

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL STUFFED TOY, SOCKS, AND ART SUPPLY DRIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LADIES AND KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER, COURT AND COUNCIL 336



Begin now through April 13th, 2017. Please bring **all new items** to any of the St. Benedict Mass; look for the big red bin in the rear of the church, and place your item(s) in the bin, on the table or where it will fit. We will gladly collect them all and deliver to the Children Hospital of Oakland on Good Friday, April 14th, 2017! Thanks in advance for your generous support! Contact Lady Lil Brown-Parker (lilparkerhi@gmail.com); and Lady Reese Fernandes of Ct. 336 for questions and/or additional info.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Ladies of KPC Ct. 336 are having their annual scholarship fundraiser.

Place: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA
 Date: April 22, 2017
 Donation: \$45.00
 Contact Person: Audrey Ricks - (510) 278-5519
 Wallita Sykes-Bush - (510) 415-1873

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.

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.

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**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, March 26		
Monday, March 27	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 28	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 29	9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP Food Give Away Parish Hall
	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Light of Lights (Candle Lighting Ceremony) Parish Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study Parish Center
Thursday, March 30		
Friday, March 31	12 Noon & 6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Church
	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class Parish Hall
Saturday, April 1		

PLEASE JOIN US!

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

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

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
 PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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, physicians treated a variety of illnesses with saliva because they believed it had curative powers. In today's Gospel, Jesus approach is a man who was born blind, spits on the ground, makes a paste of dirt and saliva, and smears this paste on the man's eyes. After watching off this mixture in the pool of Siloam, the man is able to see.

Some overly legalistic Pharisees objected to what Jesus did because he did it on the Sabbath. Says they considered making peace with saliva and dirt to be at work, they interpreted Jesus actions as a clear violation of the command to keep the Sabbath holy.

The Pharisees interrogated the man born blind about what had happened, but when the man defended Jesus, they became indignant and accused him of being a sinner from the moment of his birth. Because people in biblical times did not know about viruses and germs, they believe send was the cause of all pain and suffering. The Pharisees concluded the man was born blind because God was punishing him for something either he or his parents did. He was a sinner, they reasoned, because he had experience the effects of sin from the day he was born.

This story is one of the seven miracles reported in the Gospel according to John. Most of the "signs" (that's what John calls them) lead into one of the seven discourses or sermons of Jesus we find in this Gospel. Although physical in nature, each miracle also has a spiritual meaning which becomes clear in the discourse that follows it.

Jesus gave sight to the blind man and this person then preach to those who were spiritually blind (those who did not accept Jesus as the Messiah). So a physical cure set the stage for teaching about the need for spiritual healing.

For reading and with Jesus saying he came to divide the world and that some people will be blind because of him while others will regain their sight. In the original Greek language of the Gospels, Jesus clearly is not talking about the purpose of his mission but rather about its effect. There will be divisions because some people will believe in Jesus and others won't. Some of those considered spiritually blind will see Jesus as their

messiah while the respective spiritual leaders will not accept Jesus. Historically, that's exactly what happened.

Are we more like the blind man who needed Jesus or are we like the Pharisees who believed they were spiritually superior to others? Pray that we might see where we need spiritual healing.

That question comes to us at a very opportune time after society continues to debate around immigration issues. The Diocese of Oakland has been sponsoring various immigration workshops with the hope of informing Catholics in the East Bay about the role of the Church in welcoming immigrants, and how we as individuals and as a parish communities are invited to respond.

There has been some discussion among priests of the diocese about whether or not to declare individual parishes and/or the diocese has a whole as sanctuary; whether our churches can be considered safe places where those who are undocumented can find refuge from immigration and law enforcement personnel. I am aware that a number of parishes with in the diocese have themselves as safe places and sanctuary sites for the undocumented immigrants. Bishop Barber and the Diocese of Oakland have been very strong and forthright in declaring our support for the undocumented as being consistent with Catholic Social Teaching. I am interested in hearing your opinion and thoughts about this issue, and whether or not we have a parish should follow suit. Please let me or members of the Parish Pastoral Council know your feelings on this and what we should do as a St. Benedict community.

Continued prayers and blessings as we together journey through this Lenten Season!

*God bless,
Father Jayson*

Please pray for:

Melanie Tervalon

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

Days of Abstinence:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and God Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals) to all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday – April 13th at 6:30 pm followed by potluck

Lent ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Good Friday, April 14th at 1:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 15th – 8:00 pm

The Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Monday, April 17th, 8:00 am Mass

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Saint Peter Claver Council #212 will be hosting their Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 9 after the 830 and 11 AM Masses. The cost is \$5 for adults & \$3 for kids. Come and fellowship with your parish family & bring a friend!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 26	8:30 a.m.	Percy H. Amos, Jr.†
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, March 27	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 29	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, March 31	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 1	4:30 p.m.	Lesieli Tohi†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	March 19, 2017	\$3,890.71
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$190.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,275.80
Total Income for February 2017	\$695.75
Ending balance as of February 28, 2017	\$3,971.55

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2017	\$1,109.34
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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

APRIL 1/2, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Garibaldi	L. Bornor #	M. Nubie #
L. Palmeri	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	C. Dixon
	J. Matthews *	O. Wanzo *
		G. McCullough *

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
PERCY H. AMOS, JR.
(brother of Yvonne Miller)
Please remember his family in your prayers.