

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 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.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 pm The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. All parishes and members of the Diocese are invited to come celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. Join with us as the chief shepherd of our Diocese, Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., blesses the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism, all of which are taken back to the parishes for the celebration of the Sacraments. This year's celebration begins with the Musical Prelude at 6:30 pm.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN YOUR AREA

Patients who are nearing end of life have a variety of needs that can be filled by volunteers. Some patients have little or no support and are in need of companionship. Volunteer visits can include reading, journaling, helping with hobbies and relieving family members and friends. Have you ever considered becoming a hospice volunteer? Volunteers must be at least 18 and have not suffered a close personal loss in the last 12 months. The commitment is usually 1-2 hours per week. Thorough training will be provided to help volunteers feel comfortable with their assignments. There are patients in *your* town who are awaiting volunteer assistance. If you want to volunteer or get more information, contact Laurie Herbert at [Gentiva](mailto:Laurie.Herbert@Gentiva.com) Hospice at 925 737-0203 or Laurie.Herbert@Gentiva.com.

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**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, April 2

Monday, April 3

6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Church

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wellness Group

Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 4

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wellness Group

Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Church

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Bible Study

Parish Center

Thursday, April 6

Friday, April 7

12 Noon & 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Church

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Line Dancing Class

Parish Hall

Saturday, April 8

PLEASE JOIN US!

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



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:



Throughout history, human beings have struggled with the problem of pain and suffering but have not come up with many suitable explanations. Often times we encourage a sick friend to accept an illness because "it is God's will," almost as if we are saying God not only wants us to suffer but also takes some kind of pleasure in seeing us in pain. Today's Gospel reading gives us reasons to question this way of thinking.

The author of the Gospel according to John provides us with the glimpse of the human side of Jesus when Lazarus, one of Jesus' closest friends, dies. John tells us Jesus was troubled and wept openly upon hearing about Lazarus' death. This is hardly the reaction we would expect from a deity who enjoys seeing people suffer, so we can conclude from this story that Jesus is a God who does not like to see people, particularly his friends, in pain. So it's best that we avoid language that directs blame to God for all the evil in the world, and perhaps it's best that we stop telling people who are suffering to except their pain because "it's God's will." It is not God's will that we suffer and die.

So where does suffering in pain come from? Scripture tells us that pain, the drudgery of work, and death are consequences of sin and did not become part of life until Adam and Eve disobeyed God (see Genesis 3). Since the tempter introduced it to the world, it is the tempter, not God, who is responsible for all the pain and suffering we experience.

Finally, in today's reading, Jesus says he is both the resurrection and the life. This is just one of seven famous "I am..." statements we find in John's Gospel. The other six are: "I am the vine and you are the branches" (15:5); "I am the bread of life" (6:35); "I am the good shepherd" (10:11,14); "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6); "I am the sheep gate" (10:7); and "I am the light of the world" (9:5).

Look up today's reading in the Bible. What follows this reading in the chapters immediately after this story? Why do we think the author of the Gospel put this story where he did? Hint: It's the same reason the Church uses this reading so late in the Lenten Season.

I am writing this the morning after the "Light of Lights" ceremony here at St. Benedict. This semi-annual event, sponsored by the Oakland Fire Department Critical Incident Stress Management Team, helps the Oakland community grieve numerous losses, both personal and public. This event has traditionally been held here at St. Benedict, and it has been resurrected again after being dormant the past few years. I've been attending this event since OFD started having it nearly 20 years ago, which corresponds to the amount of years I have been OFD's chaplain. Heartfelt thanks to our Voices of St. Benedict Choir and Leonard Pete for leading the gathering in joyful song, and thanks to those St. Benedict parishioners who supported the event by their presence.

A reminder that the Deanery Reconciliation Service will be this Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 PM at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church on High and MacArthur, and that the annual diocesan Chrism Mass will be this Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Holy Week is next week - please see the bulletin for more details about liturgy dates and times.

Fr. Vassar continues to function as the temporary parochial administrator of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton until June. After his time in the suburbs, he will rejoin us here at St. Benedict!

*God bless,
Father Jayson*

Please pray for:



Melanie Tervalon

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND
RICE BOWL - NEXT WEEKEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm at Saint Lawrence O'Toole.

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
 Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Monday, April 17th, 8:00 am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK

Please sign-up for the Holy Thursday Potluck. Sign-up sheets are available on the table at the back of the church.

EASTER LILLIES

Help us create a beautiful environment for the Easter Season. Your gift of Easter Lilies may be made in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or simply as a gift. Please drop off the Easter Lilies and Potted Floral Plants on Friday, April 7th and on the weekend of April 8th and April 9th. Please don't bring cut flowers until Good Friday. Thank you.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Saint Peter Claver Council #212 will be hosting their Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 9 after the 830 and 11 AM Masses. The cost is \$5 for adults & \$3 for kids. Come and fellowship with your parish family & bring a friend!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 2	8:30 a.m.	Lesieli Tohi†
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, April 3	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, April 5	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, April 7	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 8	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	March 26, 2017	\$3,984.75
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,624.45

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,275.80
Total Income for February 2017	\$695.75
Ending balance as of February 28, 2017	\$3,971.55

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2017	\$1,109.34
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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

APRIL 8/9, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	L. Robertson	J. Smithson-Bell
K. Webster	J. Outley	R. Guillory
		A. Swayne *

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 13th, 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 14th, 2017! Thanks in advance for your generous support! Contact Lady Lil Brown-Parker (lilparkerhi@gmail.com); and Lady Reese Fernandes of Ct. 336 for questions and/or additional info.

