

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 @ 510.395.5629.2016

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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org, Pentecost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800, travel@pentecosttours.com, 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. For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above. A Question & Answer Informational Meeting will be held on March 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral at Christ the Light “Parish Hall” to answer any questions regarding the Year of Mercy Italy Pilgrimage with Pentecost Tours Inc.

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**

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.

YOUTH MINISTER

Keeping up with the wonderful spirit and energy of our recent retreat we are looking for individuals who are interested in being mentors or volunteers with our youth and young adult activities. If interested, sign ups are available in the back of the church. For any questions see Ariana Catherine.

Any young adults 21-40 interested in participating in various young adult activities and be mentors to the youth of the parish and parish community, please sign up in the back of the church. For any questions contact Ariana Catherine or Jennifer Fernandes.

*“Everything
that the Father has
is mine”*

John 16:15

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

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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:



It is not unusual among some folks to refer to God as "she." Although this might sound unusual for some folks, there are biblical passages that do describe God in feminine terms. Isaiah 42:14 and 49:14-15 are just two examples.

Even St. Paul, the New Testament figure that is often derided regarding his references around women, says in Acts 17:28-29 that we live, move, and exist in God because we are God's children. Although Paul refers to God with a masculine pronoun in this passage, he seems to be clearly speaking about us being in God woman because only child and it's mothers womb lives and moves and exists in someone else.

Notice that today's Gospel refers to the Holy Spirit as "he." Despite this, the spirit is the most feminine of the persons of the Blessed Trinity. Because this assertion sounds so radical, we definitely need to explain it.

Although the Old Testament does not use the term "Holy Spirit," it does contain many references to the "Spirit of God." Although the Jews did not understand the term to mean the same thing we mean when we speak about the Holy Spirit, it is the foundation for our own teaching about the third person of the Trinity. So the way the Old Testament uses this term can shed some light on who the Holy Spirit really is.

The Hebrew words for "Spirit of God" are ruah Yahweh. Ruah is a form of the word ruach, a Hebrew word that is feminine not only in gender but also in use. Since Hebrew is the language of the Old Testament, this indicates it would be proper to call the Holy Spirit "she."

The Old Testament sometimes also refers to God's Spirit as the Wisdom of God. "Sophia," the Greek word for "wisdom," is another feminine word. By Jesus' day, the Jews translated their Scripture (our Old Testament) into Greek and Jesus often quoted passages from this Greek translation. So Jesus and the apostles also would have been familiar with this feminine image of the Holy Spirit.

Although the above observations are interesting, they will probably not be enough to convince people to change the pronoun they use for the Holy Spirit. So these examples should make it easier to respect those people whose mental image of God difference from our own.

Jesus tells us the spirit will guide us to the truth. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to truth we assess the condition of our relationship with God and to see how we can improve that relationship.

Congrats again to those being honored by our Western States District of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, especially our very own Council and Court #336. Blessings and best wishes again to Ofelia Wanzo, who was named as Lady of the Year, for her dedicated and tireless service to our St. Benedict family.

THE TRINITY



I will not be able to join you for that event, since I will be with my mother at the Mercy Retirement Center in the Fruitvale, where she currently resides. I am presiding at their 10:30 AM Sunday liturgy this weekend.

Fr. Vassar will be preaching and presiding at all of the liturgies this weekend.

Last week I enclosed the latest Profit and Loss Statement for St. Benedict parish, noting that we are in deficit because of \$15,000 of repair work that needed to be addressed. Mold and water damage were mitigated, but that set us back a

bit financially. This weekend, I've enclosed our 2015 financial statement and report. Please take the time to read it and to get a sense of our precarious financial situation.

We are beginning to start planning for our next parish retreat, scheduled for 2017. Leonard Pete and Bev Ervin have agreed to lead the retreat planning process. They will clean from the wisdom of Sidney Fernandes and others who have coordinated our past retreats. Please stay tuned for information about next year's retreat!

*God Bless,
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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

LINE DANCE ANNIVERSARY

In honor of our 4th year anniversary, the line dance class at St. Benedicts has decided to host a luncheon/line dancing extravaganza on Saturday, June 25, from noon until 4:00 PM, in the parish hall. If you would like to join us (and perhaps show your friends and relatives that "you think you can dance"), please contact Jackie Stewart atojackie@aol.com (or any other member of the line dancing class) for a ticket. Donation is \$15. After expenses, the proceeds will be donated to the St. Benedicts chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In order to insure there will be adequate space for dancing, only 80 tickets will be sold, on a "first come, first served" basis. Because it is a catered event, no tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for this happy occasion.

FISH FRY

The Knights of St. Peter Claver Council #336 **presents OUR ANNUAL LOUISIANA FISH-FRY DINNER SALE** on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Parish Center from 12pm - 6pm. Donation: \$15.00. Contents: Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Green Beans, etc. For tickets: See any KPC 336 Member or contact Bro. Marvin Millet at 510-638-7263.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all areas of your live including your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20**. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 22	8:30 a.m.	Leonardo del Rosario†
	11:00 a.m.	Delfina Perez†
		Patricia Mast†
Monday, May 23	7:30 a.m.	Norma (Cookie) Hadnot - Birthday
Wednesday, May 25	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 27	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Saturday, May 28	4:30 p.m.	Jo Soublet - Birthday

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	May 15, 2016	\$2,685.11
Other Collection	Catholic Charities	\$844.50

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$1,434.43
Total Income for April 2016	\$483.34
Ending balance as of April 30, 2016	\$1,917.67

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of April 30, 2016	\$1053.21
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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

MAY 28/29, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
A. Swayne	J. Outley	C. Dixon
J. Soublet	C. Ologbosele	Leon Watson #
		M. Nubie *
		C. McIntyre *

**SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**