

THE LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER COURT 336

Is hosting their annual scholarship fundraiser! Join us for a Luncheon & Lots of Fun at the Golden Gate Fields Race Track in Berkeley Ca. May 14th, 2016. Donation: \$45.00
Contact: Chair- Lady Audrey Ricks (510)278-5519, Chair-Lady Lottie Sonnier (510)635-3384. We hope to see you there!

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.

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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org. Pentacost 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. **\$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.

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.

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**

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:



In the resurrection stories in John's Gospel, the author emphasizes the physical characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body. He does so because some early Christians questioned the idea of a bodily resurrection and said that what the apostles really saw was Jesus' spirit or ghost, not his physical body. Responding to those beliefs, The author of the fourth Gospel was careful to point out that the resurrected Jesus had flesh and bones and that he ate and drank. He wants to make it clear that the resurrected body was none other than the crucified one, Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins with all of the apostles except Thomas hiding in a locked room in fear that they would be arrested and killed just as Jesus was. Without warning, Jesus appears in their midst even though the windows and doors are bolted shut. The apostles cannot believe it! They saw him crucified and they saw him die but now he is alive once again!

When Thomas returns, the apostles excitedly tell him all about their experience with the risen Jesus but he refuses to believe them without first putting his fingers in the nail marks in Jesus' hands and in the wound in Jesus's side. Notice that Thomas doesn't say anything about the nail marks in Jesus' feet, possibly because the Romans may have used ropes instead of nails to affix the criminals' feet to the cross. So there wouldn't have been any nail marks in Jesus' feet for Thomas to examine.

Thomas didn't accept what the other apostles told him until he saw Jesus himself. The nail marks and the other wounds were the proof he needed to believe the resurrected Jesus was neither a ghost nor the product of someone's imagination but rather the same Jesus who died on the cross.

Although we will always remember Thomas as the one who doubted, he was actually one of the bravest and most loyal of the apostles. And in John Chapter 11, there is a story about how Jesus was on his way to Bethany, even though he knew there were some men in that city who want to kill him.

Thomas recognized the potential danger but he didn't back away from it; he suggested that he and the other apostles go with Jesus so they could die with him. Whatever faults Thomas may have had, cowardice was not one of them.

Many times we are like Thomas, wanted to see before we believe. Is there anything about our faith and we have difficulty believing? We can take our doubts and questions to Jesus in prayer and ask him to help us believe!

What a wonderful Holy Week and a magnificent Easter! I want to thank the Ladies of St. Peter Claver Court 336 setting up and hosting the potluck dinner on Holy Thursday and to all who shared their delicious dishes for all of us to enjoy. Thank you to our liturgical environment committee for creating such a beautiful sanctuary space and for all who donated lilies and flowers for the church. Much heartfelt thanks and gratitude! Thank you to the choir, the musicians, and all of our liturgical ministers who enhanced our Triduum and Easter liturgical celebrations! Thank you and Happy Easter!

God Bless,
Fr. Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

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

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.

KELLY MOORE PAINT COMPANY

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland looking to purchase paint for the protection and beautification of your home? Did you know that by purchasing paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to our Catholic Diocese?

The Kelly Moore Paint Company, manufacturing and selling paint in the Bay Area since 1946 is excited to offer a special KM Club Discount for your purchases of quality Kelly Moore Paint at any of our Kelly Moore stores (go to www.kellymoore.com and click on the store locator).

A unique Kelly Moore Account # 605-DI4711 has been set up to allow you to take advantage of our wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products, saving you time and money. We invite you to visit any of our stores and ask to use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese. This year our gift back to the Diocese was \$1000.

We are committed to providing you quality products and excellent service at a fair price. When you use the unique KM Club Account # 605-DI4711 for your purchases we at Kelly Moore will track the net sales dollars before tax annually and award a percentage of the sales back to the Diocese in the form of a rebate check. Your home, parish and school improvement projects can in this way to contribute to the mission of the Church in Oakland. Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 3	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Arthur Romero
Monday, April 4	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, April 6	7:30 a.m.	Angelita Romero Birthday
Friday, April 8	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 9	4:30 p.m.	Arthur Romero

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	Easter Sunday	\$7,885.05
Other Collection	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,048.01
	Rice Bowl	\$830.60
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$8,859.29
Total Income for February 2016		\$528.53
Total Expense for February 2016		\$7,669.99
Ending balance as of February 29, 2016		\$1,717.83

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of February 29, 2016	\$912.03
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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

APRIL 9/10, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
G. Green	L. Robertson	L. Galloway #
B. Burns	M. Soublet	M. Nubie
		C. McIntyre*
		L. Hall-Ervin*

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB