

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

MagnificatSOTI, a Ministry for Women invites you to join them at a Prayer Breakfast December 3, 2016-10:00 am to 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Church - 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek. Please note the change in time and location! Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Christine Watkins MTS, LCSW as our speaker. We will be inspired by this well known speaker, author, spiritual director and television host as she tells us of her salvation from life as an atheist to a life centered in Christ through her physical and spiritual healing by Jesus through His Mother, Mary. Tickets are \$25/\$30 after Nov. 26. Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at [503 709 8449](tel:5037098449) for reservations.

HOLIDAY TRADITION - LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: MUSIC FROM THE ERA OF THE BLACK PANTHERS

Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 4:00 pm - Paramount Theater, Oakland

2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panthers, an important time in Oakland's history. Oakland Symphony will pay homage by performing music from the time, including Motown classics, gospel, and protest music of the 60's and 70's. This non-traditional holiday tradition will feature Oakland Symphony Chorus, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, alongside other guest choruses, and more! This concert is always a sellout. Get your tickets early for the best seat choices..Groups of 10 or more will receive a group discount. **Two ways to order tickets:** 1. Order By Phone - 510-444-0802 (Box Office Hours : Mon-Fri, 9:00am-4:00pm). 2. Order Online: oaklandsymphony.org

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 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.

Please pray for:

Juanita Estrellas

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)



St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, November 13

Monday, November 14

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
7:00 pm Discernment Process for Pastoral Council Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 16

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Thursday, November 17

6:30 pm Lector's Re-Training Session Church

Friday, November 18

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall

Saturday, November 19

PLEASE JOIN US!

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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 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 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

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Fr. Sylvester Odurinde
IN RESIDENCE

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

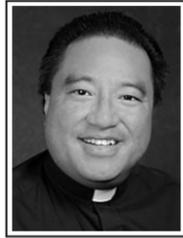
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



I am writing this bulletin article the day after the election of Donald Trump as president-elect of the United States.

I am in a state of shock.

I cannot believe that we've elected someone so incredibly unqualified to fulfill this office, especially having experienced one of the most successful administrations this country has seen, and having as president over these past eight years someone so talented, articulate, educated, and inclusive as President Barack Obama.

I'm not really sure what to say because I don't want to endanger our tax-exempt status as a church. I suppose those of us who are not part of a particular demographic cannot truly feel and experience the factors that motivated them to vote in the way they did in large numbers. As I mentioned in an article published in the East Bay Times this past week, as Californians, for the most part we've been immune from the sentiments that have drawn many of our fellow Americans to vote the way they did. Many of us have been satisfied with the job that President Obama has done over the past eight years, with the hopes that a Hillary Clinton administration would continue much of the same work and vision that has transpired under the Obama administration. This will not come to pass.

Too many of our forbearers have fought the fight in order for us to live and appreciate the rights and privileges that have long been denied to ethnic, racial, religious and cultural minorities, let alone to women, within our country. Donald Trump, whose victory is celebrated by the likes of David Duke and the Ku Klux Klan, to become the president-elect of United States, is frightening.

Much of what has been coming from Trump and his supporters has been to villainize others for the problems they are experiencing. Often times it's been immigrants, Muslims, Jews, liberals, African-Americans, Mexicans, feminists, the Chinese, you name it. Some of us are included in numerous categories.

As Charles Blow of The New York Times wrote this past Thursday, our thoughts are with poor people afflicted by ill health who were finally able to receive medical insurance coverage, sometimes life-saving coverage, and the fear they must feel now that there is a president-elect committed to repealing Obamacare. Our thoughts are now with immigrant families he has threatened to deport and the Muslims he has threatened to bar and the women he has demeaned and

those he is accused of assaulting and the disabled whom he apparently has no problem mocking. Charles Blow continues by adding that is impossible for him to fall in line behind an unrepentant bigot. Impossible for him to view the president-elect participating in the pageantry and protocols of the presidency and not be reminded on how he is a demonstrated demagogue who is also a sexist, a racist, a xenophobe and a bully. That as someone who has spent much of his life defending vulnerable populations, Mr. Blow sees the president-elect as representing a clear and very present danger to vulnerable populations, and it is in the face of that danger that courage and truth are made more necessary and vitally important.

I am making it a personal point to learn more about the demographic that elected Trump. A good primer that I have already read is "Hillbilly Elegy", an eye-opening book on Appalachian culture by J.D. Vance. Another book that I am now reading is "Strangers In Their Own Land", written by UC Berkeley sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild, who based her book on studying and interviewing Tea Party types. I suppose I could also skip the reading, sit at a Starbucks in Blackhawk and interview suburban patrons, to get a better sense of who and why folks voted the way they did.

The calm and measured words of President Obama and Hillary Clinton are the ones we are called to heed. The hallmark of our American brand of democracy has been the peaceful transfer of power, which is something President Obama and Secretary Clinton are working towards.

As a people of faith in Jesus, we are invited to seek both justice and peace. Justice for the wronged and oppressed, as well as peace and harmony with each other. Many of my friends voted for the president-elect. I have chosen not to engage in the bitter and hurtful dialogue that many of them have engaged in during and after the campaign. We pray that guided by the Holy Spirit, we all seek and unite as a country, with reluctant but necessary respect "for the office" of the presidency.

Remember - those of you who received letters inviting you to a Parish Pastoral Council discernment process are invited to attend a meeting tomorrow night Monday, November 14th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. Please bring the bread and wine you will serve for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed during Mass. After Mass, there will be an Open House at the Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

Father Jayson and Deacon Ron have scheduled a retraining and rededication session for all Lectors. Please plan to attend either Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10:00 AM, or Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 PM. Please read the e mail recently sent to you by Jo Soublet for more details. Anyone interested in becoming a Lector must attend one of these sessions. We particularly need young adults and folks willing to serve at the 4:30 and 8:30 Masses.

THANK YOU ALL!

I wish to thank all who supported our Halloween night event. To those who donated, those who helped out, those who brought their little ones, those who prayed and wished us well; thank you. We appreciate your support. It was not well attended, but those who came were blessed in a special way. We will continue to support and educate our children.

WELCOME

Please welcome to our Cursillo Community Marie Andrea and Madonna Billups. Marie and Madonna spent time praying and growing closer to God last weekend with many others from the diocese in a very special and memorable way. Thank you ladies; for saying yes. May you continue to grow in faith and be given strength for your journey.

ATTENTION!

The Wellness Group will be on holiday break from December 19th through January 1st.

ATTENTION LINE DANCERS

No Line Dancing Class on Friday, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving.

SAINT PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and the Catholic Voice in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama on June 5 – June 12, 2017. \$3,149/pp* includes round-trip airfare from SFO (other cities available – call for pricing), 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches and welcome/farewell dinners, English-speaking tour escort, private air conditioned motor coach (*per person based on double occupancy). Book now! Limited Seating! For more information and reservations contact: Sara O'Malley Szucs, 773-527-0123 or email PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 13	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, November 14	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 16	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, November 18	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, November 19	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	November 6, 2016	\$4,541.25
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$540.95

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$535.26
Total Income for October 2016	\$554.59
Ending balance as of October 31, 2016	\$1,089.85

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of October 31, 2016	\$1109.34
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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

NOVEMBER 19/20, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
G. McCullough	M. Soublet	M. Trevigne
J. Soublet	J. Outley	A. Swayne
		W. Sykes-Bush *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
JOHNNIE RUTH ROYAL
Please remember her family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY - THIS WEEKEND
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - NEXT WEEKEND