

Benediction Weekly

May 20, 2018

The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship and service.



The Parish Council meets today

following coffee hour. The monthly meeting is open to interested parishioners who are always welcome to attend.

Coming up at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY DAY OF PENTECOST

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with music
- 12:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper
- 7:30 pm – Readers' Theatre rehearsal

Wednesday, May 23

- 5:00 pm – Eucharistic Minister training, pt II
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 24

- 7:00 pm – Hollister Inst: "Heart of Christianity"

Sunday, May 27 TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 9:30 am – "Messy Church"
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with music
- 12:15 pm – Ushers & Greeters Training

Eucharistic Minister and Chalice Bearer Training

Continues this Wednesday at 5pm

The second of the two-part class for current and prospective Eucharistic Ministers and Chalice Bearers will meet this Wednesday, led by the Rev. Caro Hall.

Usher & Greeter Training

Next Sunday at 12:15pm

A brief class for current and prospective Ushers and Greeters will be held following the 10:30 service next week, led by the Rev. Caro Hall.

Why were the Apostles in Jerusalem on that day?



They were gathered for Pentecost, or Feasts of Weeks, celebrating the bringing in of the wheat harvest.

Since it occurs 49 days after the first day of Passover (i.e. the 50th day, including Passover itself), Hellenistic Jews gave it the name Pentecost (πεντηκοστή, or "fiftieth day"). And since 49 days equals seven weeks, it became a "week of weeks". Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Harvest.

It was a pilgrim festival. According to Jewish Law, all the adult Jewish men would come to Jerusalem from wherever they were living and personally be in attendance during this celebration. It was a holiday. No servile work was to be done. School was out. The shops were closed. It was party time.

It was a grand and joyous celebration. The streets of Jerusalem were clogged with thousands of pilgrims who had come from every point of the compass to celebrate the goodness of God.

When the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, it was these visitors who were so astonished to hear them speaking to them in their own foreign language. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter preached boldly to the huge crowd the message of Christ. Many took the gospel message to heart and about 3,000 people were baptized and added to the fledgling Christian church on that Day of Pentecost.

People's Kitchen

Our next turn serving at the People's Kitchen in SLO will be Saturday, June 2nd. Please sign-up to provide food and/or to serve the meal. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Great Room.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Schloss & Stef Shuman;
Lectors: Joan Hayes & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Michael Lucas & Connie Weldon; Greeter: Joan Hayes;
Flowers: Lisa Gonzalez; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Prayer Team Member: Louisa Beeler;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Lisa Gonzalez & Karin Cake; Tellers: Steve Cake & Alice Welchert; Music Director: John Cribb



ABUNDANCE SHOP– Thrift shop at 2025 9th St. Tues- Sat 10am-4pm.

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. 2nd Weds 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 Sea Pines Grill.

MESSY CHURCH - Sunday morning worship geared towards young children and busy families. Featuring crafts, stories, songs, and prayer. Twice monthly in the Great Room

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.

SATURDAY EUCHARIST - Evening Eucharist on 2nd Saturdays at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers using varying liturgies, followed by potluck.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL
3rd Sundays at 12:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Pamela Bleisch Strawn, *Sr. Warden*,
Michael Lucas, *Jr. Warden*,
Lisa Gonzalez, *Treasurer*,
Diana Hammerlund, Alan Kiste,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Lorienne Schwenk

Discovery Day

Annual diocesan spiritual discernment workshop



The Commission on Ministry has announced this year's Discovery Day, an annual workshop on spiritual discernment, to be held **Saturday, June 9.**

Discernment Ministry is a lifelong process of attending, perceiving, listening, and discovering how best to express Christ's ministry through the Church.

Our diocese is entering into a season of spiritual discernment for our next bishop. One of our diocesan values is "Christ-centeredness," asking each of us through prayer, worship, and ministry to deepen our relationship with Jesus so that we may more effectively spread God's love.

Discovery Day offers the opportunity for those already engaged in active ministry to renew their call to a particular ministry, or to explore new ways to respond to God's call. Although this Discovery Day is a required first step to anyone discerning a call to ordained ministry, it is in no way limited to such individuals. We explore and celebrate the ministry of all the baptized, and look at ministry development in each of the four orders – laity, deacons, priests, and bishops.

We will include new information about the opportunity for licensed lay ministries, a way to help people focus on and train for a particular area of ministry in the parish. Previous participants in this process of discernment have used such words as rejuvenating, validating, and transformative to describe their experiences.

Following the Discovery Day workshop, participants may choose to take on a self-guided twelve-week exploration to enhance their appreciation of how the four orders of ministry complement each other in fulfilling the mission of the Church, and discern where they fit into that mission. Members of COM provide support as people work their way through this program. It is required of anyone seeking ordination to the diaconate or priesthood.

To register, email Joanna Shreve at jrshreve@aol.com no later than June 6. (please state "Discovery Day" in subject line). A \$10 donation at door is requested for lunch and materials.



Restorative Partners Fundraiser Sat. June 2nd, 5 - 9pm Elks Lodge, San Luis Obispo

Restorative Partners is a non-profit organization that serves people impacted by crime with a continuum of services and programs designed to meet their diverse needs. Our professional staff and an army of volunteers offer programs that focus on body, mind and spiritual transformation, incorporate trauma care, address responsibility and accountability, and reduce violence and lower recidivism inside the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail, and Honor Farms. Additionally, Restorative Partners provides reentry programs and services to those released from County and State facilities including evidence based programs, mentoring, and recovery/sober living environment homes

Join us for a night of dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment and an opportunity to engage in and support our mission of transforming lives impacted by crime through healing services and relationships. Tickets are \$50 at www.restorativepartners.org

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. 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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