

**GOLDEN GATE BOYS CHOIR AND BELLRINGERS FALL 2017 PROGRAM**

The Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers celebrates 30 years of music making and voice training for bay area youth! Fall membership is open for new boy singers ages 6 to 12 with unchanged voices. No experience necessary. Weekly regular rehearsals are held in 3 locations- San Francisco (Mondays, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Oakland (Wednesdays, St. Margaret Mary Parish Hall (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) or Hayward (Thursdays All Saints School Auditorium, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). For information, view the GGBC web page at [www.ggbc.org](http://www.ggbc.org), or call and leave a message at (510-887- 4311). You are invited to meet Bay Area GGBC boys and their families and learn more about the choir at Singer Saturday at St Vincent De Paul in San Francisco on September 9th at 1:30 PM.

**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.

**CALLING ALL WOMEN!**

**Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women, invite all to join them at a Prayer Breakfast, September 16, 2017 9:30-12:30, Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA.** Please join us in welcoming our speaker, author Annette Baber! Annette was born and raised into a Jewish Orthodox family. She committed her life to Christ 48 years ago after a life shattering crisis leads her to cry out for salvation! She begged the Father to save her family and amid many miracles, one by one her family members turned their lives over to Christ. Come and hear her fascinating testimony and how she has served the Lord since that incredible night. Men are always welcome to attend! **Tickets are \$33/\$40 after Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.magnificat-ministry.net](http://www.magnificat-ministry.net) for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.**

**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.

**2017 MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

**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

St. Benedict's Weekly Events		
<b>Sunday, September 3</b>	8:30 am & 11:00 am Mass	Church
<b>Monday, September 4</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, September 5</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, September 6</b>	6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, September 7</b>	6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.	Parish Center
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	4:30 pm Mass	Church
	After 4:30 pm Mass Parish Outreach	Parish Hall
		(Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services)

**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	

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 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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**



Today's Gospel reading begins with Jesus explaining that he is about to suffer and die. Peter responds much as any of us would in that situation and tells Jesus not even to think that this would happen to him. Peter was probably surprised when Jesus reacted angrily. Why did Jesus object so strongly to Peter's words? What was wrong with Peter's response? These are the questions we should answer before we can begin to understand today's Gospel reading.

In last week's Gospel, Peter was the first to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus praised him for this insight and said Peter was the rock on which he would build his church. Now, suddenly, Peter goes from hero to goat. The reason for Peter's quick fall probably lies in what he meant when he call Jesus the Messiah.

Being a traditional Jew, Peter probably thought much like many of the other Jews of his day who were expecting a military and political Messiah who would lead them in battle against their enemies and eventually conquer the world. Peter thought it was only a matter of time before Jesus began forming an army to achieve this objective.

Jesus' talk about suffering and dying didn't fit in with the popular beliefs about a triumphant Messiah. So Peter took Jesus aside and try to straighten him out by saying something like, "Teacher, you've got it all wrong. You're the Messiah and the Messiah is a winner. What you're describing is a loser. So, stop talking about such nonsense."

It's obvious that Peter and Jesus had different ideas of what the Messiah was supposed to be. Jesus was the type of Messiah who would not look for success on the battlefield but rather would be triumphant in another way. Instead of defeating human enemies, Jesus was going to conquer both death and the father of death (the devil). This spiritual victory will be more important than any earthly triumph Peter or any of the other Jews could imagine.

Even though the apostles were with Jesus every day and knew him better than anyone else, they still took time to grasp what he was saying. Their privileged position was not enough to guarantee immediate understanding of who Jesus was and what he was all about.

How do you think Peter felt after the incident in today's Gospel reading? If you were Peter, would you have continue to follow Jesus?

We are indeed living in difficult times. I am writing this bulletin article on Monday, and the news on the national headlines focused on the effects of Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding throughout Houston and the surrounding area. The heartbreaking images that have been portrayed on TV throughout last weekend have riveted the nation, and hopefully will move us to respond with compassion. It is also a reminder of how blessed we are to live in the Bay Area.

On the other hand, we experienced civil unrest, particularly in Berkeley. The heightened tensions, aggravated by the words and actions of the current administration, continued to antagonize and alienate various cultural, ethnic and religious minorities, as well as most well-meaning Americans and people of good will. I'm sure that this will continue to be an ongoing narrative for us in the East Bay, let alone throughout the country.

Remember that next week's Second Collection will be for the Diocese of Oakland's Priest Retirement Fund. Fr. Vassar has spoken about this collection, and will continue to advocate for the fund. We will also be hearing from Deacon Dave Holland from Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, who will be sharing the benefits of utilizing the Diocese of Oakland's mortuary services.

Also next week Sunday morning, I will presiding at the Oakland A's Coliseum Mass at 9:30 AM, and the Mass at Mercy Retirement Center in the Fruitvale (where my mother resides) at 10:45 AM.

We mourn the loss of parishioner Emelda Wright, who passed away last week, and whose homegoing funeral Mass was held this past Friday. We hold her family in our thoughts and prayers. Emelda is the sister of another St. Benedict parishioner, Geraldine August. May Emelda rest in peace.

Crazy times, Hurricane Harvey in Houston, rioting in Berkeley, Priest Retirement Fund, next week A's and Mercy Mass.

Welcome Father Aris Martin. Aris Martin SVD is originally from Solsona, Philippines. He professed first vows in 2004 and was ordained a priest in 2008. Father Aris holds a licentiate in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. In the Philippines, he taught courses in philosophy and theology at Christ the King Mission Seminary, Quezon City, Divine Word Seminary, Tagaytay City, and Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City. Fr. Aris was on the faculty of the Department of Theology and Philosophy at Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, where he taught non-Christian religions and creation and eschatology.

God bless,  
**Fr. Jayson**

*Please pray for the sick, especially:*

Alex Donaville  
Kevin Donaville  
Anita Recania



NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**"100" CLUB**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LABOR DAY**

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**2017 – 2018 FAITH FORMATION (CCD)**

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.

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

**Save the Date! Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am. The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland.** We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass on September 30 to celebrate the energy, dedication, and generosity of all healers in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT – NEXT WEEKEND**

On this Labor Day weekend, let's remember our retired priests. Although they are officially retired, some of the 57 priests in that category are still "laboring in the vineyard" as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more. On the weekend of Sept. 10 we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, September 3	8:30 a.m.	Visesio Moa - Birthday Ludi Percival - Birthday
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, September 4	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 6	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 8	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 9	4:30 p.m.	For The People

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Collection:	<b>August 27, 2017</b>	\$3,823.75
	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,178.85

**"100" CLUB**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$7,266.18</b>
Total Income for July 2017	\$570.00
<b>Ending balance as of July 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$7,836.18</b>

**PENNY HARVEST**

<b>Ending Balance as of July 31, 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**

**SEPTEMBER 9/10, 2017**

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Soublet	L. Robertson	B. Kennedy-Tapscott
D. Dixon	L. Bornor #	Leon Watson #
	J. Matthews *	R. Guillory*
		A. Ricks *

**Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**ROSLYN PUGH**  
(sister of Dionne Cola)  
**EMELDA WRIGHT**  
(sister of Geraldine August)  
Please remember their families in your prayers.

**A'S CELEBRATE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

Join us to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness with the A's on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Tickets are \$20.00. Game starts at 1:05 p.m. Get tickets for our raffle; \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Prizes include Sean Manaea Watch, A's Blanket, Apron with A's Logo. All proceeds benefit the KPCLA Court #336 Scholarship Fund. For tickets contact: D. Minor 415-310-6582, Tara Sykes 510-898-8845 or Mallory Trevigne 510-384-6540.