

# Benediction Weekly

## September 10, 2017

*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 LAND SUNDAY

During September St. Benedict's will once again join churches around the world as we observe the Season of Creation. Each Sunday we will focus on a different aspect of the natural world. Today we celebrate the rocks, soils, plants, and creatures of the land.

#### 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

#### Tuesday, Sept 12

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

#### Wednesday, Sept 13

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

#### Thursday, Sept 14

7:00 pm – Mystics: Mary Oliver

#### Saturday, Sept 16

9:00 am – Coastal Cleanup at Morro Rock  
2:00 pm – Dioc. Budget Mtg – St James PR  
2:00 pm – G Roger Bailey Guitar Concert

#### Sunday, Sept 17 -- WILDERNESS SUNDAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music  
12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

*Hollister Institute Program continues...*

### Seeing Creation through the Eyes of the Mystic

Join us to explore the world of creation through the eyes of people of mystical vision. Thursdays in September, 7-8:30pm



**Mary Oliver** (Sept 14) is one of our great living poets. In this session we will explore our own connection to nature through Oliver's words and images. Led by Caro Hall+

Next in the series: John Muir (9/21), led by Joe Morris, and Teilhard de Chardin (9/28), led by Barry Turner.

More at: <http://www.stbenslososos.org/hollister-institute/>

**The Shire/Canterbury** ministry has purchased a package of ads in the Mustang Daily, including the materials all students receive at the beginning of the year, to increase awareness of Canterbury. We are looking for sponsors, particularly those who have a connection to CalPoly, to underwrite the cost of these ads. If you would like to help us, your tax-deductible donation of \$50 (or any amount) would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Janelle LaFond or Brian Spolarich for more info.

### Readers' Theatre Presents Jane Austen – September 24

With this year marking the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death, St. Peter's Readers' Theater will present her final, but unfinished novel **"Sanditon"** at St. Benedict's on Sunday, September 24 at 3 p.m. At an appropriate time during the reading the audience will be presented with the choice of two possible endings to be voted on. Do come and make your choice. Directed and Adapted by Dr. Jonniepat Mobley. The cast will include members from St. Ben's, St. Peter's and the community. Questions? Call Dorene Hughes at 528-4065. Donations \$10 at the door.



### September is Cereal Month

This month has been designated **"Cereal September"** at St. Benedict's. We are particularly encouraging parishioners to donate breakfast cereals to our Prado Day Center collection boxes throughout September: cold cereal, instant hot cereal, granola, shredded wheat, bran, whatever you choose. Help us provide breakfast for kids so they don't go to school hungry, and for adults of all ages so they can have a better start to their days. Thank you!

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: John Horsley & Sarah Chesebro; Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Joan Hayes; Ushers: Ron Thompson & Michael Lucas; Greeter: Ann Lucas; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Barbara Schippers; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Judy Schloss; Intercessory Prayer Team: Judy Schloss; 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. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-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  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, Rector  
Anne Kanter, Sr. Warden,  
Pamela Bleisch,  
Lisa Gonzalez,  
Esta Kandarian,  
Barbara Schippers,  
Francis Rivinus,  
Kathie West

## COASTAL CLEAN-UP - THIS SATURDAY



*Team St. Benedict's is signed up to clean up the area around Morro Rock. We will meet there at 9am and will be done before noon. In addition to pickers-up, we need people to record what we find, so even if your back's not so great, you will be welcome. Please bring gloves and shopping style plastic bags for collecting debris. Please let Caro+ know if you plan to come as there is a waiver form that you will need to sign.*

Walk down any beach and you will find marine debris, defined as "any manufactured or processed solid waste material that enters the marine environment from any source." Marine debris impacts human health and safety, endangers wildlife and aquatic habitats, and costs local and national economies millions in wasted resources and lost revenues. Most of the debris (80%) is due to land-based sources, like litter (from pedestrians, motorists, beach visitors), industrial discharges (in the form of plastic pellets and powders), and garbage management (ill-fitting trash can lids, etc). Some marine debris comes from ocean going ships and boats.

The annual Coastal Cleanup Day event engages volunteers from our community to clean up trash and debris. Every year since 1986, ECOSLO has coordinated beach cleanups from San Simeon Point to Oso Flaco Lake. Even though Central Coast beaches are cleaner than some, last year 1,200 volunteers removed 6,500 pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches and creeks. In California, Coastal Cleanup Day holds the distinction of drawing the most participation of any volunteer event over its thirty-three year history. As County Coordinator, ECOSLO works with the California Coastal Commission to bring out our community in the campaign for healthy coasts, shorelines, and oceans.

*New Hollister Discussion in October....*

### Jesus: The Human Face of God

Thursday mornings, October 5 - November 2 (10:00-11:30 am)

Join us as we re-examine the life of Jesus through the eyes of writer and poet Jay Parini, professor of English and Creative Writing at Middlebury College, VT.

October 5	Life in Ancient Palestine
October 12	Jesus in Galilee
October 19	From Galilee to Jerusalem
October 26	From Gethsemane to Golgotha
November 2	The Afterlife of Jesus

Discussions will be led by the Rev. Donna Ross, with creative assistance from musician Ann Edwards and poet Carol McPhee.

To register for this discussion email [donnaross@charter.net](mailto:donnaross@charter.net). After you register, Donna will email you a PDF copy of the book. Chapters will also be posted on Donna's blog, <http://faithmatters.us>

(To hear an 8-minute interview with Jay Parini on the PBS Newshour, go to [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/religion-july-dec13-jesus\\_12-25/](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/religion-july-dec13-jesus_12-25/))

### REMINDERS

➤ Please enroll or re-enroll for Ralph's Community Rewards: 1-800-443-4438 or [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) St Ben's org number is #83646.

➤ Hurricane Response:  
<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/>

➤ "Welcome Neighbors" signs are now available for a donation of \$15 if you are able, less if you're not. Please take them home and put them up.

➤ St. Ben's 30th Anniversary Jubilee Party coming Oct 6th



➤ Parish Retreat at Mt. Calvary, Santa Barbara November 10-13

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

August Income: \$ 11,770 Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 12,989 Difference: (\$ 1,219) shortfall  
YTD Income: \$ 111,330 YTD Income Budgeted: \$103,913 Difference: \$ 7,417 surplus

**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. 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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