

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ANNUAL FISH FRY

Friday, March 18, 2016

Where: Father Howard Community Center  
1640 10th St., Oakland

Dinner Served 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Lunch available 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(If pre-ordered by March 16)

Dinner Includes: Cat fish or Tilapia fish, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert. To pre-order lunch call 510-444-1081 (9:30AM-12:30PM). Mary Loggins: 510-532-5003, Mary Washington: 510-535-0912. Music And Dancing. \$18.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children (Under 10).

## ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

### Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter

Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to [SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com](mailto:SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com) with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter

## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STUFFED ANIMAL, SOCK, AND ART SUPPLIES DRIVE

Sponsored by KPCLA, Ct. 336 and KPC Council 336, starts immediately and ends March 20, 2016!

Please bring in as many of the following new items as you can:

- Stuffed Animals
- Socks for all ages
- Art supplies, especially conducive to the older children
- Collection containers are in the rear of the church/St. Benedict

Contact Co-Chairs Lil Brown-Parker (510-206-9942) and Reese Fernandes for more information. Thanks.

## THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER COUNCIL 336 PRESENTS ....

**Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip (Annual Scholarship Fundraiser)** on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Departure Time: 8:00 am at St. Benedict Parking Lot, 8:30 am at K-Mart Parking Lot, 1500 Fitzgerald Dr., Pinole, CA. Donation: \$35.00 includes \$15 Free Play & \$5 Food Credit. Checks payable to KPC Council 336. Reservation deadline: April 1, 2016. (Donation is non-refundable after deadline). For more information: Marvin Millet - 510-638-7263, Herb Houston - 510-387-7673, Clayton Foster - 510-333-1403, Leonard Pete - 510-917-2390. Note: All passengers must have a valid Government Photo I.D. & All PASSENGERS must have or obtain a Player's Club Card to receive the casino free play & food credit.

## ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

**Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 pm, The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland Mark Hernbroth 510-273-4980 [mhernbroth@oakdiocese.org](mailto:mhernbroth@oakdiocese.org) [Oakdiocese.org/Chrism](http://Oakdiocese.org/Chrism)**

All parishes and members of the Diocese are invited to come celebrate the annual Chrism Mass on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm. 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 and procession of the Parishes at 6:30 pm. Also, in a sign of unity and fidelity, the priests of the diocese concelebrate the Mass with their Bishop and recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. This is the one time, each year, when the local church gathers as one family in faith to celebrate as one Church, called by Christ to know Christ and make Him better known. Parking is available for a flat rate of \$5 at the Kaiser Center parking garage across the street. Use of public transportation is encouraged; the Cathedral is a two-block walk from the 19th Street BART station. Additional transportation information can be found online.

## THE CATHOLIC VOICE 2016 JUBILEE OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 20-29

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, [ctompkins@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ctompkins@oakdiocese.org). Pentacost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 [travel@pentecosttours.com](mailto:travel@pentecosttours.com). [CatholicVoiceOakland.org](http://CatholicVoiceOakland.org). The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome. Celebrate Mass at some of the most beautiful basilicas in Italy, visit the treasures of Vatican City, and see Pope Francis during the Papal Audience. Join the 10-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for \$3,999. Costs includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, and most breakfasts and dinners. **\$100 Early Bird Discount is available to those who register before December 23.** For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above.

## 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](mailto: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**

**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

[www.saintbenedictoakland.com](http://www.saintbenedictoakland.com)

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## 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

**Rev. Jayson Landeza**

PASTOR

**Mr. Ron Tutson**

DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**

CLERGY SUPPLY

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**

MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**

CCD DIRECTOR

**Mr. Rufus Fisher**

PLANT MANAGER

**Mr. Clifford Ologbosele**

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**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:



Since the rabbi was usually the most educated person in the city, the Jews often consulted him whenever they had to make a particularly difficult decision about one of the Jewish laws. In today's Gospel, the scribes and the Pharisees bring such a matter to Rabbi Jesus for his opinion.

According to their law, the Jews were supposed to take anyone guilty of adultery outside the city gates and, depending on the circumstances of the crime, either stone or strangle that person to death. Witnesses to the crime were to be the first ones to carry out the punishment. In today's Gospel, the scribes and the Pharisees come to Jesus with the woman they caught committing adultery and they ask his opinion about what they should do to her.

This situation undoubtedly put Jesus in an uncomfortable position because if he sent the woman should die for this offense, some of the Jews would accuse him of not practicing the forgiveness he so often preached about. On the other hand, if he said she should go free, they would charge him with encouraging adultery. It seems like Jesus could not win.

It's not clear what Christ writes in the sand, but the Greek word the evangelist uses in this passage usually means "to write down a record against someone." Some biblical scholar suggest Jesus was writing a list of the sins of the men who were about the stone the woman. But this is only a guess and there's no way to know for sure.

After everyone leaves, Jesus tells the woman to go her way but not to commit adultery again. The lesson Jesus wants to teach is clear. We cannot confess our sins and expect God to forgive us unless we intend to avoid those sins in the future. Forgiveness presupposes an effort and a desire to do better.

There are two interesting details missing from today's Gospel story. The evangelist never mentions the man with whom the woman committed adultery but, according to Jewish law, he too should have been condemned to die. Also, the evangelist never names that woman. Nowhere does the Bible ever identify her as Mary Magdalene. Mary has been wrongly accused and never vindicated.

It is easier to condemn that it is to forgive. Perhaps we are invited to identify one person that we are critical of. We can ask God to help us accept and forgive this person just as Jesus accepted and forgave the woman in the story.

Next week, we being the solemn commemoration of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday. This most sacred of times within our Catholic tradition invites to reflect on the Passion, Death and

Resurrection of Jesus, and how that narrative parallels our faith journey.

Please note that this year, parishioners will have the option of having their feet washed (or their hands) during the Holy Thursday (Commemoration of the Lord's Supper) liturgy. If you opt to have your feet washed, please make sure that you are not wearing any hosiery in order to facilitate the foot washing.

Thanks to all of you who came on Saturday to help determine the future of St. Benedict parish. In our day-long Pastoral Planning Process, led by Chuck Siebenand, we have an opportunity to prioritize goals and aspirations that will assist in guiding the direction of our faith family.

Words of welcome to folks visiting us at our 11:00 AM liturgy this weekend: members of the Southern University Bay Area Alumni Chapter and the East Oakland/Hayward Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). The NCNW was started by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, and to this day supports youth programs in our community. They Will be presenting a gift to our youth ministry. Thanks to both groups for joining us today!

Please join the Tongan Catholic community this Friday at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light as we welcome Cardinal Soane Mafi upon his visit to the East Bay. He is the first Tongan ever elevated to the Cardinalate in the history of the Catholic Church. You are invited to be a part of this celebration!

Have a continued blessed and prayerful Lenten Season.

Fr. Jayson

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Followed by Potluck)

**Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 PM - The vigil of Easter

**Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 & 11:00 AM - Easter Sunday Masses

**Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 AM Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in Parish Hall.

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 LILIES

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 the loved one, or simply as a gift. Please drop-off the Easter Lilies and Potted Floral plants on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and on the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 Bow, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, Operations 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.

2016 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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF)** is offering an opportunity for African American students who reside or are permanent residents of **our 13th Congressional District** (Greater Bay Area); and are graduating high school students who will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college or university; **and** college students attending junior college or 4 year college/university to submit their applications for the following educational scholarship opportunities: **(1) CBCF Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship (\$3,000); (2) CBCF Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship (\$3000); and CBCF Spouses Education Scholarship (\$8,200).** For more information and access to these scholarship applications, please contact Regina Guillory @ 510.395.5629.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 13	8:30 a.m.	Liz Webb†
	11:00 a.m.	Joe Johnson† Doris Johnson†
Monday, March 14	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 16	7:30 a.m.	Raul Alvarez†
Friday, March 18	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Saturday, March 19	4:30 p.m.	Patricia Serna†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>March 6, 2016</b>	\$3,641.87
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$536.60

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$8,859.29</b>
Total Income for February 2016	\$528.53
Total Expense for February 2016	\$7,669.99
<b>Ending balance as of February 29, 2016</b>	<b>\$1,717.83</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of February 29, 2016</b>	<b>\$912.03</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

MARCH 19/20, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L. Palmeri	A. West	M. Nubie
B. Burns	L. Noriega	M. Trevigne C. Hadnot *

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

April 1-2, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oakland, CA "Hearts on Fire: Living Faith in Daily Life with Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola," A Team of Young Jesuit Presenters, A Group of Young Adults, A Thousand Graces, One Heart. Dynamic presentations, methods of prayer in daily life, Friday evening Coffeehouse with live music! For young adults 18-39, single or married. Come Friday evening (go home overnight) and come back for Saturday. Learn more and register online for only \$30 at: [www.apostleshipofprayer.org/heartsonfire](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/heartsonfire)

**Funeral Service for Daniel Chaffers:**  
Tuesday, March 15th - 6:30 PM.  
Followed by Repast in the Parish Hall

SECOND COLLECTION  
BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL