

# Benediction Weekly

## August 12, 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.*



*In 2 weeks...*

### St. Benedict's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Concert

**Julie Kelly with the Real Time Jazz Band**

*Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> - 3pm*

\$27 per person. Tickets at: <http://www.stbenslososos.org/jazz/>  
at the Abundance Shop or Boo Boo Records or at the door.

#### **This Week at St. Benedict's**

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

##### **TODAY**

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 9:30 am – “Messy Church” family worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

##### **Tuesday, Aug 14**

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

##### **Wednesday, Aug 15**

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

##### **Saturday, Aug 18**

- 9am-4pm – GSMOL Conference\*

##### **Sunday, Aug 19**

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

#### **Coming in September: Season of Creation**

Again this Fall our Sunday Liturgies will be based on creation themes: Planet Earth, Humanity, Sky, Mountain, and the Healing of Creation, followed on Oct 7 with the Feast of St. Francis.

#### *New Adult Education Class:*

#### **Prophet and Mystic of Creation: Thomas Merton**

You are invited to enter a profound and personal contemplative experience with Thomas Merton in this 6 week conversation. Together we will explore the significance of Creation for Merton's own experience of God. We will discover his intimate rapport with creation as the body of divinity – at once veiling and unveiling the God he so longed to behold and be held by.

Each week we will watch a 30 minute video presentation by gifted professor, author, psalmist, and spiritual animator, Sister Kathleen Deignan CND. Weaving together word and song, Sr. Deignan will lead us steadily closer to the horizon of insight Merton spent his life trying to disclose. Whatever your familiarity with the teaching of Thomas Merton, this fresh look at him as creation mystic and ecological prophet will engage you anew.

Sessions start on Thursday August 30 and run for six weeks. You may participate in a group at 10am led by Barry+ or at 7:30pm led by Caro+. Each session will last about 1¼ hours.

**Overnight Parking Community Meeting** -- Tuesday, August 28, 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
at Sea Pines Golf Resort. An open community meeting sponsored by Los Osos Cares and St. Benedict's EarthCare to discuss an Authorized Overnight Parking program, modeled on the New Beginnings program in Santa Barbara.



\***Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League** Conference Saturday, August 18, 9am-4pm at St. Ben's. Free. Non-GSMOL members are welcome. Contact Anne Anderson 805-895-8319 for details or see our bulletin board.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Preacher: Berkeley Johnson; Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Chesebro & Judy Schloss;  
Lectors: Lorienne Schwenk & Michael Lucas; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Lorienne Schwenk;  
Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Coffee Hour Hosts: Alice Welchert & Maureen Titus;  
Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Lorienne Schwenk; Prayer Team Member: Judy Schloss; 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

**COMMUNITY DINNER** – Providing and serving food at Trinity UMC, on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of odd-numbered months in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

**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** – Varying programs of stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone. See website.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE** Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - 5-9pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Osos Clean Laundry, helping low-income families with funds, soap, and friendly assistance.

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 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, Lynn Wise

## Los Osos Showers

Apart from a place to live, people without housing most need clean clothes, showers and a place to charge their phones. Phones can be charged at the Abundance Shop or Los Osos Cares Resource Center. Clean clothes are available through Laundry Love. Now we need showers.



Following the successful trial run with the Hopes Village shower unit, People Helping People is fundraising for a mobile shower unit for Los Osos. It will be available at the South Bay Community Center whenever there are volunteers to run it. There were hopes of building a shower but given the constraints of the planning process etc. this would have been more expensive and taken much longer than purchasing a mobile unit. We hope it will be here by November when the Warming Shelter starts up again. The cost will be about \$28,000.

**On Sunday September 2**, we will be inviting you, as well as bringing your gifts for the Prado Day Center, to make a financial contribution to the Shower unit. Special envelopes will be available. If you are not going to be at church that day, you may make a gift at any time. Please make your checks out to St Benedict's and write "showers" in the memo line. Or you can make a gift on-line at [www.stbenslososos.org/support](http://www.stbenslososos.org/support). Please indicate that your gift is for Homeless Outreach.

## Join the Bishop Transition Committee!

The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real seeks members of our diocese who feel called to serve on the team that will facilitate the transition to our next bishop.

This ministry will:

- Coordinate celebrations of the ministry of Bishop Mary
- Plan and conduct the walkabouts in early May of 2019 for the slate on candidates
- Provide logistical support for the Electing Convention on June 1, 2019
- Provide pastoral care to candidates
- Arrange for the bishop-elect's smooth transition into the diocese including relocation needs
- Support the events surrounding the Consecration in January 2020

In general the work of the Transition Committee will take place between October 2018 and January 2020. The committee will be divided into subcommittees each having a different time frame for their specific work depending upon which aspect of the process they are supporting. Meetings will primarily take place via zoom and email. Members will also need to attend a Transition Committee retreat on Saturday, Nov 10.

The application form is available on the diocesan website; closing date is Aug 22:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4-DTmdlzsF8pg4pM1EEgzs1w51IG7jep8h-4VU7PDWqriog/viewform>

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

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests: (805)771-8974

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