Welchert;  
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Alice Welchert & Barbara Schippers; Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & Stef Shuman;  
 Cantor: Rachel Espinosa; Piano: Ann Lucas; 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. Mon & Fri 830-330

**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.

**VESPER 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 28: Sunday closest to November 16—Year B*

Welcome to our parish. As we draw to the close of the church year, the liturgy directs us toward the close of history. This “eschatological” emphasis (from the Greek *eschaton*, meaning “last things”) is a central—though not always a popular—part of the Christian proclamation. Today’s Gospel is a portion of Jesus’ discourse on the final consummation in Mark’s Gospel.

The reading from Hebrews announces that the death and resurrection of Jesus has redeemed all of God’s people. Therefore, as our way of being prepared for the End, the author urges us to remain faithful to the work God has done in our baptism by continuing to share in the life, worship, and ministry of the people of God.

The liturgy is not only a remembering, so that the acts of God in the past become a present reality; it is also a looking forward to the consummation so that we have a foretaste of its grace now. Thus, the Eucharist is always a participation in the dying and rising of Jesus, and a participation in the kingdom that is to come.

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### THANKSGIVING DINNER at St. Ben's

Please consider joining us for our Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 26th at 1pm. This is always a fun occasion with friends and family. Please look for a sign-up sheet to let us know what you will bring. If you have questions please ask Deacon Sharon.



### *Practice Lectio Divina this Advent*

Advent speaks to us about living in God’s Kingdom with a different story about time. It’s a story larger than our own lives, beyond optimism or pessimism. It is a way of being attentive to our inner lives and at the same time seeing all creation alive, in the rhythm of reality and promise.

Reality is anything that happens at any moment. The change which comes to us moment to moment is a gift. We are invited to receive these moments as events worthy of our loving and a challenge for our living. Accept the moment with thanksgiving and trust the promise that it is a gift from God. It points and carries us into God’s future. Advent reminds us to pray for strength to do what is necessary to fill the present with faithfulness and with genuine waiting for God.

An opportunity for contemplative reflection upon several of the scripture texts appointed for Advent will be offered again this year at St. Benedict’s on Thursday mornings, **Dec. 3, 10 and 17** beginning at 10 am. We will follow the practice of *Lectio Divina*, the contemplative reading of scripture. The sessions will be jointly led by the Rev. Donna Ross and the Rev. Barry Turner. To let us know you’re coming, please email [donnaross@charter.net](mailto:donnaross@charter.net)

### **Caro+ will be on furlough from November 2 through December 3**

During her absence, please contact Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974; for small building issues please contact Danna at the church office 528-0654; call Senior Warden Maria Kelly with all other church business, 423-5331. For counsel & spiritual care call any of the assisting clergy: Mary Elizabeth, 528-7497; Donna Ross, 235-5117; Barry Turner, 784-0670; or Sharon Dalrymple, (210) 422-8284.

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