

### THE LINE DANCING LUNCHEON

on June 25 is sold out. Thanks to everyone who supported our cause. If you were unable to get a ticket but still want to see us dance (and possibly learn a few moves?), join us in the hall any Friday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

We won't feed you and you have to bring your own water, but you'll still have a great time.

### 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 life 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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, [ctompkins@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ctompkins@oakdiocese.org). Pentecost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800, [travel@pentecosttours.com](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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

<b>Monday, June 13</b>	6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 14</b>	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Center
<b>Wednesday, June 15</b>	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, June 16</b>	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, June 17</b>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

### 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)

 follow us on facebook



### 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:



In first-century Palestine, a host usually welcomed a guest with the kiss of peace. Many people in the Near East and in parts of Europe still follow this custom and greet each other with a kiss on each cheek.

Because Palestine is a dry and dusty land and because people in Jesus' day went barefoot or wore sandals, travelers' feet got dirty. So a good host either wash the feet of the guest himself or delegated this task to a servant. The host also anointed the guest's head with perfumed oil, a symbol of happiness and pleasure, to you show he was happy his visitor had arrived. Apparently, the Pharisee and today's Gospel didn't show Jesus these simple signs of hospitality.

In Palestine, most people open the doors of their houses in the morning and left them open throughout the day. If a rabbi like Jesus came to visit, it was customary for neighbors to wandering, sit down, and listen to what the rabbi had to say. This explains how the woman in today's Gospel enter the house.

The woman anoints Jesus' feet while he and the Pharisees "recline" at table. As well as the customer at the time, Jesus and the other guests were eating while lying on a floor mat on their stomach or side. The food was on low table, and each guest laid on a personal mat so the head was closest to the table with feet stretched out behind them. This made it fairly easy for the woman to get near Jesus' feet.

The Gospel tells us that Simon, the man who hosted the dinner, was a "Pharisee", a word that means "separated one." The Pharisees got their name because they didn't want anything to do with those who did not follow Jewish laws as rigidly as they did, fearing contact with the sinners would corrupt them. Evidently, Simon thought Jesus should also separate himself from the woman lest he become like her.

Today's Gospel ends by telling us there were several women who took care of Jesus and the apostles with their own resources. It appears that these well-to do women financed part of Jesus' ministry.

Think of one person you look down upon and don't want to associate with. Like the woman in the Gospel, it's possible that this person is closer to God than many other people. Make an effort this week to get to know this person better.

As I am writing this, I am in the midst of a weeklong workshop and meeting of FBI chaplains from throughout the United States. There are over 120 of us who serve as volunteer chaplains for the Bureau. This position involves a highly-selective process, which includes an extensive background investigation leading to the granting of Federal top-secret clearance. I serve alongside an Episcopal deacon, Jan Heglund, as she and I minister to the San Francisco Division of the FBI. Based in the City, the Division includes all of the coastal counties in Northern California, stretching from Del Norte to Monterey. Hundreds of employees and numerous Resident Agencies (satellite offices) within the Division make for a very geographically diverse area. Jan and I are responsible for ministering with these fine folks.

Again, I apologize for being absent this weekend. Whenever Mercy Retirement Center in the Fruitvale is short of Sunday clergy help, they approach me for assistance, since my mother is a resident there. Fr. Vassar will be presiding and preaching throughout the weekend.

The funeral for Henry Royal, Sr. is scheduled for this Friday, June 17th at 1:00 PM at St. Columba. Like many of you, the Royal family is dear and close to our hearts. Henry's sisters Rita and Virgie were parishioners of mine at St. Columba, and I have spent much time with the Royals. A particular memory was presiding at a Mass prior to a large family reunion near Morgan City, Louisiana, back in 2009. The Royals are long-time parishioners of St. Benedict, and very supportive of the parish. Most recently, Henry Jr. transported our 11:00 Choir to the Central Coast to sing at a Black History Month celebration. Please keep his wife Valeria and their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Center  
Committee Meeting – Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

ATTENTION LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Lector/Eucharistic Minister schedule for June, July, August and September, 2016 has been released. Please check your email and notify Jo Soublet ([jcsoublet2@comcast.net](mailto:jcsoublet2@comcast.net)) if you did not receive it.

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.

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

GOD IS CALLING YOU!

A vocation – marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc. - is a call to love and every baptized person has one! But perhaps you're feeling a tug to give your heart to Jesus exclusively, sitting at His feet like Mary Magdalene, or perhaps you've wondered what life is like as a cloistered nun? If you're a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-40 years, we invite you to spend a day of discernment on July 16th with the Dominican Contemplative Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA. Catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since St. Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit our website at [www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event](http://www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event). Space is limited and fills fast!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 12	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, June 13	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 15	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 17	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 18	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>June 5, 2016</b>	\$3,680.70
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$477.95

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$2,567.67
Total Income for May 2016	\$838.37
<b>Ending balance as of May 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$3,406.04</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of May 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$1053.21</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 18/19, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L. Palmeri	J. Grant	C. McIntyre
G. McCullough	C. Ologboese	R. Guillory
		A. Ricks *

Please pray for:

Mary Adams  
Estrellita Andres  
Alvin Clement  
Sadie Thomas  
Mattie White

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**Henry Royal, Sr.**  
Please remember his family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND  
HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE)