

THE LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER COURT 336

Is hosting their annual scholarship fundraiser! Join us for a Luncheon & Lots of Fun at the Golden Gate Fields Race Track in Berkeley Ca. May 14th, 2016. Donation: \$45.00
Contact: Chair- Lady Audrey Ricks (510)278-5519, Chair-Lady Lottie Sonnier (510)635-3384. We hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

April 1-2, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oakland, CA
“Hearts on Fire: Living Faith in Daily Life with Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola,” A Team of Young Jesuit Presenters, A Group of Young Adults, A Thousand Graces, One Heart. Dynamic presentations, methods of prayer in daily life, Friday evening Coffeehouse with live music! For young adults 18-39, single or married. Come Friday evening (go home overnight) and come back for Saturday. Learn more and register online for only \$30 at: www.apostleshipofprayer.org/heartsonfire

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF)** is offering an opportunity for African American students who reside or are permanent residents of **our 13th Congressional District** (Greater Bay Area); and are graduating high school students who will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college or university; **and** college students attending junior college or 4 year college/university to submit their applications for the following educational scholarship opportunities: **(1) CBCF Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship (\$3,000); (2) CBCF Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship (\$3000); and CBCF Spouses Education Scholarship (\$8,200).** For more information and access to these scholarship applications, please contact Regina Guillory @ 510.395.5629.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER COUNCIL 336 PRESENTS

Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip (Annual Scholarship Fundraiser) on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Departure Time: 8:00 am at St. Benedict Parking Lot, 8:30 am at K-Mart Parking Lot, 1500 Fitzgerald Dr., Pinole, CA. Donation: \$35.00 includes \$15 Free Play & \$5 Food Credit. Checks payable to KPC Council 336. Reservation deadline: April 1, 2016. (Donation is non-refundable after deadline). For more information: Marvin Miller - 510-638-7263, Herb Houston – 510-387-7673, Clayton Foster – 510-333-1403, Leonard Pete – 510-917-2390. Note: All passengers must have a valid Government Photo I.D. & All PASSENGERS must have or obtain a Player’s Club Card to receive the casino free play & food credit.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE 2016 JUBILEE OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 20-29

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org, Pentacost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 travel@pentecosttours.com. CatholicVoiceOakland.org. The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome. Celebrate Mass at some of the most beautiful basilicas in Italy, visit the treasures of Vatican City, and see Pope Francis during the Papal Audience. Join the 10-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for \$3,999. Costs includes airfare, ground transportation, housing,

and most breakfasts and dinners. **\$100 Early Bird Discount is available to those who register before December 23.** For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above.

2016 MASS BOOK

If you would like to offer a Mass for the (Living) Intentions of your family/friends, or for your deceased family members/friends, stop by the Parish Office during office hours. We will be happy to assist you.

ARE YOU A FAN OF ST. BENEDICT?

Well if you're a Facebook member, Like our Page! You can find us under the following title:

Fans of St. Benedict Church Oakland, CA

Make sure that you like our page as well as spread the word to many of your family and friends. This is a great way to keep up



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for happy repose of the soul of
ERIC THOMAS PETERS
(the brother-in-law of Beverly Ervin)
Please remember his family in your prayers.

THE CHOIR'S CORNER

What's going on??

Interested in joining any of the Choirs?

Please feel free to contact Music Director, Leonard Pete.
Phone: 510-917-2390

Email: thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com

Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.

Are you on Facebook?

Like our page! We're titled **The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA**

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? To request a *registration form*, please complete and drop in the offertory basket.

Have you moved? Had an information change?

Let us know by completing and returning.

We respect your privacy! This information is for St. Benedict Parish use only.

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Send Me A Registration Form

Change of Address Moving out of Parish

www.saintbenedictoakland.com

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MISSION STATEMENT

As the people of God who are loved by the Father, being saved by the Son, and strengthened and endowed with the gifts of the Spirit for the service of the Lord, and all here at St. Benedict, we resolve in the spirit of Christian unity and cooperation to use our gifts and talents in building up the Kingdom of God in East Oakland

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jayson Landeza

PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson

DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar

CLERGY SUPPLY

Mrs. Divina Cabrera

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo

CCD DIRECTOR

Mr. Rufus Fisher

PLANT MANAGER

Mr. Clifford Ologbosele

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Ariana Catherine

YOUTH MINISTER

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY:
4:30 PM (VIGIL MASS)

SUNDAY:
8:30 AM
11:00 AM (GOSPEL MASS)

MON, WED & FRI:
7:30 AM (8:00AM ON HOLIDAYS)

CONFESSION

SATURDAY:
3:45 PM TO 4:15 PM
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

BAPTISM

INSTRUCTION OF PARENTS REQUIRED

MARRIAGE

6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Luke tells us Jesus sweat became like drops of blood as he prayed on the Mount of Olives before his arrest, but it does not say that he's actually sweated blood. Medical experts claim that this would have been possible for someone experiencing a great deal of fear. The blood loss, although minimal, would've caused Jesus' skin to become very tender, making the scourging even more painful.

After the arrest of Jesus, the chief priests in the Sanhedrin (the Jewish town Council in Jerusalem) interrogated him and found him guilty of blasphemy, a crime Jewish law said deserved the death penalty. Although the Roman authorities allowed the Sanhedrin to pass laws, arrest criminals, hold trials, and impose penalties, they reserved for themselves the authority to put someone to death. That explains why the Sanhedrin sent Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, and accused him of crimes for which the Romans would execute him.

Pilate ordered the soldiers to scourge Jesus before he decided what to do with him. The soldiers carried out this order with the flagrum, an instrument made of a short wooden handle, leather thongs tied to the handle, and pieces of bone or metal fastened to the other end of the thongs. Because it was possible for someone to die from this punishment, Roman law limited the number of lashes the soldiers could inflict on an individual.

As a military guard led Jesus to the place of crucifixion, he either wore a sign around his neck so everyone would know the crime for which the Roman authorities found him guilty or soldier carry this sign high in the air for everyone to see. The soldiers later nailed this side to the cross above Jesu's head.

Because the entire cross would have been too heavy, Jesus carried only the crossbeam (weighing about 125 pounds) on his shoulders as he made his way to the crucifixion site. After the soldiers nail Jesus to the crossbeam, they lifted and secured it to a stake sticking out of the ground. This post was shorter than Jesus body, forcing his torso to hang with knees bent and in a contorted position, not fully stretched out as we usually see in the pictures.

Upon arriving at Golgotha, soldiers probably drove nails through Jesus' wrists, not through his palms because nails through the palms would not have been able to support the body's weight. Death most likely resulted from Jesus no longer being able to expel air from his lungs.

Crucifixion was extremely painful but Jesus endured it out of love for us. Pray that Jesus will help us love him and others more than we already do.

Last week, about 50 of us gathered to engage in a parish Pastoral Planning Process, led by Chuck Siebenand. Much fruitful work was done to help guide us with a process to establish identifiable parish goals. I will publish something more detailed after Easter, but briefly here are four of the identified parish goals: OUTREACH; DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FINANCIAL STABILITY; ONGOING FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUALITY; DEEPER DEVELOPMENT OF PARISH'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY INCLUDING COMMUNICATION.

Today's commemoration of the Passion (Palm) Sunday begins this most sacred time in our Church's liturgical season. Please see the liturgical schedule in our bulletin to see the various services taking place.

A reminder that folks will have the option of having their feet washed at our Holy Thursday liturgy this week. If you choose to do so, please be prepared to have either one or both feet washed by removing or not wearing hosiery that evening.

If you are planning to dress in your finest for Easter Sunday, you are warmly invited to wear your Easter Bonnets and Hats for this festive day! We look forward to seeing you and your friends on Easter Sunday!

Fr. Jayson

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24th

6:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Followed by Potluck)

Good Friday, March 25th

1:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 26th

8:00 PM - The vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, March 27th

8:30 & 11:00 AM - Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Monday, March 28th

8:00 AM Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter
Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter

PLEASE JOIN US

If you have stood as a visitor to our community before, and because you enjoyed being with us you continue to come, please, seriously consider registering with St. Benedict as your faith community. We would love to have you as a part of our family. Just fill out the registration form located on the back of this bulletin and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you. God loves you and so do we.

KELLY MOORE PAINT COMPANY

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland looking to purchase paint for the protection and beautification of your home? Did you know that by purchasing paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to our Catholic Diocese?

The Kelly Moore Paint Company, manufacturing and selling paint in the Bay Area since 1946 is excited to offer a special KM Club Discount for your purchases of quality Kelly Moore Paint at any of our Kelly Moore stores (go to www.kellymoore.com and click on the store locator).

A unique Kelly Moore Account # 605-DI4711 has been set up to allow you to take advantage of our wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products, saving you time and money. We invite you to visit any of our stores and ask to use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese. This year our gift back to the Diocese was \$1000.

We are committed to providing you quality products and excellent service at a fair price. When you use the unique KM Club Account # 605-DI4711 for your purchases we at Kelly Moore will track the net sales dollars before tax annually and award a percentage of the sales back to the Diocese in the form of a rebate check. Your home, parish and school improvement projects can in this way to contribute to the mission of the Church in Oakland. Thank you for your support!

**SECOND COLLECTION
HOLY LAND - GOOD FRIDAY
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 20	8:30 a.m.	Eric Thomas Peters†
	11:00 a.m.	Joe Johnson† Doris Johnson†
Monday, March 21	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Wednesday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	
Holy Thursday, March 24	6:30 p.m.	
Good Friday, March 25	1:00 p.m.	
Holy Saturday, March 26	8:00 p.m.	Susan Santi Gonzales†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	March 13, 2016	\$3,729.00
Other Collection	Catholic Relief Service	\$499.47
	"100" Club	\$120.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$8,859.29
Total Income for February 2016	\$528.53
Total Expense for February 2016	\$7,669.99
Ending balance as of February 29, 2016	\$1,717.83

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of February 29, 2016 \$912.03

Please remember to bring your pennies and drop them off by the altar before or after Mass. There's no need to wrap your pennies in a roll.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

MARCH 24, 2016 - HOLY THURSDAY - 6:30 P.M.

Lucia Watson
J. Smithson-Bell

MARCH 24, 2016 - GOOD FRIDAY - 1:00 P.M.

M. Soublet
J. Garibaldi

MARCH 26, 2016 - HOLY SATURDAY - 8:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

K. Webster	D. Cola
S. Ellis	S. Gressel
G. Johnson	H. Santi
L. Brown-Parker *	J. Matthews *

MARCH 27, 2016 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
C. Ologbosele	J. Wilson #
J. Outley	R. Guillory
	J. laFitte-Tutson *
	C. Mc Intyre *