

# Benediction Weekly

## September 18, 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.*



### Today is Storm Sunday

in our September observation of the Season of Creation

*"The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders..." ~Psalm 29:3*

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

##### TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *"Melody Klemin"*

##### Tuesday, Sep 20

- 12:00 pm – "Meet Me in Morro" @ Dockside
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
- 7:00 pm – Hollister Institute: Care for Creation

##### Wednesday, Sep 21

- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### Saturday, Sep 24

- 1:00 pm – Lit Lovers' Book Club at Horsleys
- 7:00 pm – *"Waipuna"* Contemporary Hawaiian Music

##### Sunday, Sep 25

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 2:00 pm – SLO Deanery Mtg & ECR Budget Info at St. Paul's, Cambria
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *"Five Parts Devil"*

#### Highlights from Parish Council Meeting

1. We are lagging \$5000 behind budget: everyone is reminded to use the Amazon portal on the St Ben's website ([www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org)) in order for us to get \$\$ back on your purchases.
2. We are still waiting for final numbers on the installation of a fire sprinkler system in order to comply with county regulations. We can extend the current building permit to install the system but we expect the final quotes to be \$80 -100k.
3. We agreed to continue our non-profit property tax assessment for this year (July 1 - June 30) as we don't have the \$5k needed to do otherwise. This will limit the use of the church building.
4. We have not been able to re-amortize the bank loan because there is \$14k outstanding on our property taxes, pending the Nature Academy being able to get a state exemption. We will ask the Tax Assessor to provide a letter to the bank explaining the situation. In the meantime we are paying the loan off faster, but we have not been able to implement the budget agreed at the Parish Meeting which increases the Rector's compensation to ¾ time.
5. Next year is our 30th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate.
6. Speaking of celebrating, the menu at our annual Gratitude Dinner on Oct 21 will include tri-tip.

**Melody Klemin** will perform at 4 o'clock this afternoon in our ongoing series of free Sunday Session concerts followed by a jam session at 5pm. Singer/songwriter Melody Klemin has been sharing her music with local fans for more than 10 years, creating an original blend of contemporary folk and Americana, with several surprises in between! When asked to describe Melody's music, fans and promoters alike have compared her with the acoustic stylings of Joan Osborne, Patty Griffin, and the Dixie Chicks. <http://www.melodyklemin.com/>

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

August Income: \$ 8,054	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 3,907) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 90,146	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 95,687	Difference: (\$ 5,541) shortfall

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Chesebro; Chalice Bearer: Rob Ross;

Lector: Margaret Fegan; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Marie Moore; Greeter: Steve Hirahara;

Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Elaine Goodman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Karin Cake & Elaine Goodman;

Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & June Wright; Intercessor: Celeste Pennington;

Music Director: John Cribb. Thank you for your service!



**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**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden  
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian  
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

**Our Hollister Institute series on Care for Creation**

continues at 7pm this Tuesday, Sep 20<sup>th</sup>  
with a discussion of the film:

***“The View from the Center of the Universe:  
Discovering our Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos”***



In this 1 hr. video, Joel R. Primack, Ph.D., one of the world's leading cosmologists, and Nancy Ellen Abrams, a cultural philosopher and writer, use recent advances in astronomy, physics, and cosmology to frame an exciting new way to understand the universe as a whole and our role in it. They evoke a compelling new vision of why we matter in the universe and how we might begin to embrace it again and call it home. Facilitated by John Horsley.

Then our book discussion will continue Sept. 27 at 7pm with “Creation and Conversion.”

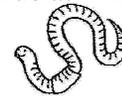
***Blessing of the Animals; October 2***



This year there will be two opportunities for blessing animals: the first will be at 1pm at the South Bay Community Center on the side lawn, and the second will be at Los Osos Middle School field at 2pm.

***Caring for Creation:*** a hands-on session at Trinity Methodist Church, October 2nd at 4pm. As the Season of Creation draws to a close, please join us at Trinity United Methodist for a hands-on session on caring for the earth.

Workshops will include water conservation and SLO worms.



***September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the registration deadline for the Parish Retreat.***

**The Blessings of St. Benedict - Parish Retreat November 18 - 20  
Mount Calvary Retreat House, Santa Barbara**

Focusing on some of the gifts of the Benedictine path, this retreat will be an opportunity to take time for deeper spiritual reflection and connection. Retreat sessions will be led by Donna Ross+ and participants will be encouraged to participate in the prayer life of the brothers at Mt. Calvary. Accommodation is in shared rooms with simple meals included. The weekend starts on Friday with supper at 6pm and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$260, with a \$50 deposit due at registration.

Please register with Danna at the church office ([office@stbenslosos.org](mailto:office@stbenslosos.org))

**Register now for Ralph's Community Rewards Program**

*Sign in* to your online account at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) to enroll or re-enroll in the community rewards program. St. Benedict's is #83646. If you don't have computer access, please call Ralph's at 1-800-443-4438 for assistance.

**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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