

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ANNUAL FISH FRY**

Friday, March 17, 2017 at Father Howard Community Center, 1640 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland. Dinner served at 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm, lunch available at 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. (If pre-ordered by March 15) dinner includes: Cat Fish or Tilapia Fish. Potato Salad, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert. To pre-order lunch call: 510-444-1081 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm), Mary Loggins: 510-532-5003, Mary Washington: 510-535-0912. Music, Dancing. \$18.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children (under 10).

**A SIX WEEK LENTEN JOURNEY**

All of us in the diocese are very fortunate this Lent, to have the special opportunity to experience “learning amidst laughter” in six short Monday-evening sessions with the internationally-renowned (and very humorous) speaker and retreat leader, Fr Tom Weston, SJ. He is kindly donating his time to prepare and deliver these free weekly sessions at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oakland, so we want to make sure that his efforts are valued and rewarded by a good crowd from throughout the Diocese. Please come, tell others, and bring some friends! Info: 7-8:15pm, the six Mondays of Lent: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, and April 10. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 2808 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland. For more info call 510 451 1790 or email [margiewilk@gmail.com](mailto:margiewilk@gmail.com)

**CHARISMATIC LIFE**

Everyone is invited to COME & JOIN the CHARISMATIC LIFE in the SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS ) at St James the Apostle Church, 34700 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, Ca. 94555, Saturday, March 25, 2017, ( 9am-4pm). Contacts:  
 Resty P. Capulong: 510) 396-8552  
 Shirley Aldana : 510) 386-9331  
 Linda Cabangangan: 510) 673-8416  
 Bro. Vince Ramirez: 415) 879-5619  
 Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office - 510) 797-0241 ext.110

**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)

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

**Sunday, March 12**

**Monday, March 13**  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall  
 7:00 pm Safe Environment Training Parish Hall

**Tuesday, March 14**  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Wednesday, March 15**  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Bible Study Parish Center

**Thursday, March 16**  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

**Friday, March 17**  
 12 Noon & 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

**Saturday, March 18**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

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.

**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

**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

**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

**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



**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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Peter, James, and John climb the mountain with Jesus and something very strange happens. After Jesus changes in appearance, Moses and Elijah suddenly are present, speaking with him while the cloud overshadows them and a voice comes out of the cloud. In a matter of seconds, the vision ends.

For the Jewish people, Moses was always symbolic of the laws of God gave them on Mount Sinai, and Elijah usually represented the prophets. Together, Moses and Elijah in today's gospel stand for "The Law and the Prophets," another name for the Jewish Scriptures.

The purpose of the Scriptures was to help prepare for the coming of the Messiah, a political/military leader through whom God would establish the reign or kingdom. With God ruling the world, there would be no more pain or suffering or death.

The symbolism and the rest of the reading also deals with the reign or kingdom of God. Many Jews believe the saints in the kingdom will wear a bright white clothing and will be in God's presence. In today's Gospel reading, not only does Jesus clothing turn dazzling white but the rest of his being is transformed or transfigured as well. As Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah a cloud overshadows them, a symbol of God's presence because God let the Jews with a column of clouds when they were leaving Egypt.

Finally, Peter offered to put up three booths or tents. Because the Jews lived in tents in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, tents are symbolic of God saving power and the Jews believed that everyone in the kingdom of God will live in one.

Why all the symbolism about the reign of God? As we already said, many Jewish people (including the apostles) were expecting a political/military Messiah who would establish the reign or kingdom of God on earth. Because Jesus obviously wasn't a political/military leader, he use the event in today's gospel to tell the apostles he is indeed the Messiah even though he did not fit the stereotype. With Jesus' death in the near future, the apostles needed this assurance.

Even after experiencing the Transfiguration, The apostle still had difficulty believing in and understanding what Jesus said. We, too, can't sometimes expect to have difficulty believing or understanding what Jesus wants of us. Pray this week for an increase in faith and wisdom.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, Lent is the Church's annual, built-in "retreat time." Lent is a time where

we confront those things that separate us from God and each other. The goal and question we ask when all is said and done after the Lenten Season is complete is, "What has changed in my life so that I have been brought closer to Christ?"

As we begin Lent, we're invited to do embrace three disciplines - PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. Prayer - to hear God more clearly. Fasting - to empty our desires and to connect with those in need. Almsgiving - thanking God for what we have and to help others less fortunate.

On Monday night at 7:00 PM, the Diocese of Oakland will be having a Safe Environment meeting for all St. Benedict parishioners who participate in ministries that have any contact with minors. This mandatory training and review session was instituted by the U.S. Bishops in response to the clergy sex abuse scandal in 2002. Courses and procedures such as these bring increased insight and awareness to the sexual abuse of minors, and we're invited to be more attuned to this issue not only within our parishes but in our everyday life. For numerous years, I was the priest that worked with clergy sexual abuse victims, hearing and

understanding the pain they endured and the healing they sought. My closest childhood friend was sexually abused by a trusted and respected priest friend. Thank you for your willingness and understanding in participating on Monday night.

I also invite your participation in meeting our Bishop's Appeal goal for 2017.

The Bishop's Appeal material features images from St. Benedict parish, which helps others throughout the Diocese of Oakland see how unique a place we are. Please be generous with your support.

Also note that in Friday's during the Lenten Season, we will be having Stations of the Cross at both 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM. You are welcome to join us as we participate in this traditional Lenten practice!

God bless,  
Father Jayson

Please pray for:

Casey Greer  
Willie Lewis  
Willeen Gullatt



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 pm

The Vigil of Easter

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

Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am Mass

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.

“LIVE” VIRTUS PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you haven't already heard, St. Benedict is now in the window for required Safe Environment training. We are mandated to do this every three years. All parishioners who are engaged in any parish ministry must complete the training by March 31, 2017. We will have a live training in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. You can train online or you can register on line for a live training at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). You must pre-register for the live training.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 12	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Melanie Tervalon
Monday, March 13	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 15	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, March 17	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, March 18	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>March 5, 2017</b>	\$3,706.00
Other Collection:	“100” Club	\$703.65
<b>“100” CLUB</b>		
Beginning Balance		<b>\$3,275.80</b>
Total Income for February 2017		\$695.75
<b>Ending balance as of February 28, 2017</b>		<b>\$3,971.55</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$1,109.34</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

MARCH 18/19, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Moore	L. Noriega	L. Galloway #
K. Webster	J. Grant	C. McIntyre
		A. Ricks *
		O. Wanzo *

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL STUFFED TOY, SOCKS, AND ART SUPPLY DRIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LADIES AND KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER, COURT AND COUNCIL 336



Begin now through April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please bring **all new items** to any of the St. Benedict Mass; look for the big red bin in the rear of the church, and place your item(s) in the bin, on the table or where it will fit. We will gladly collect them all and deliver to the Children Hospital of Oakland on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017! Thanks in advance for your generous support! Contact Lady Lil Brown-Parker ([lilparkerhi@gmail.com](mailto:lilparkerhi@gmail.com)); and Lady Reese Fernandes of Ct. 336 for questions and/or additional info.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
(BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL)