

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL 336**

Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Red Hawk Casino. Donation \$35.00 per person (5 hours stay). Make checks payable to KPC Council 336. Reservation deadline: September 13, 2017. Sorry, no refunds after deadline. For information call: Marvin Millet (510) 638-7263 or Herb Houston (510) 387-7673, Leonard Pete (510) 917-2390 or Clayton Foster (510) 333-1403.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is at *San Damiano Retreat Center*, Danville on September 29- October 1st. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org)

**ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK**

will be hosting a Two-Day Bible Study Retreat on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 9PM and Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM. Our retreat leader is Sister Toinette Eugene, PhD. The cost is \$30, which includes evening snacks, course materials and lunch on Saturday. **Pre-registration is required.** Please pick-up a flyer for full details or contact Shipwreck's Church Office (415) 468-3434.

**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.

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

**Sunday, July 30**

**Monday, July 31**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Tuesday, August 1**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm National Night Out Block Party Parish Grounds

**Wednesday, August 2**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Thursday, August 3**

**Friday, August 4**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

**Saturday, August 5**  
12 Noon - 4:00 pm Line Dancing Class Luncheon Parish Hall

**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  
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



**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

**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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Last week we talked about how the evangelists did not write the Gospel accounts until many years after the events took place. You may wonder why the early Christians didn't immediately record what Jesus said and did. The answer to this question is pretty simple.

The early Christians expected Jesus to return to the earth within their lifetime so that he could defeat all evil, conquer the world, and then fill the world with peace and justice. This second coming of Jesus (also known as the *parousia*) would signal the beginning of the reign of God at the end of the world.

Believing that the end of the world was near, the early Christians didn't consider it necessary to write down what Jesus said and did. They expected the apostles and those who knew Jesus to live until he returned, which would insure that Jesus' teachings did not get distorted.

When the world did not end as soon as expected, the followers of Jesus feared that all of the eyewitnesses would be dead before he returned and there would be no one left to guarantee the accuracy of the stories about him. So they decided to write down Jesus' words and teachings so that future generations of Christians would have a reliable account.

Let's take a look at the parables in today's Gospel. In the first parable, a man sells all he has so that he can buy a field containing a buried treasure. In the second parable, the merchant sells all he has so he can buy a valuable pearl. The treasure and the pearl stand for the reign of God. Just as both the man and the merchant gave up everything when they found what they wanted, Jesus encourages us to be willing to give up everything for the sake of the reign of God.

That's exactly what the early Christians did. Some of them suffered persecution and some of them even died for their faith in Jesus. Recalling these parables gave them the courage they needed to give up all they had, even their lives, for the growth of the reign of God.

How much are we willing to give for something depends on how valuable it is to us. How much would we be willing to sacrifice for the reign of God?

The School of Pastoral Ministry forms adults to be a "missionary disciples," inspired and equipped to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to their families, parishes, and the wider world. The Diocese of Oakland is now

accepting applications for Fall 2017. Classes begin August 12, and applications are due August 11. This is the same program that Dionne Cola, Julie Hadnot and Deacon Ron Tutson completed. Register online at [oakdiocese.org/spm](http://oakdiocese.org/spm) or contact Sandra Martinez at the Diocese at (510) 267-8371 or [smartinez@oakdiocese.org](mailto:smartinez@oakdiocese.org)

In my hopes of keeping you informed about my comings and goings, I will be away from the parish from Monday, August 7th to Friday, August 25. I have to be at a funeral in Honolulu on Tuesday, August 8, a 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 13, a vigil and a funeral on August 14 and 15, all in Honolulu. I will remain at St. Augustine by-the-Sea parish on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu until Friday August 25, spending time with my sisters and brothers and other family located on O'ahu, as well as helping out in the parish.

I received a phone call from Father Ken Hamilton, SVD and he informed me that fellow SVD priest, Fr. Aris Martin, is relocating to the East Bay and has been accepted into the doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Fr. Ken asked if we had room here at St. Benedict to take Fr. Aris as he begins and completes his studies. I met with Fr. Aris and find him to be a very friendly and intelligent person whose presence will be an asset here. Fr. Aris will be joining us on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Vassar will continue his active ministry in our parish.

God bless,  
*Fr. Jayson*

Please pray for:



Anita Recania

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Parish Bible Study provides the nourishment from Scripture that compliments the nourishment we receive in the Eucharist. Participants will: Encounter Christ, Foster Christian Community and grow in understanding the Bible. Come, join Deacon Ron and other participants for Scripture Study on the Gospel of Luke. Scripture Study begins on Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center for 12 sessions thru the month of November 29, 2017. Study sets which include a Bible Commentary and a Study Guide are \$15.95, payable to St. Benedict Church.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out will be hosted by St. Benedict's on Tuesday, August 1st from 6pm-8pm. There will be booths from the Oakland Zoo, blood drive and a children's booth, as well as others. There will be music, raffles, line dancing and a performance by the St. Benedict's choir. We are in need of donations of non-expired gift cards, individually wrapped cookies, chips and juice boxes. These items can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours or to Tara Sykes after 11am Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

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 only 13 tickets left. If you're interested, contact Jo Soublet ASAP. [jcsoublet2@comcast.net](mailto:jcsoublet2@comcast.net) or (510) 782-3546. Profits from ticket and beverage sales will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Bishop Barber cordially invites all the Faithful of the Diocese to join him to celebrate the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. A solemn Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Monday, July 31 at 5 p.m. The guest homilist is Father Michael Czerny, SJ, Secretary of the Migrants and Refugees Office of the Vatican.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul September 15-17, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area). If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email us at [Srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:Srllaguna@doc1633.org). Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: [Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.](https://www.facebook.com/DaughtersofCharity), follow us at [Twitter.com/DofCharity](https://twitter.com/DofCharity) or read about us on [www.DaughtersOfCharity.com](http://www.DaughtersOfCharity.com). Register for the retreat at [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 30	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Alma Douresseau†
Monday, July 31	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 2	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 4	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, August 5	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>July 23, 2017</b>	\$3,725.07
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$30.00
	Saint Vincent de Pul	\$1,271.71

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$6,643.75
Total Income for June 2017	\$622.43
<b>Ending balance as of June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$7,266.18</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$1,195.24</b>
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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

AUGUST 5/6, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L. Palmeri	L. Robertson	J. Smithson-Bell
J. Soublet	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	L. Galloway #
		L. Brown-Parker *
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**ANTHONY CURTIS**  
(Uncle of Santor Curtis)  
Please remember his family in your prayers.

Funeral Service:

Monday, July 31, 2017, 11:00 AM  
St. Benedict Church

SECOND COLLECTION  
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND