

Benediction Weekly

July 17, 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.



There will be a Celebration of Life for long-time member Faith Watkins at St. Benedict's on Sunday, August 7th, at 3pm.

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 with music

Tuesday, July 19

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
7:15 pm – Embracing an Adult Faith

Wednesday, July 20

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 21

6:00 pm – Parish Council Mtg.
7:00 pm – Drop in Dream Group

Sunday, July 24

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

St. Ben's Lit Lovers' Book Club

Each month we read a novel, historical work, or biography that has been critically acclaimed and that we think we'll find engaging. We meet from 1-3 pm on the 4th Saturday of the month in members' homes.

Lit Lovers' won't be meeting in July or August, but will resume in September with:

"Someone Knows My Name" - by Lawrence Hill (fiction)

Winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.

Kidnapped from Africa as a child, Aminata Diallo is enslaved in South Carolina but escapes during the chaos of the Revolutionary War. In Manhattan she becomes a scribe for the British, recording the names of blacks who have served the King and earned their freedom in Nova Scotia. But the hardship and prejudice of the new colony prompt her to follow her heart back to Africa, then on to London, where she bears witness to the injustices of slavery and its toll on her life and a whole people.

Discussion Meeting Sept. 24th at Horsleys' Join us!



Embracing an Adult Faith will meet on *Tuesday* this week at 7:15, then skip next week and have its final session on August 4.

ST. BENEDICT'S 17th ANNUAL JAZZ CONCERT August 21 3 p.m.

Darrell Voss & the Real Time Jazz All-Stars with Bob Bennett, Dave Becker, Marshal Otwell and Dylan Johnson. An exciting mix of Jazz, featuring a tribute to Vibraphone Masters, in the styles of Lionel Hampton, Milt Jackson, and Cal Tjader. Tickets \$25 available at Boo Boo Records, The Abundance Shop, online at www.stbenslososos.org, or at the door. Complimentary snacks & beverages. Wine and beer available for sale. Info 805-602-1240.

Prayers after service – a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team is available immediately following the 10:30 service each week, at a front pew near the altar, for those who would like to have someone pray with them for healing or special intentions.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall & The Rev. Barry Turner;
Eucharistic Minister: Bob Pelfrey; Chalice Bearer: Janelle LaFond; Lector: Francis Rivinus;
Ushers: Rob Ross & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Laura Thompson; Altar Guild: Gigi Rivinus;
Flowers: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Schloss & Elaine Goodman; Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Judith Cadigan; Prayer Team Intercessor: Celeste Pennington; Music Director: John Cribb.

Thank you all for your service!



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. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship. 4th Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

LUNCH BUNCH - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEET ME IN MORRO - lunchtime social gathering, 3rd Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of odd-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st 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

3rd 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.

Proper 11: 9th Sunday after Pentecost—Year C

Welcome to our parish. The term “liturgy” has two meanings: time spent in Christ’s presence and time spent in service to others. If our lives do not express both of these activities, then we are failing to celebrate the liturgy (the work of the people of God) which is the mark of being a Christian.

Today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke gives priority to the time spent in Christ’s presence. This is not to say that our work of ministry is unimportant or only secondary, but that it can only be done adequately and without anxiety if it is based on and finds its strength in our communion with our Lord.

As we continue to read the epistle to the Colossians, Paul tells us that the mystery that lies behind reality has been revealed in Christ. It is the life that we share in Christ by virtue of his dying and rising. In baptism, we enter that life, and it becomes our life. It is in that sharing of Christ’s life that we are empowered to minister and to pray as members of Christ’s Body.

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String Quartet Concert July 29 at 7:30pm

Cost \$15. Proceeds to go to St Benedict's ministries and the GALA center. Sponsored by Waste Connection, who is underwriting it.

Four local professional musicians are coming together to provide an evening of enjoyment for a worthy cause. The Candlelight Strings hope that their July 29 concert at St Benedict's Episcopal Church will be an antidote of hope and beauty in response to the Orlando shooting and so proceeds will go to support the local LGBTQ community through the GALA Center, and also the ministries of St. Benedict's.

The program will be a combination of favorite classics by Bach and Mozart, and some popular songs, arranged by violinist **Bette Byers**.

In addition to Bette Byers who has a long career in Hollywood, Candlelight Strings brings together Julliard-trained **Dr. Maurice Sklar** on violin, local favorite **Jeanne Shumway** on cello, with **Sal Garza** who was classically trained by Morro Bay's Botso Korisheli.

The Diocese of El Camino Real invites you to the 6th Annual Recovery Retreat “Working Steps 6 and 7” with the Rev. Dr. Michael Ferrito, B.A., M.Div., Ph.D.

St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista **Aug 5-7**

Working the steps to identify character defects is part of our journey to healing. This year it is with great pleasure that we announce our keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Mike Ferrito, Christian Clinical Therapist, who will be with us on a journey to discover our unique temperament and how each unique temperament fits perfectly into God's plan. Mike+ will be sharing valuable information on the five temperament types, some Biblical background and why understanding our unique temperament is so important to our spiritual growth. Ordained for over 17 years, Fr. Mike is pastor at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. He has supported people in recovery for many years hosting 33 12-steps groups at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Campbell when he was vicar and now as co-rector at Good Samaritan. Registration forms and agenda available on our bulletin board or from marybeth@realepiscopal.org

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

June Income: \$ 10,026	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 1,935) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 68,037	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 71,765	Difference: (\$ 3,728) shortfall

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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