

# Benediction Weekly

## June 5, 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.*



## Evening Eucharist

### This Saturday at 5:30 pm

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

##### TODAY

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music, followed by  
Potluck Lunch – Visitors are Welcome!

##### Monday, June 6

6:30 pm – “*Black Lives Matter*” @ Trinity UMC

##### Tuesday, June 7

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

##### Wednesday, June 8

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle

2:30 pm – *Earthcare Meeting*

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### Saturday, June 11

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast @ Sea Pines Grill

11:00 am – *Celebration of New Ministry* @ St Stephen's

5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist & Potluck

##### Sunday, June 12

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch @ Celia's Garden Café

2:00 pm – *Deanery Meeting*

***Black Lives Matter***, a Conversation About Race, will be held tomorrow at 6:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, Los Osos, co-sponsored by St. Ben's. Speakers from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will facilitate a program of short videos and interactive conversations.

***Earthcare***, St. Benedict's discussion and action group addressing local response to environmental concerns, will meet this Wednesday at 2:30pm. They will be co-sponsoring the Ecology Walk of the Elfin Forest which will be held on June 26.

Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves and the people of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invite your prayers and presence at ***The Celebration of a New Ministry***, shared with The Rev Ian M. Delinger, Rector of St. Stephen's, SLO, on Saturday, June 11 at 11am. Luncheon to follow.

The next meeting of the ***SLO Deanery*** will be held Sunday June 12 at St Benedict's at 2pm. Elaine Archer, Director of Housing Management at the SLO Housing Authority, will be speaking on affordable housing. Everyone is welcome.

### Hollister Institute Class: Embracing an Adult Faith

Join Caro+ in a small group discussion to revisit some of Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? Each session of this five-week class will be introduced by a video of scholar Marcus Borg in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly — and sometimes painfully — confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. The video will be followed by our own discussions of the questions raised and questions and ideas of our own. Class starts Thursday **June 30 at 7pm**. Session topics: God, Jesus, Salvation, Community, and Practice.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Eucharistic Minister: Bryson McKelvey; Chalice Bearer: John Horsley;  
Lectors: Ann Edwards & Judy Schloss; Ushers: Rob Ross, Steve Hirahara, & Margaret Fegan;  
Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Pamela & Reva Strawn;  
Potluck Hosts: Carol Baker & Karin Cake; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Judith Cadigan;  
Prayer Team Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; Music Director: John Cribb ***Thank you all 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:

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

## Proper 5: The Third Sunday after Pentecost — Year C

Welcome to our parish. In our Sunday Eucharists, we will be reading through the gospel according to Luke for the next several months. Today's gospel reading is the account of Jesus restoring life to the son of a widow in the city of Nain. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus healing the servant of a Gentile. In both stories, Luke sees the event as a proclamation of the nature of God's Kingdom: it is open to all people and it gives new life.

The Old Testament reading is a parallel story from the ministry of the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, Elijah. When Jesus raises the dead man to life again, the witnesses realize that God is at work in him and that this is a continuation of God's goodness revealed in the ministry of the prophets.

In today's reading from the epistle to the Galatians Paul is aware of the new life which comes through the Gospel. In his case, it involved not resuscitation from physical death, but the radical change in Paul's life from a persecutor of the church to preaching the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Christian people gather to celebrate the Eucharist in response to their own experience of new life through Christ. We are called together by the Holy Spirit as one people, reborn in baptism and given a new identity which transcends our differences. We rediscover in each gathering our new identity as the redeemed children of God.

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## Confidential Emergency Information Forms

In an ongoing effort to update our church files, the St. Ben's office now has Confidential Emergency Information forms available for members to complete and return to the office at your earliest convenience.

Look for the forms at the ushers' table in the sanctuary. Please return the completed forms to office administrator Danna's mailbox in the office entryway (next to the restroom). There will be a large marked envelope in her box for the returned forms.

Thank you all for your help. For questions or comments, please email Danna at [office@stbenslososos.org](mailto:office@stbenslososos.org)

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

May Income: \$ 8,064	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 3,897) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 57,960	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 59,804	Difference: (\$ 1,844) shortfall

**Rector's Furlough:** Caro+ is on furlough through June 18. As usual, our Sunday morning worship will be ably led by our clergy team; the wardens Anne Kanter and Maria Kelly will be on hand to deal with the business of the church; and Celeste Pennington and Esta Kandarian will coordinate pastoral care. Danna is also in the office Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 and ready to help you with questions about scheduling and administration. Visit the church website: [www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) for our calendar and upcoming events.

**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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