

prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

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.

RETROUVAILLE

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 24, 25, & 26, 2017, call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2017

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and the Oakland Family Search Library present **BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2017**. The event is free. 4766 Lincoln Ave. Oakland, CA 94602, Feb. 12, 2017, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Information (877) 884-2843.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:

Margaret A. Hasegawa

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

St. Benedict’s Weekly Events

Sunday, February 12

Monday, February 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP - Food Give Away Parish Hall

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

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Bible Study Parish Center

Thursday, February 16

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, February 17

1:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

Saturday, February 18

PLEASE JOIN US!

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.

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**

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
Linda Smith
Jaylynn St. Julian
Tara Sykes
Ofelia Wanzo



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:



The Pharisees, one of the main religious groups in Jesus' day, were known for their strict observance of biblical laws. In order to ensure they wouldn't accidentally break one of the laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, the Pharisees made up the oral traditions, a collection of laws that went beyond the God-given laws by explaining what they meant. For example, the Bible contains a command to keep holy the Sabbath but doesn't spell out what this means. The oral traditions filled in the gap and said we should understand this as strictly forbidding such things as lighting a candle on the Sabbath or walking more than a certain distance. The other biblical laws were dealt with in a similar fashion.

The Pharisees believe their oral traditions were just as important as the laws of Moses got from God and to break one of them was as serious as breaking the law itself. So whoever broke either a divine law or one of the oral traditions was a sinner.

Jesus objected to the oral traditions because they became more important than human beings. For example, observing the oral traditions was sometimes an excuse for not assisting someone in need on the Sabbath, even if failing to help meant the person suffered needlessly. Jesus acknowledged there were circumstances when the oral traditions not only could be but should be ignored. Because of this, his enemies often accused him of ignoring the Jewish law. Jesus answers this accusation in today's Gospel.

The law said not to commit murder but Jesus said we should not even get angry. The law said not to commit adultery but Jesus commanded his followers not even to look lustfully at another person. The law permitted divorce but Jesus didn't. The law said not to take a false oath but Jesus said not to swear at all. So today's Gospel makes it clear that the charge that Jesus ignored the Jewish laws was false. Instead, Jesus consistently went beyond the demands of the law.

Isn't easy to love someone who always makes you angry but that is what Jesus demands of us in today's Gospel. Pray this week for someone with whom you do not get along. Think of some specific ways you can love that person.

The newly-reorganized St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council met this past Tuesday evening to discuss the

goals and objectives established by the parish pastoral planning process which began nearly a year ago. Focusing on four long-range goals with their specific objectives, those goals include: 1) promoting outreach to youth, membership and wider community; 2) develop and maintain financial stability; 3) to organize ongoing faith formation and spirituality; 4) to strengthen communication and parish organizational structure.

The Pastoral Council also elected, among themselves, its executive leadership. Dr. Chiquita Tuttle was elected as Chair/Facilitator; Dionne Cola as the Vice Chair/Assistant Facilitator; Leonard Pete as Minutes Recorder. I am grateful for their willingness to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with them and the rest of the Pastoral Council in the years to come.

Congratulations to our very own Dolores Ward, who received St. Columba's Catholic Church's Ujima Service Award during their annual celebration of African American History Month. Many of our St. Benedict parishioners are past recipients of this recognition, a tradition which began while Fr. Paul Vassar was pastor at St. Columba, and continued when I was pastor there.

Our own Black History Month continues with Fr. Paul Vassar presiding and preaching at all the liturgies this weekend (except the Sunday 8:30 AM). Parishioners Ray Leon and Dionne Cola will be preaching in the following two weeks.

I will be away from Friday, February 17th to Monday, February 27th - I will be the resident chaplain at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia for that period of time, an obligation and expectation of FBI chaplains as a part of their responsibilities. I will talk more about this in next week's bulletin.

God bless,
Father Jayson

Please pray for:

Sally McDade



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Feb., March, April and May has been emailed to all concerned parties. Please check your email, including your spam filter. If you are unable to open either the PDF or WORD version, a few printed copies are available in the sacristy.

SAINT BENEDICT MARDI GRAS DANCE

Our annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the parish hall. Tickets: \$20.00. **No Tickets sold at the door.** For tickets and more details, please call Dolores Millet at 510-638-7263.



ATTENTION ALL CURILLISTAS

(Those who have gone through the Cursillo weekend). We need to know who you are. It doesn't matter where you celebrated your weekend. Please register your name on the sheet found on the table at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

COME WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE.

February is **Black History Month** and we will honor and celebrate our history on each Sunday in that month. **The theme for the month: WAKE UP!** Come and fellowship with us and represent the culture with your dress and cultural methods of energetic song and praise. Joined by our African and Tongan communities within our Church we will remember and bring forth Spirits of our heritage. The final Sunday will end the month with a cultural luncheon. We ask that you join us and bring a dish to share which represents your culture, (Your best recipe passed down from Grandma, Nana, Auntie or whoever, pull out those St. Benedict Cooks recipe books). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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.

A WELLNESS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Resolve to get well and be well this year. Join the St. Benedict Wellness Group on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm to make lifestyle changes that will help to improve your overall wellness. It's about preventative changes to insure quality of life. Feel better, look better, perform better everyday. Adding this year, Saturday morning walks. Join the wellness movement!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 12	8:30 a.m.	David Moa† Maria Moa† Rachel Moa† George Moa† For The People
Monday, February 13	11:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 15	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 17	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, February 18	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	February 5, 2017	\$4,712.68
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$678.75
"100" CLUB		
Beginning Balance		\$2,465.80
Total Income for January 2017		\$810.00
Ending balance as of January 31, 2017		\$3,275.80
PENNY HARVEST		
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017		\$1,109.34

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

FEBRUARY 18/19, 2017

4:30 p.m. J. Garibaldi J. Moore	8:30 a.m. M. Soublet J. Soublet	11:00 a.m. C. McIntyre J. LaFitte-Tutson L. Brown-Parker *
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Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of
MARY ADAMS
ARTHUR CRAVANAS
Please remember their families in your prayers.

Funeral Schedule for Mary Adams:
Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 11:00am at St. Benedict

Funeral Service for Arthur Cravanas:
Vigil Service – Saturday, February 11, 2017 between 3pm & 4pm at Fouche's.
Funeral Service – Monday, February 13, 2017 at 10:30am at the Cathedral.