

Benediction Weekly

December 16, 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.



Blue Christmas Service - today at 6:30pm

Blue Christmas is for those who feel at odds with or estranged from the general feeling of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. If the holiday season brings up memories of the past, of loved ones lost, or if there are reasons why this year is not especially bright, please join us for a short simple service which acknowledges that Christmas can be a difficult time for many of us.

This Week 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 music
- 6:30 pm – Blue Christmas service

Monday, Dec 17 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Dec 18

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Dec 19

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

Saturday, Dec 22

- 3:00 pm – Concert: A Celebration of Carols

Sunday, Dec 23

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Service of Lessons & Carols



Monday, Dec 24

- 4:30 pm – Carols Around the Crèche
(Family communion service)
- 8:00 pm – Festival Christmas Eucharist
(Carol singing starts at 7:45)

Tuesday, Dec 25

- 10:00 am - Quiet Holy Communion
(Followed by brunch)



A Celebration of Carols Holiday Concert This Saturday at 3pm



The St. Benedict Singers and musicians, directed by John Cribb, with Ann Davenport Lucas at the piano, will present a special afternoon celebration of Christmas Carols next Saturday, December 22nd at 3:00 pm. Carols from across the ages will be sung by the St. Benedict Singers, with well-known favorites for you to sing along. Free admission. This concert is a Los Osos tradition. Don't miss it!

Christmas Lessons and Carols Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

This service includes nine readings from the Scriptures together with carols, some sung by the choir and many by the congregation. There will not be a sermon or communion – just readings and carols.

Communion will be available that day at our usual 8 a.m. Contemplative Service.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas;
Chalice Bearer: Ann Edwards; Lector: Tom Pickering; Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Alan Kiste;
Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Greeters: Joan Hayes (*pre*) & Alan Kiste (*post*);
Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Karin Cake; Tellers: Alice Welchert & Mary Ellen Rico;
Intercessor: Celeste Pennington; 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.

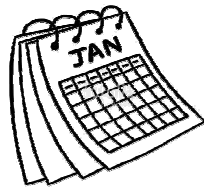
VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL
3rd Sundays at 12:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Pamela Bleisch Strawn, *Sr. Warden*,
Michael Lucas, *Jr. Warden*,
Lisa Gonzalez, *Treasurer*,
Diana Hammerlund, Alan Kiste,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Lorienne Schwenk, Lynn Wise

As the end of the year approaches please remember...



- That if you plan to itemize your tax deduction you may need a letter outlining your in-kind deductions. Lisa will be happy to provide the appropriate letter, if asked.
- If you are over 59 1/2 you can make a donation to St. Benedict's directly from your IRA tax-free
- If you are over 70 1/2 a donation from your IRA can count as part of your required distribution
- If you shop on Amazon you can make an easy small donation by going to Amazon via the church website. Go to www.stbenslososos.org/support and clicking on the Amazon icon. (If you can't see the icon you probably have some kind of ad blocker operating.) This will take you directly to Amazon and you need do nothing unusual. St. Ben's will receive a donation.

Thank you!!



A Peek Ahead:

Epiphany Star Party – January 5

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.

Saturday, January 5th, at 6:00 pm.

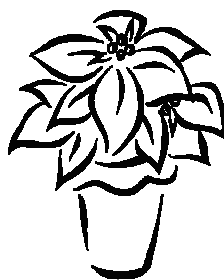
Los Osos Community Dinner – January 7

Look for the sign-up sheets for the Los Osos Community Dinner program at Trinity United Methodist Church. Food and servers needed. **Monday, January 7th, at 5:00 pm**

St. Ben's Annual Meeting - January 27

Expect to receive a mutual ministry review questionnaire in January, in preparation for our Parish Meeting. We gather to elect new Parish Council members, pass a budget, and make plans for the year ahead. Be sure it's on your calendar: **Sunday, January 27, following the 10:30 service**

Last Chance for Poinsettia Donations



If you would like to honor a loved one by contributing for Christmas poinsettias, you may use the envelopes on the schedule board to indicate the wording of your dedication (as in memory, thanksgiving, or honor.) **Today is the last day** for dedications for inclusion in the service bulletins. Please print clearly. Suggested contribution is \$10 each. Please place envelope in offering plate. Donors may take home poinsettias after Christmas Season.

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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