

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, June 25			
Monday, June 26	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, June 27	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, June 28	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Distribution of Food Bags	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, June 29	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, June 30	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
Saturday, July 1			

PLEASE JOIN US!



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 PASTORAL PLANNING

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle	Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola	Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete	Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine
Sidney Fernandes
Jules Garibaldi
Romel Lucas
Emma Morton
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

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES 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

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and St. Joseph Cemeteries.
Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel at (510) 362-0424 or www.cfcsoakland.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to be afraid of anyone who can destroy both our body and soul in Gehenna. Gehenna is the Jewish name for the underworld and it is sometimes also called Hades or She'ol.

The Jewish people in Jesus' day believed the earth was flat and they pictured Gehenna as the area beneath the earth where all people went after they died. There were three layers to Gehenna and the layer a person ended up in depended on one's deeds while on earth.

The top layer was a place where the deceased waited twelve months until the consequences of their actions were clear. Those who God judged to have led a good life remained in the top layer awaiting their reward at the end of the world, but those who led wicked lives were sent to one of the two lower layers. The specific layer depended on the nature of the crimes committed.

Some rabbis believed God showed mercy on the Sabbath by quenching the fires, but other rabbis thought the flames were continuous.

Christians called Gehenna "hell," and in the Apostles' Creed we say Jesus ascended into hell before rising from the dead. This means Jesus visited the top layer of Gehenna to take to their reward those whom God had already judged righteous.

How would you describe hell? Would you act differently if you found out there wasn't a hell? Why or why not?

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, it's a rare occasion that many of us would actually know someone famous, and as a daily reader to the New York Times, I consider anyone featured in "the Gray Lady" to be famous. For whatever reason, I seldom miss glancing at the Times in the morning, and last Sunday was an example of my glaring oversight. In article, featuring our own Rosina and Leon Watson, was written in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision Loving vs. Virginia, in which the High Court ruled in favor of an interracial couple who were charged and jailed for having violated

Virginia's anti-misogyny laws. Loving vs. Virginia struck down such laws, and eventually paved the way for marriage equality within our country. Leon and Rosina were trailblazers in allowing their love for each other and God's call for them to join, be fruitful and multiply as a response of the heart and soul! Please get a chance to read that wonderful New York Times article on our own Watson family! We are so proud of you!

I have asked Dionne Cola to serve as St. Benedict parish's Pastoral Associate. This non-paid position fulfills a function she already serves, which is to act as an assistant for parish pastoral responsibilities for St. Benedict. Dionne is tireless in her work to support the ministry of the parish

Fr. Paul Vassar will be rejoining us after his absence over the past few months. Fr. Paul has been the temporary parochial administrator of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton during the absence of their pastor for health reasons. It is good to have him back with us.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson

Please pray for:

Bobbie Brown
Anita Recania



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

This year's Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, July 9, 2017 and Mass will be celebrated at the picnic site at 9:30 am. All parishioners are invited. See the picnic flyer for more details.

LINE DANCE CLASS LUNCHEON

On August 5, 2017 the line dancing class will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a luncheon and dance. Everyone is invited to attend. Ticket price is \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. Doors open at noon, lunch will be served at 1:00 and we will dance, Dance, DANCE until 4:00. There are less than 50 tickets left. If you're interested, contact Jo Soublet ASAP. jcsoublet2@comcast.net or (510) 782-3546. Profits from ticket and beverage sales will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 25	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Arthur Romero (L)
Monday, June 26	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 28	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 30	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 1	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	June 18, 2017	\$3,702.15
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$10.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$5,767.75
Total Income for May 2017	\$876.00
Ending balance as of May 31, 2017	\$6,643.75

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of May 31, 2017	\$1,195.24
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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

JULY 1/2, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Soublet	L. Bornor #	J. Smithson-Bell
B. Burns	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	J. Wilson #
	J. Matthews *	L. Brown-Parker *
		A. Ricks *

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL