

**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.

**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		
<b>Sunday, June 4</b>		
<b>Monday, June 5</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 7</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, June 8</b> 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Choir Rehearsal	Parish Center Church
<b>Friday, June 9</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, June 10</b> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	St. Benedict Community Feeding	Parish Parking Area

**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
- 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

*"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your mind whatever I have said to you."*

John 14:26



**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:



"Pentecost" is a Greek word that means "fifty days." It originally referred to a religious feast observe fifty days after Passover, on which the Jews thanked God for the wheat harvest. Today, Christians celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter to commemorate the day God sent the Holy Spirit to the early Church.

In today's Gospel, "Peace" is the first word the resurrected Jesus says to the apostles, a word the Jews used in everyday speech as both a greeting and a farewell. Jesus then shows them his hands and his side to prove that it really was him. He is truly alive!

During this post-resurrection appearance, Jesus tells his disciples he is sending them out on a mission just as his Father sent him on one. Then he breathes on them and tells them he is giving them the Holy Spirit so they can go out and bring forgiveness to all people.

The word "apostle" comes from a Greek word that means "one who is sent." In today's reading, Jesus and the apostles to tell the world about the forgiveness of sins made possible through his death and resurrection.

Breathing on the apostles like Jesus did may seem a bit crude but this action had much religious significance. In the book of Genesis, we read that God gave life to the first man by breathing into his nostrils (2:7) and in the book of Ezekiel (37:1-14) the prophet describes a dream he had in which a valley of dry bones comes to life with the breath of God. Because Scripture closely associates God's breath with new life, we see Jesus' actions in today's Gospel as giving new life to the Church by breathing the Holy Spirit into it.

Finally, today's reading is the closest the four Gospels come to describing the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We are accustomed to hearing about the strong wind and the tongues of fire appearing while the apostles and friends of Jesus gathered in prayer, a story we find not in the Gospels but of the Acts of the Apostles. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all end their Gospels with Jesus promising he would soon send the Holy Spirit but only John, in today's reading, gives us an account of the Spirit

actually arriving. However, since John story is so simple and uneventful, we often overlook it.

How was the Holy Spirit working through us when we are with our family, our friends, or while we're at work? Pray this week that we will become more aware of how the spirit is working in our daily lives.

St. Benedict parishioners have been very generous to Fr. Sylvester's request for contributions for his continued family and pastoral ministry. I hope that all of you have read his letter in the bulletins over the past few weeks. I am deeply grateful for Fr. Sylvester's presence this past year, particularly in light of my absence from the parish responding to the Ghost Ship Fire this past December. Thank you once again, Fr. Sylvester, for your ministry here over these past few months. Abundant blessings and best wishes to you on your future endeavor.

Members of the newly-configured St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council will be installed on Pentecost Sunday. We will ask God's blessings upon the following parishioners in their new leadership role in the 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, Romel Lucas, Emma Morton, Linda Smith, Jaylynn St. Julian, Tara Sykes and Ofelia Wanzo. Blessings to all of you for your willingness to serve!

We welcome back Fr. Paul Vassar, who has been on-loan to the Catholic Community of Pleasanton over these past few months. He has been their temporary parochial administrator while their pastor has been on sick leave. You will see him quite a bit during this summer and in September, since Fr. Sylvester is returning to Nigeria and will no longer be with us. I will be gone throughout the summer for workshops and vacation, and Fr. Vassar will be filling in during those times. I know you appreciate his presence here, and I want to make sure that he is aware of that. Please welcome Fr. Paul back to St. Benedict!

God bless,  
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedule for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for June, July, August and September, 2017 has been sent via e mail in both PDF and Word format. Please print, read and mark your calendar.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, July 9, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

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.

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - St. Benedict Community Feeding

Dear St. Benedict Family,

The Cursillo Community of St. Benedict is planning for another community-feeding event on Saturday, June 10, between the hours of 11am and 2pm. The event will be held in the Parish parking area. We are requesting your assistance with this endeavor and hope you will consider donating side dishes and or personal hygiene products for distribution on the day of the event.

The day's agenda is as follows:

- Set-up from 8am – 10:30am
- Food serving and dissemination of personal hygiene kits from 11am to 2pm
- Clean up from 2pm to 4pm

Requested Items:

- Side Dishes Examples:** rice, greens, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, potatoes, green salad, fruit salad, potato salad and paper goods e.g. plates, cutlery, napkins etc...)
- Personal Hygiene Items:** toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, deodorant, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, bars of soap, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes

Additional Assistance is needed with:

- Set-up tables and chairs prior to the event
- Assist with serving food
- Clean up and take down tables and chairs after the event

We ask that you bring your donations of personal hygiene items to the Rectory no later than Tuesday, June 6. Side dishes may be brought the day of the event between the hours of 8am and 11am.

Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the back of the Church. Please sign-up today if you are able to assist with this community service project.

Should you have questions please contact:

- Name: Jaylynn St. Julian
- Contact Information: 510-635-6937

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 4	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, June 5	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 7	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 9	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 10	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$4,965.20
Total Income for April 2017	\$802.55
<b>Ending balance as of April 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$5,767.75</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of April 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$1,195.24</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

JUNE 10/11, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
K. Webster	M. Soublet	L. Dixon #
L. Palmeri	G. Johnson	B. Kennedy-Tapscott
		A. Ricks *
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *

Please pray for:

The Bowman Family  
Sean McVey  
The Pepino Family



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

SECOND COLLECTION  
"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES - NEXT WEEKEND