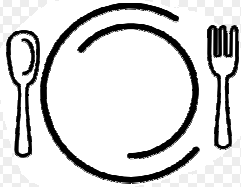


Benediction Weekly

March 3, 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.



COMMUNITY DINNER TOMORROW

These free dinners bless guests who need help putting food on the table, and all those who hunger for community. Sign up to serve or prepare food- 5pm at Trinity Methodist Church



This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Communion followed by potluck lunch

Monday, March 4 RECTOR'S SABBATH

5:00 pm – Community Dinner at Trinity UMC
6:30 pm – Active Hope book discussion

Tuesday, March 5 SHROVE TUESDAY

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 am to 12 – *Ashes to Go* at the Abundance Shop
10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
4:15 pm – Education for Ministry class
7:00 pm – Imposition of Ashes and Blessing of the Stations of the Cross, with Bishop Mary
8:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

4:00 pm – Adult Ed: Passion of Jesus

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Budget Café, SLO
10:00 am – Diversity Sensitivity Training, AG
5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, March 10

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
4:00 pm – Artist's Reception: Chloe A, White



BEGINS THIS WEEK

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th** Bishop Mary will be here to bless our new Stations of the Cross sculptures at a special service starting at **7pm**. This 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." This will be the first time the new station sculptures will be displayed.

Then there will be an **Artist's Reception** on **Sunday, March 10th at 3 pm**. 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.

Thereafter the Stations of the Cross will be open for public viewing from 10am-12noon on March 12-13-14 and from 1-3pm March 17+24.

Ashes to Go

Can't get to the Ash Wednesday service at 7pm? The imposition of ashes will be available outside the Abundance Shop from 7:30am to 12pm on Wednesday.



Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend. Set your clocks FORWARD!

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Lorianne Schwenk; Chalice Bearer: John Horsley; Lectors: Lisa Gonzalez & Jo Oliver; Ushers: Ron Thompson & Maureen Titus; Greeter: Laura Thompson; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Jo Oliver; Potluck Hosts: Judy Schloss & Diana Hammerlund; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Alice Welchert; Prayer Team: Lisa Gonzalez; Cantor: Ted Wise; 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, Deb Garza,
Lynn Wise, Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu.

Lenten Study at St. Benedict's starts Thursday...

Entering the Passion of Jesus



Amy-Jill Levine is an Orthodox Jew who is also a passionate teacher of the New Testament. In this six week series, she places the events of Holy Week firmly in their Jewish context. She writes,

"We will delve into the history and literature of the last days of Jesus' life. We find ways to understand and question our own lives through the stories of his trials and choices. This Lenten journey challenges us to examine our consciences and find out how deepening our relationship with Jesus and the Bible brings us into closer relationship with others and the world."

As we welcome the new interpretation of Jesus' walk to the cross in the Stations of the Cross, this year seems like a good time to revisit and re-acquaint ourselves with the narrative of Jesus' last week from Palm Sunday to Gethsemane.

This class includes a DVD presentation by Professor Levine as well as a short book. Your contribution of \$15 will help to defray the costs for buying the course.

Six Thursdays at 4pm starting on March 7th. Please let Laura (office@stbenslososos.org) know if you plan to attend so that we can order enough books. There is also the possibility of a Wednesday class at 11am starting March 13. Please let Laura know if you would prefer that time. If there are 5 people interested we will add the extra class.

Led by Caro+ Everyone is welcome.

Сюда приезжают россияне!

(The Russians are Coming!)

Whatever your politics, it's hard to deny the sublime beauty of Russian vocal music. Join us in Morro Bay on **March 30** at 2pm at St. Peter's by-the-Sea for a wonderful concert by the **St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble**. After several years' hiatus, the powerhouse *a cappella* male quartet from Russia is returning to St. Peter's with an all-new program. Since 2003, the ensemble has shared its musical gifts, warmth and humor with audiences around the globe. The repertoire encompasses various musical periods and styles, from ancient Russian chants to chorales of Western and East European masters to modern contemporary. Kirill Sokolov, Sergey Shapinsky, Vadim Smanster, and Andrei Volikov, who comprise the quartet, have performed in churches and concert halls around the world for the past 16 years. These concerts reflect their culture and heritage, with a balance of sacred songs by Russian composers and Russian folk songs. The members of the group bring extensive training and experience, including the Glinka Choir School and the St. Petersburg Conservatory. They have sung as guests with many choirs including the State Academic Capella and the Choir of Smolny Cathedral. There is no charge for admission, but a free-will offering will be taken up.

The 4th Annual Canterbury Shire Chili Cook-Off:

Saturday, April 6th, at St. Stephen's from 4-6 pm.



Full details and a flyer with information will follow in the coming weeks, but in the meantime you can get ready to participate by: 1) marking your calendars for Sat. 4/6 from 4-6pm; 2) donating and/or soliciting Silent Auction items; 3) planning to enter a chili in the competition; 4) helping us to promote the event and selling tickets in your local parish and community. Ticket prices will be the same as last year: \$15 at the door; \$12 pre-sale; and \$8 for children 12 and under. Ticket includes chili tasting and voting,

and a pulled pork and cole slaw dinner with beverage. We will have a vegetarian dinner option this year as well! For the Raffle portion, tickets will also remain the same: \$5 for 1 ticket; \$20/5 tickets; \$50/15 tickets; and \$100/40 tickets. For more info, or to donate Silent Auction items, please contact Chaplain Berkeley Johnson: canterburyslo@gmail.com, cell 805-50-5133, or office 805-543 7212 ext. 13, or speak with Brian Spolarich.

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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