

# Benediction Weekly

## May 1, 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.*



### *People's Kitchen this Saturday*

Every other month St. Benedict's provides a lunchtime meal to the clients at Prado Road Day Center. Please sign-up to provide food and/or to serve.

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

##### **TODAY**

9:15 pm – Eucharistic Minister Training  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music, followed by potluck lunch – visitors are welcome!

##### **Tuesday, May 3**

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

##### **Wednesday, May 4**

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### **Thursday, May 5**

7:00 pm – Hollister Institute: "Finding Christ through Buddha"

##### **Saturday, May 7**

12:00 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado Day Ctr.  
2:00 pm – Classical Guitar Concert (see below)

##### **Sunday, May 8**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:15 am – Eucharistic Minister Training  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music  
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café



St. Stephen's Church, SLO welcomes their new rector, **The Rev. Ian Delinger**, for the first time today.

We rejoice with them, and pray for their ministry together.

Diocesan Spring Conference  
Saturday, May 21 at St. Paul's, Salinas:

**"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 and will share insights and tools for creating hospitable dialogue around difficult issues. Conference fee \$25 includes lunch. Details and registration at [www.realepiscopal.org/event/spring-conference-2016/](http://www.realepiscopal.org/event/spring-conference-2016/)

The G. Roger Bailey Scholarship Fund presents...

### **Classical Guitar Concert with David Steinhardt** **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 2pm at St. Benedict's Church**

The community is invited to this musical event to benefit local students of classical guitar. Concert 2-4 pm  
For more information, please contact [www.grogerbaileyscholarship.org](http://www.grogerbaileyscholarship.org) or email Charlotte Bailey at [cbailey\\_1@charter.net](mailto:cbailey_1@charter.net). Recommended donation \$20. Wine served with hors d'oeuvres at reception following performance.



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice: John Horsley;  
Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Michael Lucas; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Esta Kandarian;  
Greeter: Diana Hammerlund; Altar Guild: Pamela Bleisch & Judy Schloss; Flowers: Pamela & Reva Strawn;  
Potluck Hosts: Carol Baker and Margaret Fegan; Tellers: Judith Cadigan & Diana Hammerlund;  
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.

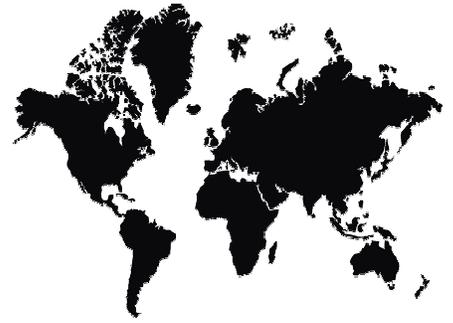
**VESPERS AND CONVERSATION** 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

**VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:**

Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden  
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian  
and Rod Morse.

## Easter Season of Prayer

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has called for an Easter Season of Prayer for regions in the Anglican Communion experiencing conflict and strife. Throughout the season, members of The Episcopal Church are asked to lift up in prayer parts of our world experiencing extreme violence and unrest. This Easter, Episcopalians will focus on Burundi, Central America, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Middle East, Pakistan, and South Sudan.



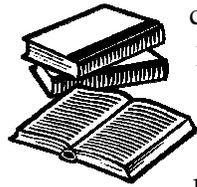
In calling for the Season of Prayer, Presiding Bishop Curry wrote, "In this season of Resurrection, I call on everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters in areas where there is much burden and little hope." Citing Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ," this season of prayer is an opportunity to learn more about what the churches in these regions are doing to be sources of support and hope, and to join with our brothers and sisters around the world in prayers for peace.

Learn more: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/easter-season-prayer>

*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP p. 815)*

### *St. Ben's LitLovers' Book Club reading selection for May:*

Cristina Henríquez's powerful novel **The Book of Unknown Americans**



captures readers with the quiet beauty of her characters and their profoundly wrought experiences as immigrants in America. The story takes place in a run-down apartment building in Delaware, home to nine families who arrived in the States from various South and Central American countries, each looking to better the lives of the next generation. In alternating chapters, these men and women share stories of how their adopted country has left its mark on them, for better and worse. With her cast of "unknown Americans," Henríquez has crafted a novel that is inspiring, tragic, brave, and above all, unforgettable.

Discussion group will meet at 1pm May 21, at the Horsleys' home.

**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.

**St. Benedict's Episcopal Church - 2220 Snowy Egret Lane - PO Box 6877, Los Osos, CA 93412**

[office@stbenslosos.org](mailto:office@stbenslosos.org) Telephone: (805) 528-0654 [www.stbenslosos.org](http://www.stbenslosos.org)