

Benediction Weekly

October 1, 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.



30th Anniversary Jubilee ~ this Friday at 6pm

Amazing to think that we've been a church for thirty years!
Join us for a special party with great food – including BBQ tri-tip! –
and great music from Alek Speck's band, *Five Parts Devil!*
Anyone interested in jamming with the band should contact John Cribb.

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

Sunday, Oct 1 -- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck.

Tuesday, Oct 3

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Oct 4

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle

11:00 am – Earthcare Meeting

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Oct 5

10:00 am – Jesus: The Human Face of God

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Friday, Oct 6

6:00 pm – 30th Anniversary Jubilee

Saturday, Oct 7

12:00 pm – Peoples' Kitchen at Prado

Sunday, Oct 8

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

1:00 pm – Blessing of Animals at SBCC

2:00 pm – Blessing of Animals at LOMS

3:00 pm – Shire Enchilada Cookoff, St. Stephen's

4:00 pm – Renaissance Lute Songs Concert

Today we are observing the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi



12th century monk and founder of the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis, Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

He is associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment, and it is customary to hold ceremonies blessing animals around his feast day of October 4th.

St. Benedict's offers two *Blessing of the Animals* opportunities Next Sunday, October 8th – at 1pm at the South Bay Community Center lawn, and at 2pm at the Los Osos Middle School field.

Bring your pets and invite your neighbors and their pets. Everyone is welcome, but we ask that dogs be leashed and other pets be suitably restrained.

If your pet is not the sociable type, bring its photo for a blessing.



Starting this week...

Hollister Institute--Jesus: The Human Face of God

Thursday mornings, October 5 to November 2 from 10 – 11:45 am

Getting ready for our first discussion on October 5:

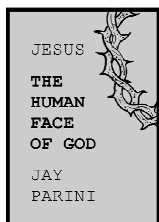
- (1) MEET the book's author, Jay Parini, in an interview with Charlie Rose:

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/religion-july-dec13-jesus_12-25/

- (2) READ the book's Preface and Chapter 1:

Preface: <http://faithmatters.us/jesus-the-human-face-of-god/>

Chapter 1: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-1-ancient-palestine/>



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian;
Lectors: Michael Lucas & Tom Pickering; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Steve Hirahara;
Greeter: Ann Edwards; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Flowers: Bryson McKelvey;
Potluck Hosts: Lisa Gonzalez, Suzan Vaughn & Pat Henry; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Francis Rivinus;
Intercessory Prayer Team: Lisa Gonzalez; Cantor: Anne Kanter; Music Director: John Cribb

Thank you all for your service!



**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

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 Sundays at 12:30pm

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*,

Pamela Bleisch,
Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian,
Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus,
Kathie West



The memorial service
for **Carol Baker** will be
held 1pm Saturday, Oct 21

REMINDERS

Peoples' Kitchen - Look for sign up sheets today to volunteer to provide food and/or to serve it at noon next Saturday, October 7th, at Prado Day Center.

Achtung! It's Oktoberfest at Prado!

Oktoberfest is libation-time for our thirsty breakfast friends at the Prado Day Center. We are asking for contributions of healthy drinks: Cranberry juice! Apple juice! Vegetable juice! Non-perishable boxes of almond, rice, coconut and soy milk (that don't require refrigeration until after opening)! Please try to avoid "juice boxes" which have more packaging than the 64 oz containers. Bring it on, folks -- fill the Prado boxes to overflowing! *Danke schön!*

Enchilada Cook-off at the Shire

 - beginning at 3:00 pm October 8th at St. Stephen's.

Come and eat a lot of different enchiladas in tasting-sized portions from local vendors, and vote for your favorite! There will also be a Silent Auction and Raffle! Funds raised will go to support the Campus Ministry provided by Canterbury Shire, a ministry of The Episcopal Church on the Central Coast, an interfaith spiritual center for young adults.

"Restorative Justice: Reconciling with my Sister's Killer"

On Monday, October 9th, at Old Mission San Luis Obispo, Restorative Partners is hosting "Restorative Justice: Reconciling with my Sister's Killer," a presentation by author Jeanne Bishop, a public-defender and anti-death penalty advocate who challenged herself to the journey of transformation and healing. Local resources networking from 5:30pm, Speaker at 6:30 - free will offering. Pre-event reception with author at 4:30pm - \$100. Details at restorativepartners.org

Planned Giving Workshop

Local attorney Douglas Buchanan will be sharing ideas on how you can remember St. Benedict's as part of your estate planning, including the tax benefits of donating appreciated stock, purchasing annuities or insurance policies, or donating cash and/or property in your will. Doug is a member of the Trusts and Estates Section of the SLO County Bar Association and a volunteer attorney with the SLO Senior Legal Services Project. Thursday evening, Oct 26 [time t.b.a.]

St. Benedict's Benefactors: Have you remembered St. Benedict's in your will or estate plan, made us the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or made some other gift that will come to St Ben's in the future? If so, you are a St Benedict's Benefactor and the Parish Council invites you to a thank-you gathering on Sunday October 29 at 2:30pm in a private home in Los Osos. In order to get your personal invitation, please let Danna, Lisa Gonzalez or Caro+ know that you are a St. Ben's Benefactor.

Parish Retreat: Consider the Lilies

 Nov 10 – 13, Mt Calvary, Santa Barbara.

Imagine taking two days out of your busy schedule to join in the gentle daily rhythm of a Benedictine monastery. Experienced retreat leaders, Donna Ross and Celeste Pennington, offer thought-provoking times of reflection and insightful questions to help you journey further on the Way of Jesus. The material for reflection comes from the "Sermon on the Mount," which draws on vast reservoirs of desert wisdom – looking to the East and as well the West for inspiration and ideas. Space is limited so please reserve early by contacting Danna at office@stbenslosos.org. The cost for the weekend (Friday 5pm to Sunday 2pm) is \$260 which includes accommodation, all meals and program.

Disaster Response: Please donate to hurricane relief using the form in today's bulletin insert, or visit episcopalrelief.org

Rev. Caro+ is on vacation until October 3. Contact Sr. Warden Anne Kanter for church business, Celeste Pennington for pastoral care, and Danna in the church office for scheduling and administrative issues. The clergy team is available for spiritual counsel.

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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