

Benediction Weekly

October 29, 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.



All Saints' Day Necrology

St. Benedict's will be observing All Saints' Day next Sunday, November 5th. It is the tradition of the church that each year the names of parishioners and loved ones who have died are read as part of the Eucharist that day. If you would like someone remembered, please give their names to Stef (stefshuman@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the bulletin by Wednesday, November 1st. To have their photos included in the remembrance please send digital files to office@stbenslosos.org or leave a photo in an addressed envelope in Danna's box.

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ healing service
- 12:15 pm – Convention Delegates meeting
- 2:30 pm – St Benedict's Benefactors' gathering

Tuesday, Oct 31

- 2:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Nov 1

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov 2

- 10:00 am – Jesus: The Human Face of God
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Sunday, Nov 5

- NO 8am Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

Parish Retreat: Consider the Lilies

Nov 10 – 12, Mt. Calvary, Santa Barbara



Consider St. Benedict's Parish Retreat as a time to reflect on the "lilies" in your life. 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. Please reserve your space now by contacting Danna at office@stbenslosos.org. The cost for the weekend is \$260 including all meals and accommodation. For more information, contact Donna (927-1989) or Celeste (771-8974).



"IDENTITY" is Theme of 37th Diocesan Convention - November 3 & 4

The entire diocese is invited to a special Saturday Eucharist that will close our 37th annual convention on Saturday, November 4, celebrating Bishop Mary's 10th anniversary as bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real. The Eucharist is expected to begin at 2 pm. The convention takes place at Sherwood Hall, located at 940 N. Main St. in Salinas. Lay delegates from St. Ben's are John Cribb, Janelle LaFond, and Ann Lucas, with Lisa Gonzalez as Alternate. To read resolutions to come before the convention go to <https://www.realepiscopal.org/diocesan-convention/>

JESUS: The Human Face of God (Hollister Institute)

Concludes Thursday, November 2nd, 10 – 11:45 am

READ Chapter 7 & 8 for our discussion this week:

Chapter 7: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-7-resurrection/>

Chapter 8: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-8-the-afterlife-of-jesus/>

If you can't attend these discussions, consider reading

JESUS on your own: <http://faithmatters.us/category/jesus/>

Los Osos Community Dinner

On Monday, November 6, it is St. Benedict's turn to host the Community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church in Los Osos. There are sign-up sheets at coffee hour for food and servers. These free dinners bless guests who need help putting food on the family table and all of those who hunger for community.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas; Chalice Bearer: Rob Ross; Lector: Alan Kiste; Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Lisa Gonzalez; Greeter: Alan Kiste; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Coffee Hour Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Karin Cake; Tellers: Steve Cake & Alice Welchert; 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

Hollister Institute: “The Coming of the Cosmic Christ” Starting Nov 9

The Coming of the Cosmic Christ, by Matthew Fox, will be the basis of a five-week book study led by Rev. Caro and Fr. Barry on Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30 and December 7, from 10 - 11:30 am. We will talk about the Cosmic Christ from the perspective of Scripture, Science, Christian Tradition and our own experiences. You do not have to read the book but will get more from the discussions if you do. Copies of the book are available for \$17.99.

St. Benedict's EarthCare Team also has other related books available for theological study and meditation, including The Stations of the Cosmic Christ, co-authored by Matthew Fox and Bishop Marc Andrus (\$39.99) This oversize book includes two meditations on each of the stations written by Fox and Andrus, comments by the two artists on each of the stations and other interpretive essays and colored photos. To purchase books, please write your name and book title on the card in the book and leave it in the bowl on the literature table, with a check made out to “Barry Turner.”

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NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

- 1 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 2 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
- 3+4 Diocesan Convention, Salinas
- 5 - Potluck + Prado 12p
- 6 - LO Community Dinner at TUMS, 5p
- 8 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p
- 10-12 Parish Retreat at Mt. Calvary Santa Barbara
- 11 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Café, 9a
- 11 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 15 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 16 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
- 17 - PFJ Brown Bag lunch at St Stephens, 12p
- 18 - Quiet Day w/ Stations of the Cosmic Cross, 930a
- 19 - Parish Council Meeting, 1230p
- 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY - Dinner at 1p
- 28 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 2p

Sundays:

- Contemplative Communion 8a** (except 1st Sun)
- Bible study 920a**
- Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a**

Weekly Events:

- Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p**
- Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p**
- Thursdays: Book Study: Cosmic Christ 10a**

The church will be open for **Stations of the Cross Public Viewing** Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10am-12pm; Saturdays, 10am-2pm; and Sundays, 12-2pm.

Stephen Ministry Class

Stephen Ministry is a caregiving ministry that teaches laypersons to provide one-to-one high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis such as grief, illness, divorce, job loss, substance abuse, or other difficulty, and then meets with that person regularly to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

You can still join the new Stephen Ministry class meeting most Mondays at 9:00 am at First Presbyterian Church on Marsh in SLO through April 2018. Talk to Paula Smith 805 474-1203 or pbsmith135@gmail.com for a schedule of lessons and reading materials.

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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