

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 23		
Monday, April 24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 26	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study Parish Center
Thursday, April 27	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Parish Center
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Church
Friday, April 28	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class Parish Hall
Saturday, April 29		

PLEASE JOIN US!



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 PASTORAL PLANNING

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

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine
 Sidney Fernandes
 Jules Garibaldi
 Romel Lucas
 Emma Morton
 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

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:



In the story of creation, the book of Genesis tells us that God formed Adam out of the clay of the ground and then gave the man life by blowing breath (another translation is "his spirit") into the man's nostrils. Since breath is a sign of life, this action means God was sharing divine life with the man.

Some biblical scholars suggest John the evangelist has the story of creation in the back of his mind when he tells us Jesus breathed his Spirit on the apostles. Just as God's breath gave life to the man and the woman in the Garden of Eden, today's Gospel the risen Jesus is giving new and eternal life to all who believe in him. Just as God shared life with the people God created, Jesus shared his resurrected life with the apostles.

Jesus tells the apostles they can forgive or refuse to forgive sins in his name. Other Christians continue to debate the meaning of this passage, it's interpretation my hinge on a proper understanding of the nature of Jewish law.

The Jewish law contain some very well-defined directions about what punishments are appropriate for what crimes. If the law was very rigidly enforced, pardon for certain offenses was not possible even if there were circumstances that change the nature of the crime. Punishment had to be meted out to the guilty party even if it was the death penalty.

Some biblical scholars suggest that, in the passage in today's Gospel, Jesus gives the early Christian community authority to forgive even sins that some Jews traditionally considered unforgivable. This would have been a source of hope and comfort for the early Christians.

Are there people in our life whom we refuse to forgive? Are there people who refuse to forgive us? May our prayer this week be for the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation.

As I mentioned in all the liturgies over the past weekend, I am deeply grateful and thankful for all the work that people did in order to make our Easter celebrations a wonderfully joyful occasion. I'd like to thank Leonard Pete and the choir for all their work throughout the year but particularly through the three days of the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Long hours of rehearsal and leaving us in faith filled

worship is the blessed task of this wonderful group of people. Thank you again Leonard and choir. I am also grateful for the work of the liturgical environment committee, who is ministry is to reflect the liturgical seasonal changes that the church asks us to display during these time. Under the direction of Betty Kennedy Tapscott, her crew makes sure that the church's liturgical environment is both beautiful and dignified, and they have done just that! Thanks as well to Ofelia Wanzo for her work in putting up the banners. Thanks as well to the lectors, under the coordination of Jo Soublet. The Triduum invited parishioners to listen intently to the rendering of various Passion accounts and numerous readings at the Easter Vigil, and that burden falls on our lectors - that you again! Wallita Sykes-Bush takes care of our ushers, and I am grateful for their ministry now and all year round. Catechists Ofelia Wanzo and Dionne Cola prepared our baptismal candidate for the Easter Vigil. Altar servers and their ministry assists us with their work and presence. Thanks to Nat Bornor and the St. Benedict Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for providing Easter food boxes for the needy. Our Young Adult Group, under the leader of Arianna Catherine, hosted an Easter Egg hunt in the parish hall after the 11:00 AM liturgy on Sunday, which many children enjoyed and parents appreciated, since it was raining last Sunday. I am most grateful to Deacon Ron Tutson, Dionne Cola and Divina Cabrera for all their hard work in making sure everything went smoothly. Thank you and may all of you have a blessed Easter Season!

Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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:

- Trenton Barnes
- Yolanda Contaxis
- JoAnn Hines
- Maretta Rhone



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 23	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Romel Tapscott 50 th Birthday
Monday, April 24	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, April 26	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, April 28	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 29	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	Easter Sunday	\$6,913.18
Other Collection:	Rice Bowl	\$129.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,971.55
Total Income for March 2017	\$993.65
Ending balance as of March 31, 2017	\$4,965.20

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$1,195.24
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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 29/30, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
K. Webster	A. West	G. McCullough
D. Dixon	G. Johnson	A. Swayne
		D. Cola *