

Benediction Weekly

August 14, 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.



Final Call for the Parish Retreat

Parish Retreat November 18 – 20 Mount Calvary Retreat House, Santa Barbara

If you'd like to attend our Benedictine Retreat this fall, please contact Danna at the church office no later than this **Thursday, August 18th** (office@stbenslososos.org) or 528-0654.

Cost for the weekend is \$260, with a \$50 deposit due at registration

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

Tuesday, Aug 16

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

Thursday, Aug 18

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Sunday, Aug 21

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
3:00 pm – Jazz Concert

Carpooling to the Jazz Concert

Please consider carpooling to the Jazz concert next Sunday. It helps us by freeing up the limited parking spaces we have, it helps the environment by using less gasoline, and carpooling with a designated driver promotes safe consumption of alcohol at our event. If you need a ride or can give a ride, please sign-up today with Alice Welchert. Here's her advice:

*wanna' be cool?
join a car pool!*

*on the 21st gonna' be jazz
parkin' lot be overflowin'
drive in concert
to the concert
get here green
and get back sober*

*talk to Alice
she's got the sheet
to sign you up --
now get on down!*



HEY LOOK WE'RE COOL!

Journey of the Universe: An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth, and Human Transformation

Sunday, August 28th at 7pm at St. Ben's, co-sponsored with Trinity United Methodist Church.

This 1-hour documentary explores the origins of the cosmos, the emergence of life, and the rise of humans. The film weaves together the findings of modern science with enduring wisdom found in human cultural traditions to explore cosmic evolution as a wondrous process based on creativity, connection, and interdependence.

Re-register for Ralph's Community Rewards Program September 1st



St. Ben's receives a small percentage of every dollar spent at Ralph's if you enroll your rewards card in their Community Contribution Program. All those who are currently enrolled in the program are required to re-register, on or after September 1st.

Sign in to your online account at www.ralphs.com then go to > Community > Community Rewards-Re-enroll > Type # **83646** > Click on St Benedict's > Click Enroll. If you do not already have an online account, you must first register on the website. If you don't have computer access, please call Ralph's at 1-800-443-4438 for assistance

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Lucas & Janelle LaFond;

Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Judy Schloss; Ushers: Rod Morse & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Ann Lucas;

Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Carol Baker;

Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Judith Cadigan; Prayer Team Intercessor: Judy Schloss; 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. 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 15: 13th Sunday after Pentecost—Year C

Welcome to our parish. In today's liturgy, we are confronted with some of Jesus' hardest words. As he traveled toward Jerusalem, certain of the great crisis that lay ahead, Jesus set forth the serious nature of discipleship. He referred to his approaching death as his "baptism." He revealed that faithfulness to God would produce opposition and division.

God's message to an unfaithful people through the prophet Jeremiah is that his word comes as hard truth. It will lay bare lies and deceit. It demands that those who speak for God speak truth, even though the message may be hard to bear.

In the second reading today, we are assured that regardless of the opposition and division which faithfulness to God may bring, we have hope. That hope is based first on the record of God's faithful people in the past, but is based above all on the record of Jesus. The "cloud of witnesses" of the past is now joined and led by Jesus "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

As we gather in Eucharist, we are indeed surrounded by the witness of those in ages past whose faith in God led them to hard and tough decisions. In Christ and with each other the joys and the hard disciplines of faith are united. We recall Christ's death and resurrection and our own incorporation into his dying and rising, which began in us in baptism.

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News From The Shire at Canterbury

Greetings SLO Deanery,

We're busy planning and excited to be getting ready for our 10th year of campus ministry here in SLO, serving the campuses of Cal Poly & Cuesta College.

The big news is that SLO Canterbury was just selected by the Episcopal Church's Office for Young Adult & Campus Ministry to receive a \$5,000 grant to enhance our work with SLO Solidarity. The grant will also enable us to hire an intern to increase our social-media presence. We are grateful for this opportunity and looking forward expectantly to greeting the new and incoming students this fall.

We will also be reaching out to the SLO Deanery over the coming weeks and months to request your continued support. We are currently looking for board members (one each) from St. Benedict's, St. James, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's, so if you are reading this would like to contribute to our ministry in this way, please reach out and let us know.

Most of all we are grateful for all the support we have received that has enabled us to reach the ten-year mark. It's quite an achievement, and I'm proud, and of course thankful, to have had the opportunity to serve the college students and young adults of our local communities and colleges. Here's to the next ten years!

Peace,
Berkeley

Canterbury Club's Annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction fundraiser will be Sunday, Oct. 16th at St. Stephen's, SLO. If you'd like to have a chili entry or if you have something to donate to the silent auction, please contact Canterbury Club chaplain Berkeley Johnson: (805) 543 7212 ext. 13 canterburyslo@gmail.com



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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