

# Benediction Weekly

## June 17, 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.*

### Celebration of Ministry Today



Join the San Luis Obispo Deanery in celebration of the ministry of the Rev. Matt Conrad, retiring rector of St. Luke's Atascadero. Bishop Mary will officiate at Vespers here today at 3pm. Reception follows.

#### Coming up 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 with Confirmation
- 3:00 pm – Celebration of Ministry: Fr. Matt Conrad

##### Tuesday, June 19

- 10:00 am – Hollister Inst: "Creation and the Cross"
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper
- 7:30 pm – Readers' Theatre Rehearsal

##### Wednesday, June 20

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

##### Friday, June 21

- 7:00 pm – Readers' Theatre Dress Rehearsal

##### Sunday, June 24

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 9:30 am – "Messy Church"
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 3:00 pm – Readers' Theatre Wodehouse Sampler

#### Welcome to Bishop Mary!

As always we are delighted to welcome Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves, but saddened that she has announced her resignation effective January 2020. Our bishop connects us to the wider Episcopal Church and to the Anglican Communion through the House of Bishops - which is why she is the one to welcome new adult members into the church through confirmation or reception.

The process of selecting a new Bishop and transferring the diocese to her or his care is already underway. The diocesan Standing Committee has the responsibility for this process. Both Caro+ and Lisa Gonzalez currently serve on the Standing Committee, which has selected a Search Committee to create a profile of the person we're looking for, accept and screen applicants and create a slate of potential bishops. Senior Warden Pamela Bleisch is serving on this committee. We will elect the next Bishop at a special Electing Convention in June 2019.

*Next Sunday at 3pm at St. Benedict's:*

Central Coast Readers' Theatre, under the direction of Dr. Jonniepat Mobley, presents  
**"Wooing Lads and Cooing Maidens: A Sampler of Comic Romantic Pursuits"**

~ from the works of P.G. Wodehouse ~



#### Jazz Concert

**Saturday, August 25 3pm**



Mark your calendars now for St. Benedict's annual Jazz Concert featuring Darrell Voss and the Jazz All-Stars, with Los Angeles vocalist Julie Kelly. Details to follow.

#### Don't forget: It's Juicy June!

Please give healthy fruit or vegetable juices not needing refrigeration for the breakfast program at Prado Day Center. Contributions of other non-perishable breakfast items are also always welcome.



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

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves; Rector: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Susan Arnold; Subdeacon: Jim Arnold; Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Schloss & Lisa Gonzalez; Lectors: John Horsley & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Ron Thompson & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Ann Edwards; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman & Michelle Frazier; Coffee Hour Hosts: Alice Welchert & Laura Thompson; Prayer Team Member: Judy Schloss; Tellers: Steve Cake & Mary Ellen Rico; Music Director: John Cribb.

***Thank you for your service!***



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

**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

## Update on Fire Sprinkler System: It's a Go!

The story so far: after many years of agreeing that we do not need a fire sprinkler system, the County changed their mind. Two generous donations made the installation possible but we had to wait for PG&E to tell us their price for supplying additional power for the pump.

This month's update: We have received the quote from PG&E (\$23k) and have signed the contract.

The main contractor (Sims) had to increase his estimate by \$7k because of the rise in steel cost. That contract has now been signed, as has that with the electrician. So we are looking at \$119,720 without the cost of repairing ceilings etc after the sprinkler heads have been re-installed. This is in line with the \$120,000 we have been anticipating. Right now there is \$111k in the Sprinkler Fund plus \$9k in the Building Fund.

We have the money, we have the contracts signed. Now we wait for the contractors to start. They will be replacing the big green water tanks with steel ones, installing an external pump and pumphouse, refitting the interior pipes with sprinkler heads and adding new ones where necessary.

### Bible Study to Start at St. Peters, Morro Bay

Lenny Erickson will be giving a class in the summary of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) at St. Peter's on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 for six sessions beginning June 28. It will cover the composition, structure, and key themes of each of the books. Several books will be dealt with each week by sections or types, so it will truly be a quick overview of the books.

All are welcome. There is no charge.

June 28	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers: <i>Universal myths, Hebrew beginnings, and law</i>
July 5	Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings: <i>The Law again and the Deuteronomistic History</i>
July 12	Ruth, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah: <i>History and nation-making anew</i>
July 19	Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Jonah: <i>The Literary Heritage</i>
July 26	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel: <i>The big prophets (sans capitalism) and an apocalypse</i>
August 2	Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi: <i>The minor prophets</i>

### Creation and the Cross

Our Hollister Institute series, "Creation and the Cross" continues on Tuesdays at 10am through July 17. Join Caro Hall+ and Barry Turner+ for this book study and conversation based on Catholic feminist theologian Elizabeth Johnson's new book, Creation and the Cross. It is a fairly easy read, written as a conversation and is an articulate statement of how this distinguished theologian sees the new expression of Christianity dwelling not on "Are you Saved?" but how the entire Creation is redeemed. Please let Caro know if you will attend.

Keeping in Touch during the Week. Contact any of the clergy for counsel & spiritual care:

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall (805)704-5826; The Rev. Barry Turner (805)784-0670; The Rev. Faye Hogan (805)541-4595

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