

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.

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

Please join the Parish of St. Patrick for it's Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at St. Patrick, 1023 Peralta Street, Oakland, CA 94607. 6:00pm Happy Hour; 7:00pm Crab Feasting. Tickets \$50.00 (No Take Outs or Tickets Sold at the Door). For tickets please contact: Parish Office 510-444-1081 (Leave a message), Mary Loggins 510-532-5003, Mary Washington 510-535-0912

SAINT PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and the Catholic Voice in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama on June 5 – June 12, 2017. \$3,149/pp* includes round-trip airfare from SFO (other cities available – call for pricing), 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches and welcome/farewell dinners, English-speaking tour escort, private air conditioned motor coach (*per person based on double occupancy). Book now! Limited Seating! For more information and reservations contact: Sara O'Malley Szucs, 773-527-0123 or email PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com.

THE ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK CATHOLIC CHURCH

32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Solidarity Mass on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 10:45am. Father Bart Landry as guest Presider/Homilist for the celebration. Refreshments will be served following Mass in the Shipwreck Gym.

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.

Please pray for:

Kenneth Greer



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, January 15			
Monday, January 16	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, January 17	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 am - 12 Noon	SVDP - Distribution of food	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, January 19			
Friday, January 20	1:00 pm	Line Dancing	Parish Hall
Saturday, January 21			

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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



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

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Fr. Sylvester Odurinde
IN RESIDENCE

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:



In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God," a title rich in meaning.

Today, when two people enter an agreement, they usually draw up a contract and sign it to make it official. In ancient times, this couldn't happen because most people weren't able to read and write. Neither party could read the document nor sign it. How did ancient people seal their agreements?

The answer to this question is that they made their agreements official by going through a little ceremony. They slaughtered animals, split them in two, and then walk between the two of them as a dramatic way of saying that if they weren't faithful to the terms of the agreement, may the same thing happen to them that happened to the animals. Periodically, they renewed the agreement with the similar ceremony.

Although the ceremonies different somewhat with time and place, the one feature they all had in common was that they involved the shedding of the blood of an animal. Because ancient people believed blood was the source of life, the blood of an animal gave life to the agreement. Without the shedding of blood, the agreement was meaningless.

The early Christians believe they had an agreement with God, an agreement that, like a marriage, produced a very close and loving relationship. We call such an agreement a covenant.

The early Christians call Jesus "the Lamb of God" because his blood sealed the covenant between them and the Father. Jesus was the "animal" (the lamb) whose blood gave life to the very close and loving relationship between God and Jesus' followers. The crucifixion was the ceremony that made this covenant official and it's Jesus' blood that renews the covenant each time we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus is the Lamb who was slain to make possible our close and loving relationship to God.

Just as it takes much effort to make a marriage work, our covenants relationship with God also requires effort. What will we do to make our relationship with God grow stronger? This weekend we remember as a country the life, contributions, and sacrifice of Dr. Martin Luther King. Words can't begin to describe the phenomenal changes that took place under his prophetic leadership. Most of us remember his profound impact on the way race was and

is perceived in our country. Dr. King truly exemplified nonviolent resistance to a corrupt and racist society. We honor his work and his life by being witnesses to his faith and ours by living a life of truth, justice, equality, and peace.

One of the many legacies that the work of Dr. King left us is the election of President Barack Obama. Many of us who watched last week's Farewell address were elated and proud of the accomplishments achieved under his presidency. Many of us also noted the particular rancor and hatred directed towards him by a fairly small but quite vocal portion of our country who have not quite gotten used to having an African-American as our president. Their voices have become more strident and vitriolic over the past few years, resulting in election last November. I pray that we will fight ardently and resist that hatred by stridently opposing legislation and officials that promote such bigotry and prejudice.

St. Benedict begins our annual Black History Month, which extends from this weekend throughout the month of February. We have a number of our St. Benedict parishioners who will be speaking as part of our celebration series.

I am grateful to the outgoing Parish Council for their support and dedicated service to St. Benedict parish: Clifford Ologbosele (chair), Angela Anderson (vice-chair), Linda Palmeri (secretary), Nat Bornor, Wallita Sykes-Bush, Theresa Butler, Ariana Catherine, Mr. Rufus Fisher, Sherril Gressel, Gloria McCullough, Janie Outley, Sylvia Parker, Leonard Pete, Deacon Ron Tutson, Ofelia Wanzo. These fine folks were instrumental in helping to facilitate the pastoral transition between me and your beloved former pastor, Jay Matthews. For that, I will always be grateful.

Congratulations to the incoming Pastoral Council consists of the following St. Benedict parishioners: Ariana Catherine, Dionne Cola, Sidney Fernandes, Ruben Flores, Jules Garibaldi, Romel Lucas, Emma Morton, Leonard Pete, Linda Smith, JayLynn St. Julian, Tara Sykes-Holmes, Dr. Chiquita Tuttle, Ofelia Wanzo. These members were selected through a discernment process led by Chuck Siebenand, former Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Oakland.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.

BIBLE STUDY

The word of God is a seed. We need to nurture the ground of our lives to allow the seed to grow and bear fruit within us.

Plan to attend our parish study of the Gospel of Mark beginning on February 01, 2017. We will meet for ten sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish center. There is a fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) donation to cover study materials. Register by calling Divina at the Parish office (510-632-1847) or Ron at (510-633-4557) by January 25, 2017.

2017 MASS BOOK

The parish office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2017 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.

A WELLNESS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Resolve to get well and be well this year. Join the St. Benedict Wellness Group on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm to make lifestyle changes that will help to improve your overall wellness. It's about preventative changes to insure quality of life. Feel better, look better, perform better everyday. Adding this year, Saturday morning walks. Join the wellness movement! First meeting of the New Year in the Church hall on Monday evening at 6 pm.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 15	8:30 a.m.	David Moa†
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, January 16	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, January 18	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, January 20	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, January 21	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	January 8, 2017	\$2,926.15
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$130.00
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$1,690.80
Total Income for December 2016		\$775.00
Ending balance as of December 31, 2016		\$2,465.80
	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2016		\$1,109.34

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

JANUARY 28/29, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Moore	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	S. Gressel
J. Garibaldi	L. Robertson	M. Nubie #
	J. Matthews *	D. Cola *
		C. McIntyre *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
CHERYL CHAPMAN
Please remember her family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION
SEMINARY - THIS WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL -NEXT WEEKEND