

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL 336

Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Red Hawk Casino. Donation \$35.00 per person (5 hours stay). Make checks payable to KPC Council 336. Reservation deadline: September 13, 2017. Sorry, no refunds after deadline. For information call: Marvin Millet (510) 638-7263 or Herb Houston (510) 387-7673, Leonard Pete (510) 917-2390 or Clayton Foster (510) 333-1403.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is at *San Damiano Retreat Center*, Danville on September 29- October 1st. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org

ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK

will be hosting a Two-Day Bible Study Retreat on Friday, September 15th from 6PM to 9PM and Saturday, September 16th from 9AM to 5PM. Our retreat leader is Sister Toinette Eugene, PhD. The cost is \$30, which includes evening snacks, course materials and lunch on Saturday. **Pre-registration is required.** Please pick-up a flyer for full details or contact Shipwreck's Church Office (415) 468-3434.

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, August 6		
Monday, August 7	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Tuesday, August 8	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Wednesday, August 9	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Thursday, August 10	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Parish Center
Friday, August 11	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class Parish Hall
Saturday, August 12		

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



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

Ms. Dionne Cola
 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
 DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
 CLERGY SUPPLY

Mr. Rufus Fisher
 BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
 PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss 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

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and St. Joseph Cemeteries.
 Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel at (510) 362-0424 or www.cfcsoakland.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John witness something very strange when they climb to the top of the mountain with Jesus. Without warning, Chito's clothing becomes dazzlingly white, while both Moses and Elijah appear and talk to him. Voice comes from a cloud that overshadows the group. Within seconds, the vision ends.

This vision is rich in symbolism. Moses symbolizes the Jewish laws, while Elijah represents the prophets. Together, they stand for The Law and The Prophets, another name for Jewish Scriptures. The purpose of the Scriptures is to prepare of the world for the Messiah will conquer the world and have the rule of the world over to God. With God in control, there will be no more pain or suffering or death. The Jews call this the reign or the kingdom of God.

The cloud overshadowing Jesus and his visitors whatever reminded the apostles of a column of clouds God used to lead the Jewish people out of Egypt. So the cloud is symbolic of God's presence.

The symbolism in the remainder of the reading also deals with the reign of God. The Jews pictured the saints wearing bright white clothing in God's kingdom, which is exactly how Jesus is dressed.

Peter offers to erect three tents (or booths). Because the Jews lived in tents when they were in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, tents were a symbol of God saving power. Some Jews believed that everyone will live in tents in the reign of God.

This symbolism about the reign of God is very important because it points to Jesus being the Messiah even though he will not live up to the popular expectations. Instead of being the victorious military leaders some Jews were waiting for, Jesus was to die the cruel and painful death of a common criminal. By everyone's standards of that day, Jesus was a failure.

In today's Gospel, it is clear the apostles do not grasp the meaning of what Jesus is telling them because as they come down from the mountain we find them discussing what Jesus meant when he said he would rise from the dead. They, too, were looking for a victorious political/military Messiah who would not die.

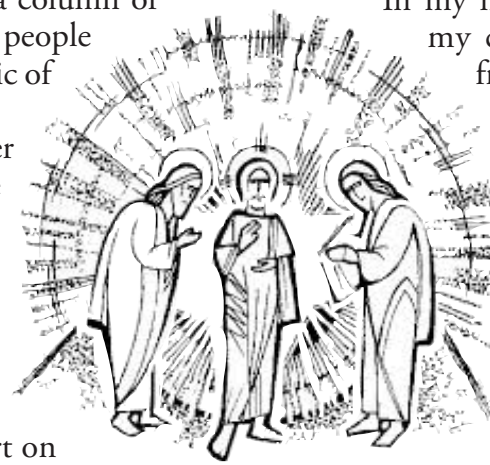
If the apostles had difficulty understanding what Jesus was telling them, it's understandable that today's religious leaders would have difficulty discerning God's will for the Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom to religious leaders so they can discern God's will for God's people.

I am writing this bulletin article the morning after our Annual National Night Out (NNO) here at St. Benedict. We had a wonderful turnout amidst an absolutely perfect day weather wise. Great music, dancing, food and information tables. I am grateful to so many people who made it happen: Linda Palmeri, Reese Fernandes, Tara Sykes, Janey Outley, Ofelia Wanzo, Earline Gilbert, Jorge Watson and Elaine Lemay, Leonard Pete and the choir, Jackie Stewart and the Friday line dancing class, and all those who staffed the tables. Thank you for another successful National Night Out!

In my hopes of keeping you informed about my comings and goings, I will be away from the parish from Monday, August 7th to Friday, August 25. I have to be at a funeral in Honolulu on Tuesday, August 8, a 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 13, a vigil and a funeral on August 14 and 15, all in Honolulu. I will remain at St. Augustine by-the-Sea parish on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu until Friday August 25, spending time with my sisters and brothers and other family located on O'ahu, as well as helping out in the parish.

I received a phone call from Father Ken Hamilton, SVD and he informed me that fellow SVD priest, Fr. Aris Martin, is relocating to the East Bay and has been accepted into the doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Fr. Ken asked if we had room here at St. Benedict to take Fr. Aris as he begins and completes his studies. I met with Fr. Aris and find him to be a very friendly and intelligent person whose presence will be an asset here. Fr. Aris will be joining us on August 15th. Fr. Vassar will continue his active ministry in our parish.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD CLASSES

Religious Education Program will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Registration forms for students in grades 1-8 are available at the back of the church. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 1, 2017.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Parish Bible Study provides the nourishment from Scripture that compliments the nourishment we receive in the Eucharist. Participants will: Encounter Christ, Foster Christian Community and grow in understanding the Bible. Come, join Deacon Ron and other participants for Scripture Study on the Gospel of Luke. Scripture Study begins on Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center for 12 sessions thru the month of November 29, 2017. Study sets which include a Bible Commentary and a Study Guide are \$15.95, payable to St. Benedict Church.

PARISH OUTREACH EVENT

Community Outreach Staff from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland will be here on Saturday, September 9 & Sunday, September 10, 2017 to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. After each Mass, there will be a short presentation along with a question and answer session in the Parish Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CONGRESS

On Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8am - 4pm at the Cathedral Parish of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612. Cost \$20.00. For more information, please contact Raquel Vazquez at 510-532-2068 at St. Jarlath or Martha Marquez at 510-530-0761 at St. Lawrence O'toole.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **September 15-17, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at **Srllaguna@doc1633.org**. Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on **www.DaughtersOfCharity.com**. Register for the retreat at **www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 6	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Pat Silva†
Monday, August 7	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 9	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 11	7:30 a.m.	Canary Johnson†
Saturday, August 12	4:30 p.m.	Edna Hopkins†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: **July 29/30, 2017** \$4,777.88

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance **\$6,643.75**
Total Income for June 2017 \$622.43
Ending balance as of June 30, 2017 \$7,266.18

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2017 \$1,195.24

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

AUGUST 12/13, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	M. Soublet	Leon Watson #
K. Webster	L. Noriega	Lucia Watson
		A. Swayne *
		C. Dixon *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
ARTHUR KNATT, JR.
(brother-in-law of Lil Brown Parker)
Please remember his family in your prayers.

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