

Benediction Weekly

November 25, 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.



People's Kitchen this Saturday

Please sign up to serve or to provide food for lunch at Prado Day Center. And don't forget to contribute items for the breakfast program in our food boxes any Sunday.

This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

- 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
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council meeting

Monday, Nov 26 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Nov 27

- 1:00 pm – Senior Resources Presentation
- 3:00 pm – Healing Ministry meeting
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, Nov 28

- 5:00 pm – Laundry Love at Osos Clean Laundry
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 1

- 12 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado Day Ctr.
- 2:00 pm – Newcomers' Event at Kiste/Spolarich

Sunday, Dec 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- NO 8 am Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch:
A-G Dessert; H-R Salad & bread; S-Z Main dish
- 12:30 pm – Care of Creation presentation
- 12:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm – Canterbury Lessons & Carols Fundraiser

TUESDAY ~ Senior Resources

Anya Kaufman, the executive director of Senior Connection, will give a talk at St. Benedict's at 1 pm on Tuesday, Nov 27 about finding the help that Los Osos seniors seek. There will be a resource table with lots of information to share. Refreshments will be served. More information is available at: <http://www.centralcoastseniors.org/senior-connection/>



WEDNESDAY ~ Laundry Love

Nov 28 from 5-9pm at Osos Clean Laundry on 9th Street, St Ben's helps those in need with laundry assistance. Donations and volunteers needed.

SUNDAY ~ Care of Creation

On Sunday, Dec. 2, after the 10:30 service, St. Ben's Earth Care Committee will welcome *Mr. Jeffrey Diehl*, Vice Chair of the legislative committee responsible for the 79th General Convention resolutions related to Care of Creation. The convention, held in Austin last summer, passed 19 resolutions out of 29 originally proposed on Care of Creation. All are invited to hear Jeff tell us about these resolutions as they offer direction and leadership to Episcopal congregations.



SUNDAY ~ Lessons & Carols

At 3pm next Sunday, there will be an Advent Lessons & Carols Service at St. Stephen's, SLO. This will be a fundraiser for the SLO Canterbury/Shire Episcopal Campus Ministry, and will be followed by a festive reception and fund drive. *Note time correction*



Please turn in your pledge card, if you have not already done so. It is important for us to get an estimate of income for 2019 so we can budget for the fullest ministry possible. Blank cards are available at the ushers' station.

Cash put in the collection plate on the 4th Sunday of the month (like today) goes into The Rector's Discretionary Fund to help people in need (think rent, utilities, gas money, food) and occasionally to cover expenses that are not in the Operating Fund. Please consider making an extra gift to boost the fund. Put "RDF" in memo line of checks. *Thank you!*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Chesebro; Chalice: Esta Kandarian; Lectors: Alan Kiste & John Horsley; Ushers: Michael Lucas & Steve Hirahara; Greeters: Laura Thompson-pre & Lorraine Schwenk-post; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Altar Guild: Michelle Frazier-8am, Judy Schloss-1030; Coffee Hour Hosts: Stef Shuman & Anne Kanter; Tellers: Lorraine Schwenk & Diana Hammerlund; Prayer Team: Louisa Beeler; 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 1st Monday of odd-numbered months in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

EARTHCARE – 2nd Weds 2:30 pm. Discussion/action group seeking local solutions to environmental concerns.

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 4th 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. 2nd & 4th 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

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- 2 Dec: 12:30p
- 5 Dec: 7:00p
- 9 Dec: 12:30p
- 11 Dec: 7:30p
- 12 Dec: 7:00p
- 18 Dec: 7:00p
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- 22 Dec: Instruments 10a, Full Ensemble 11a

- 1 - Peoples' Kitchen at Prado, 12n
- 1 - Newcomers' Event at Kiste/Spolarich, 2p
- 2 - Potluck + Prado 12p
- 2 - Care of Creation, 1230p
- 3 - Active Hope discussion group, 630p
- 5 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 8 - "Spruce Up the Church" workday, from 9a
- 8 - Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill, 9a
- 8 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 9 - Messy Church family worship, 930a
- 12 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p
- 16 - Parish Council Meeting, 1230p
- 16 - Blue Christmas Service, 630p
- 17 - Active Hope discussion group, 630p
- 19 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 22 - Christmas Concert, 3p
- 23 - Messy Church family worship, 930a
- 23 - Advent Service of Lessons + Carols, 1030a
- 26 - Laundry Love, 5p

"Spruce-Up" the Church - Saturday, December 8, 9am-noon

It's time to clean, polish sweep, and spruce-up our church in preparation for the coming holiday season. Please plan to join in for an hour or as long as you can.

Blue Christmas Service - Sunday, December 16, 6:30 pm

"Blue Christmas" is a simple non-denominational service providing an opportunity to hear the Christmas story focused on the hope and the comfort it brings to those in sorrow and difficulty.

A Celebration of Carols Holiday Concert - Saturday, December 22, 3:00 pm

Join the St Benedict Singers and musicians, directed by John Cribb, in a special afternoon celebration of carols.

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 23, 10:30 am

Based on the traditional service from Kings' College, Cambridge, a succession of Bible lessons leading up to the birth of Jesus are read, interspersed with choir anthems and congregational singing.

Christmas Eve Services - Monday, December 24

4:30 pm— Carols Around the Crèche A communion service with crèche and carols, suitable for all the family.

8:00 pm— Festival Christmas Eucharist Enjoy the magic of Christmas carols, readings and the mystery of Holy Communion. (*Carol singing starts at 7:45*)

Christmas Day Celebration - Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 am

A Quiet Communion service, followed by Brunch.

Star Party! - Saturday, January 5, starting at 6pm

We'll welcome the Magi to the crèche, crown the Epiphany Kings or Queens, and also take down the Christmas decorations. Bring your favorite dish to share and a twig from your Christmas decorations to burn in our 12th Night fire.



Watch for sign-up board for Christmas service ministries and Poinsettia dedications, coming soon!

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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