

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.

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.

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.

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, February 26		
12:30 pm	Parish Cultural Gathering	Parish Hall
Monday, February 27		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 28		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 1		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study	Parish Center
Thursday, March 2		
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Parish Center
Friday, March 3		
1:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
Saturday, March 4		

PLEASE JOIN US!

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**



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

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle	Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola	Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete	Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine
Sidney Fernandes
Jules Garibaldi
Linda Smith
Jaylynn St. Julian
Tara Sykes
Ofelia Wanzo

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



As you heard last weekend, the Bishop's Appeal is an annual program that helps fund a variety of diocesan needs throughout the greater East Bay area. Every parish in our diocese is participating in this appeal, which has a goal of \$2.5 million the same as 2016. In 2017, our diocese hopes to exceed that goal, and with your help, we can do it.

This year, our parish goal is \$11,283.77. I know the generosity of our parishioners, and I believe we can do this together.

The ministries and programs this appeal will fund demand a strong response from our parish and diocese. Together, with our entire diocesan family, we share in the mission of the Church. We share in reaching out to those in need. We are stewards of the faith.

I ask that every family consider a truly sacrificial gift to the appeal to the best of their financial ability.

This week, we have information available for those that did not receive an appeal brochure through the mail. They are located in every pew. The brochure outlines the Bishop's Appeal and how we will all benefit from a successful and collective effort. Please review the materials over this next week. After prayer, discussion with your family, and consideration of your financial situation, please make a pledge that reflects your gratitude for God's gifts to you by using the pledge card you received in the mail, or the pledge envelopes available here in church.

Next weekend is commitment weekend throughout our diocese. At Mass, we will take a few moments to ask for your gift and collect your completed pledge envelope. We would like a response from everyone as soon as possible, and we truly need the participation of everyone.

In closing, there are three things I hope everyone walks away with today.

ONE: We are a part of a larger, Universal Church – sharing our gifts and sharing in one faith.

TWO: The needs of our diocese and its parishes are supplemented through the funds raised in the Bishop's Appeal. The \$2.5 million goal defines only a portion of what it costs to offer these ministries and services, which serves thousands of people throughout the East Bay.

THREE: Each of us is blessed in some way - It is up to us to share these blessings and our faith. The Bishop's Appeal gives us the opportunity to respond as faithful stewards of those blessings and our faith as we go forth as part of "All God's People – United in Faith."

*Thank you and God bless,
Father Jayson*

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten season. We shall have two Masses on Ash Wednesday – 8am and 6pm.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

Days of Abstinence:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals) to all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday – April 13th at 6:30 pm followed by potluck

Lent ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Good Friday, April 14th at 1:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 15th – 8:00 pm

The Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 8:30 am & 11:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

ST. PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE - 2017

Please join us in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama, June 5 - June 12, 2017. We will be joined by our special guest, Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ Bishop of Oakland. If you are interested, please contact us **today or tomorrow**. A deposit of \$250 is needed to reserve your seat. For additional information, please contact, Deacon Earl at our Pilgrimage line @ 510-585-4788.

ATTENTION ALL CURILLISTAS

(Those who have gone through the Cursillo weekend). We need to know who you are. It doesn't matter where you celebrated your weekend. Please register your name on the sheet found on the table at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

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!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Ladies of KPC Ct. 336 are having their annual scholarship fundraiser.

Place: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA

Date: April 22, 2017

Donation: \$45.00

Contact Person: Audrey Ricks - (510) 278-5519

Wallita Sykes-Bush - (510) 415-1873

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 26	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Melanie Tervalo
Monday, February 27	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 1	8:00 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	
Friday, March 3	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, March 4	4:30 p.m.	Laila Simmons Wilkinson 1 st Birthday

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	February 19, 2017	\$3,006.00
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$10.00
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$2,465.80
Total Income for January 2017		\$810.00
Ending balance as of January 31, 2017		\$3,275.80

	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017		\$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

MARCH 4/5, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
B. Burns	C. Ologbosele	J. Smithson-Bell
H. Santi	G. Johnson	J. Wilson #
		A. Swayne *
		C. Hadnot *

Please pray for:

Casey Greer
Willie Lewis



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL