

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, BERKELEY
32nd Golf Tournament fundraiser for tuition assistance, September 12, Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, El Cerrito. \$225 entry fee. Tee signs and sponsorships available. 19th Hole Reception open to non-golfers for \$25/person; reservations required. Online registration at www.saintmaryschs.org (use the "Support Saint Mary's" link) or contact Joanne Howe at 510-559-6227 or jhowe@stmchs.org.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick and homebound who would like to receive communion at their home or if you know someone who is sick and is in need of prayers, please contact Divina Cabrera at the church office (510) 632-1847 or fill out one of the request forms at the back of the church. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

MISSION COOP – JULY 30/31, 2016

Pallottines (The Society of the Catholic Apostolate) is a religious community of over 2300 members spread over several countries in the five continents. It was founded in Rome in 1835 by St. Vincent Pallotti. He is considered the pioneer in championing the role of the Laity in the mission of the Church. He is recognized as having profoundly influenced teaching of Vat. II on Laity. The motto of the Society is: "make everyone a Catholic, every Catholic a good Catholic, and every good Catholic an Apostle". He always reminded people that they are called to be apostles no matter where they are and what they do.

In India and Zambia, Africa, besides carrying out his vision by inspiring laity to take active role in the church, we run several mission stations aimed at catering to the needs of the poor and the underprivileged helping them with the basic necessities of life. We run orphanages for poor boys and girls, run educational institutions, dispensaries and other charitable works along with proclaiming the gospel and faith formation. We undertake many social work programs directly aimed at helping the poor and needy and empowering women. In the traditional Catholic areas we concentrate on re-evangelization and the training of the laity to become active apostles. And we have several seminarians being trained for priesthood and brotherhood. We are happy to share the fact that our mission is growing and expanding in India as well as in Zambia. We look forward to your help and support to continue our work.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

St. Benedict's Weekly Events			
Monday, July 25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, July 26	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, July 27	9:00 am - 12 noon	SVDP Food Giveaway	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, July 28	6:00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
Friday, July 29	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall

PLEASE JOIN US!

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

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:



I am still here in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as I write this bulletin article. This past weekend, Baton Rouge lost three police officers in an apparent ambush killing. In the midst of all this, The Republican Party is holding their convention. And as I write this on Tuesday afternoon, much of discussion is about Melania Trump's plagiarism, referencing Michelle Obama's speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

I am frankly quite sick and tired of all the lies and excuses coming from the Trump campaign, as many of you are. Through the Republican party has long stop being the party of Lincoln, and has become an institution in direct opposition to the rights of people of color, the poor, the oppressed, the LGBTQ community, and other marginalized people. We must continue our fight to ensure the right we've been given. I will continue to encourage folks to engage in the electoral process with hopes of defending the rights and privileges others have fought for on our behalf.

We continue to be in dialogue around the issues concerning the African-American community and the relationship with law enforcement. My hope is that as we listen to each other, we may learn and work together in a common understanding and shared goals.

With regards to the readings for this weekend, master rabbis (rabbis who trained other men to be rabbis) often taught their students a short prayer they prayed every day as a sign of their solidarity. Like a special theme song or uniform, this prayer was assigned the person was part of the group. Because John the Baptist taught such a prayer to his disciples, Jesus' apostles wanted a prayer of their own. Jesus responded to today's Gospel by teaching them the Lord's Prayer.

In this prayer, we ask God to give us our daily bread. This verse recalls how God fed the Jewish people with manna in the desert after they escaped from Egypt. Each morning, the Jews went outside the camp and gathered only enough manna for the day, showing faith that tomorrow God once again provide them with their daily bread from heaven. So when we ask God to give us our daily bread we are expressing a trust that God will take care of our everyday needs.

The parable in today's gospel is about a man who had no food for his unexpected visitors, a most embarrassing situation because Near Eastern hospitality required a host to provide a meal for his guests. So even though it was in the middle of the night, he hurried to his neighbor's house and knocked on the door, hoping to borrow at least a loaf of bread (a food that was part of every meal).

Peasant houses of those days had only one room in which the entire family slept together on mats on the floor, surrounded by the family's chickens and livestock. A heavy wooden beam bolted shut the door of the house. Removing this beam would have made much noise and woken the family and all the animals. The havoc that would result might make him pretend not to hear the knocking, hoping the person would go away. Eventually, though, he answered the door because his neighbor refused to give up.

The meaning of the parable should be clear. Just as the man was persistent to his neighbor responded to his needs, we must be persistent when presenting our needs to God. We cannot give up when God does not respond to our prayers as quickly as we hoped.

Is God interested enough in us to be concerned about our everyday existence or does God only care about the big events or catastrophes in our life? Take time today to tell God about some of the things that are important to us.

I will be having eye surgery this Tuesday morning. They will remove the cataract from my right eye, as the cataract was removed from my left eye a month ago. Looking forward to seeing all of you much more clearly.

God Bless,
Fr. Jayson

Please pray for:

Carl McCurtis
Theresa Warren

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to explore the meaning that the Bible holds for you? Would you like to become more comfortable discussing Scripture with other Christians? Please join Deacon Ron along with members of our parish as we study the *Gospel of Matthew*, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., beginning on September 07, 2016. We will meet for ten sessions in the Parish Center. Please register before August 21, 2016, so that books may be ordered. A \$15.00 donation is requested at registration to cover the cost of books needed for your study. Registration forms are located at the rear of the Church. Checks should be made out to St. Benedict and all donations should be mailed to or dropped off at the rectory. You may also contact Deacon Ron Tutson at (510-633-4557).

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH PARTNERS WITH OAKLAND READS LITERACY PROGRAM TO PRESENT "EVENING COZY READ" SUMMER READING CELEBRATION!

A fun event for children, (toddler to 4th grade), and their parents!

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016
Time: 6 PM to 8 PM

Location: St. Benedict – Parish Hall
2245 82nd Avenue, Oakland, CA

-Story Time -Meet a Friend - Sing & Play Along -Evening Snack

-Take Home a Book & a Buddy

Please sign up for this event at the back of the Church. This event will be limited to the first 20 to 25 children only, first come, first serve. All children must be accompanied by an adult for this event.

SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 2, 2016

St. Benedict Church is sponsoring National Night Out (NNO), which will be on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend along with your family and friends. Refreshments will be served, Jorge will provide music, the choir will sing a few songs, Line Dance class demonstrate dances, and raffle prizes will be given away; including sports merchandise, theater & zoo tickets, dining gift cards. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please join us at our next Committee Planning meeting on Monday, July 18, at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. The following Monday, July 25, we will meet in the Parish parking lot at 6:00 pm to distribute flyers around the neighborhood. Another way in helping is to provide a monetary donation or individually pre-packaged chips and/or cookies, which can be dropped off in the church office. The monetary donation can also be put into the collection basket at any of the Masses but please indicate NNO on the outside of the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Palmeri at (510)889-1532. Thank you from the NNO Committee.



Join us at the Oakland Coliseum to celebrate *Breast Cancer Awareness Day* Sunday, September 4, 2016. Tickets are \$25.00. Game starts at 1:05 pm. Participate in our raffle for a chance to win a blanket or scarf with A's logo or a framed collection of A's baseball cards. Raffle tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Committee members will be at the 11:00 am Mass with tickets. All proceeds will support the Scholarship Program of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Benedict Court #336.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 24	8:30 a.m.	Raymond August†
	11:00 a.m.	Daniel Cortez†
		Clarence Williams†
Monday, July 25	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 27	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 29	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 30	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	July 17, 2016	\$3,932.85
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$5.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,406.04
Total Income for June 2016	\$517.95
Ending balance as of June 30, 2016	\$3,923.99

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$1053.21
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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

JULY 30/31, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
H. Santi	L. Robertson	L. Galloway #
K. Webster	J. Outley	R. Guillory
		D. Cola *
		W. Sykes-Bush *

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL