

### KPCLA COURT #336 SCHOLARSHIP

We are offering a scholarship to a female of color who attends or will attend an Alameda County Catholic High School in Fall, 2016. Application packets are available on the tables at the rear of the church. Deadline for submission is **May 16, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact Mallory Trevigne at [trevigne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trevigne@sbcglobal.net).

### 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 @ 510.395.5629.2016

### 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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, [ctompkins@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ctompkins@oakdiocese.org). Pentecost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800, [travel@pentecosttours.com](mailto: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. For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above. A Question & Answer Informational Meeting will be held on March 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral at Christ the Light “Parish Hall” to answer any questions regarding the Year of Mercy Italy Pilgrimage with Pentecost Tours Inc.

### 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 with the latest News and Updates with St. Benedict Church.

**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

### THE CHOIR'S CORNER

What's going on??

#### Interested in joining any of the Choirs?

Please feel free to contact Music Director, Leonard Pete.

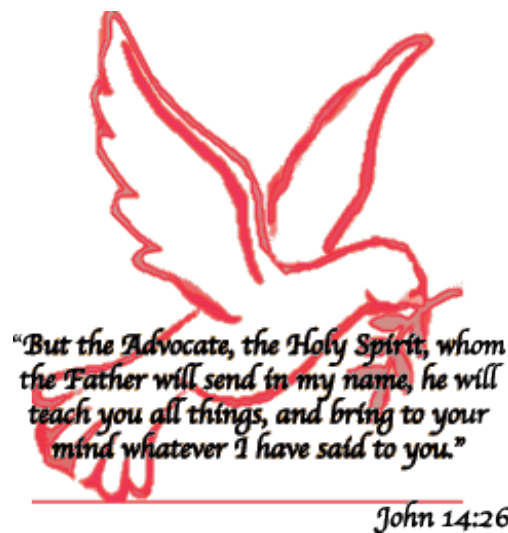
Phone: 510-917-2390

Email: [thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com](mailto: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**



[www.saintbenedictoakland.com](http://www.saintbenedictoakland.com)

 follow us on facebook



### 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:



"Pentecost" is a Greek word that means "fifty days." It originally referred to a religious feast observe fifty days after Passover, on which the Jews thanked God for the wheat harvest. Today, Christians celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter to commemorate the day God sent the Holy Spirit to the early

Church.

In today's Gospel, "Peace" is the first word the resurrected Jesus says to the apostles, a word the Jews used in everyday speech as both a greeting and a farewell. Jesus then shows them his hands and his side to prove that it really was him. He is truly alive!

During this post-resurrection appearance, Jesus tells his disciples he is sending them out on a mission just as his Father sent him on one. Then he breathes on them and tells them he is giving them the Holy Spirit so they can go out and bring forgiveness to all people.

The word "apostle" comes from a Greek word that means "one who is sent." In today's reading, Jesus and the apostles to tell the world about the forgiveness of sins made possible through his death and resurrection.

Breathing on the apostles like Jesus did may seem a bit crude but this action had much religious significance. In the book of Genesis, we read that God gave life to the first man by breathing into his nostrils (2:7) and in the book of Ezekiel (37:1-14) the prophet describes a dream he had in which a valley of dry bones comes to life with the breath of God. Because Scripture closely associates God's breath with new life, we see Jesus' actions in today's Gospel as giving new life to the Church by breathing the Holy Spirit into it.

Finally, today's reading is the closest the four Gospels come to describing the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We are accustomed to hearing about the strong wind and the tongues of fire appearing while the apostles and friends of Jesus gathered in prayer, a story we find not in the Gospels but of the Acts of the Apostles. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all end their Gospels with Jesus promising he would soon send the Holy Spirit but only John, in today's reading, gives us an account of the Spirit actually arriving. However, since John story is so simple and uneventful, we often overlook it.

How was the Holy Spirit working through us when we are with our family, our friends, or while we're at

work? Pray this week that we will become more aware of how the spirit is working in our daily lives.

I hope that you were able to notice that St. Benedict parish was referenced numerous times in the most recent edition of *The Catholic Voice*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Oakland. I'm grateful to God for the work that this parish has done to be a witness for Christ within our East Oakland community. I'm continually grateful for the hard work and dedication of Father Jay Matthews and the St. Benedict family for building and sustaining this very unique and blessed parish throughout the years. May we continue to work together to build the reign of God and be a catalyst for healing and peace to our neighborhood and beyond.

The *National Catholic Reporter*, the nation's largest independent Catholic newspaper, reported in yesterday's on-line edition that Pope Francis is establishing a commission to explore the possibility of ordaining women as deacons. Citing considerable evidence of women deacons in the early church, the commission will eventually make a recommendation to Pope Francis as to the viability of such a move. I find this prospect very exciting! The Holy Spirit is indeed at work in the highest levels of the church!

I will be away from this Monday, May 16 to Thursday, May 19, for a meeting of the Region Eleven Conference of Presbyteral Senates (RECOPS). This is a group that represents and advocates for the interests of priests in the dioceses of California, Nevada and Hawai'i. I have been a member of this group for over 16 years, and led it for five years. We will be meeting at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno. Don't worry - since I am not a gambler, I won't run myself broke. But meals and dining - that's another story...

God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10am (before the 8:30am Mass).

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](mailto: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

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT  
LOOKING FOR NEW WORK/CAREER/RETIREMENT DIRECTION?

LifeSHIFT: Work & the Christian Journey  
Life is about managing change: career, personal, family, spiritual. This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job, work and/or retirement possibilities. Activities include discussions, presentations, individual consultation, journaling, the Strong Interest Inventory and aspects of Ignatian Spirituality. Participants will clarify work/life objectives and address fears of transition while experiencing imaginative ways to explore their Christian faith.

Dates: May 20-22, 2016  
Place: San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highand Drive, Danville, CA 94526  
Register and Information: <http://www.sandamiano.org> (click on retreats Calendar) 925-837-9141  
Information: Tom [tom@centerforlifetransitions.net](mailto:tom@centerforlifetransitions.net) 414 394-9347

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all areas of your live including your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20**. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org) Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 15	8:30 a.m.	Elouise Brown-Drigh†
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Stewart†
Monday, May 16	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, May 18	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 20	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, May 21	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>May 8, 2016</b>	\$4,822.05
Other Collection	Catholic Communication	\$305.66
	"100" Club	\$25.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$1,434.43</b>
Total Income for April 2016	\$483.34
<b>Ending balance as of April 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$1,917.67</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of April 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$1053.21</b>
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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

MAY 21/22, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	Lucia Watson
L. Palmeri	L. Noriega	M. Trevigne
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**PETER NERO**  
the uncle of Margie Brown  
Please remember her family in your prayers.

**Funeral Service:**  
Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES - THIS WEEKEND  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND