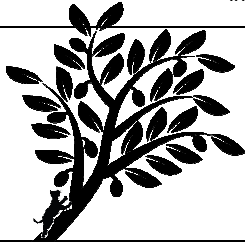


Benediction Weekly

February 17, 2019

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 will be on retreat on Friday evening and on Saturday, discerning God's call to St Benedict's in the year ahead. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 Communion with music
- 2:00 pm – SLO Deanery Mtg, St James, Paso Robles

Monday, Feb 18 RECTOR'S SABBATH

- 6:30 pm – Active Hope book discussion group

Tuesday, Feb 19

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

Wednesday, Feb 20

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 4:15 pm – Education for Ministry class
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday & Saturday: Parish Council on Retreat

Sunday, Feb 24

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 9:30 am – Messy Church family worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Communion with music
- 3:00 pm – Scrabble Tournament – Individuals' Round 1

St. Benedict's Scrabble Tournament Dates Announced!

The team tournament will take place on Friday March 1 at 6pm and the individual tournament will be played on two dates Sunday, Feb. 24 from 3-5pm and March 2 from 2-4pm. Spectators are welcome but no hecklers! Matches will take place in the Great Room.

The 1st and 2nd place winners will be determined by the highest scores over two games. In the event of a tie there will be a play-off after all games are completed.

It's not too late to sign up for this exciting contest. Contact Laura in the office: office@stbenslosos.org or call the church 805-528-0654.

Stations of the Cross

Local sculptor, Chloe A. White, has created a new set of Stations for St. Benedict's which draw from a slightly different set of images than usual, starting with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying to be excused from his ordeal "If this cup cannot pass by, but I must drink it, your will be done!" (Matthew 26:42)

These remarkable works will be displayed in the church starting on **March 6, Ash Wednesday**, when Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves will bless them during a service starting at 7 pm. This is open to the public and will combine a traditional service with imposition of ashes and a pilgrimage through the Stations. The St. Benedict Singers will perform Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer."

Then there will be an Artist's Reception on **Sunday, March 10 from 4-6 pm.** (Note time change.) This will be an opportunity to meet Chloe A. White and to hear from her experience of creating the Stations. Bob Pelfrey (Art Professor Emeritus, Cuesta College) will also speak about the work and historical significance

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Subdeacon: Jim Arnold; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich;
Chalice Bearer: Diana Hammerlund; Lector: Jane Wu; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Maureen Titus;
Greeter: Carol Brubaker Walton; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Laura Thompson;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Diana Hammerlund; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Steve Cake;
Prayer Team: Celeste Pennington; Cantor: Anne Kanter; 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 Budget Café, 3121 S. Higuera SLO

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,
Lorienne Schwenk, Lynn Wise,
Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu.

Diversity Sensitivity Training

Saturday, March 9th - St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande

All of us have internal biases. Diversity training is designed to facilitate positive intergroup interaction, reduce prejudice and discrimination, and generally teach individuals who are different from others how to work together effectively. The diocese will host Diversity Sensitivity Training at St. Barnabas in Arroyo Grande on March 9 from 10am to 4pm. This is one-day training that will meet the requirements for “anti-racism” training required for all lay licenses and for local parish leaders. Attending the full day is required to receive the certificate of completion, and both lunch and childcare will be provided. A \$20 fee for class and lunch will be collected at the door. This could be the most important training you attend in 2019.

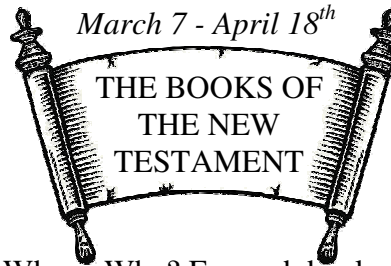


Please sign up on the posted roster so we can let them know how many will be coming from St. Benedict's.

Lecture Series presented by Lenny Erickson

St. Peter's Parish Hall, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay.

Thursdays: *March 7 - April 18th* 1:30 - 3:30 pm



Who, What, When, Where, Why? For each book of the New Testament, Lenny will discuss authorship and approximate date, where it was written and for what audience, and an outline of its contents. A more detailed flyer and the readings in preparation for the first class will be available soon. Lenny Erickson is a Cuesta College Professor Emeritus in Religious Studies.

A First Saturday Workshop: Gifts that Differ

March 2nd 9:30am - 12:30pm

A few spaces are still available for the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator workshop to be offered by Carol Brubaker Walton on March 2nd. The MBTI has become widely used around the world to help people work and live together with more appreciation and understanding that all have different gifts. It tells us the preferences each of us have for taking in information, processing it, and making decisions. See our website for more details.

Sign up at office@stbenslosos.org

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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