

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women, invite all to join them at a Prayer Breakfast, September 16, 2017 9:30-12:30, Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA. Please join us in welcoming our speaker, author Annette Baber! Annette was born and raised into a Jewish Orthodox family. She committed her life to Christ 48 years ago after a life shattering crisis leads her to cry out for salvation! She begged the Father to save her family and amid many miracles, one by one her family members turned their lives over to Christ. Come and hear her fascinating testimony and how she has served the Lord since that incredible night. Men are always welcome to attend! **Tickets are \$33/\$40 after Sept. 9th. Go to www.magnificat-ministry.net for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARTHUR J. KNATT, JR. MARCH 21ST, 1939 - JULY 26TH, 2017

The family wishes to announce a Memorial Mass to celebrate Arthur's home going on Saturday, August, 26th, 2017, 12noon, St. Benedict Catholic Church, Fr. Jay Matthews, Officiating. A repast to follow in the Parish Hall immediately following service. Contact Lil Brown-Parker, 510-206-9942 (lilparkerhi@gmail.com); and/or Jakia Parker, 510-206-7021 for questions and/or additional info.

HOPE FOR HAITI MINISTRY

3rd Annual "White Party" on Saturday, August 26, 2017, 4-8 PM at St. Columba Parish House Garden, 6401 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland. Attire: All "White". Wine, Food, Silent Auction, Prizes. Music by The Randy Moore Jazz Trio!! \$30 donation. Advance tickets only. Checks to Hope for Haiti. Tickets and info: Elena Gaudet, 510-684-4837; Tom Luce, 510-575-6326. Thank you for 8 years of continued generosity. You make a big difference in the lives of our 100 children.

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.

2017 MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events			
Sunday, August 20	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Mass	Church
Monday, August 21	1:00 pm	SVDP Regular Meeting	Parish Center
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, August 22	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, August 23	9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP - Distribution of Food Bags	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, August 24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day	Parish Center
Friday, August 25	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
Saturday, August 26	4:30 pm	Mass	Church

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

Ms. 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

Miss 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:



The Jews had every reason to be proud that they were God's chosen people. After all, they were God's instruments and God was working through them in a special way. But because of this pride, some Jews looked down at other people as being inferior and sometimes they even refer to Gentiles as

dogs.

Some Jewish leaders thought their special relationship with God entitled them to certain honors and privileges. They believe the Messiah (also known as the Son of David because he was supposed to be a descendent of King David) would come only for the Jewish people. Through him, God would lead them in battle, defeat their enemies, and establish his reign on earth. As a Jew, Jesus was familiar with this belief.

In today's Gospel reading, a Canaanite woman calls Jesus the Son of David. Although she is not Jewish, she acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah because she wants him to heal her daughter.

At first, Jesus doesn't reply to the woman. Later, he explained to her that he, the Messiah, is supposed to go to just those who belonged to the house of Israel (the Jews). The woman persists but Jesus doesn't give in. He replied that he cannot throw the food of the children (the Jews) to the dogs (the Gentiles), echoing the popular belief that the Messiah is just for the Jews.

The Canaanite woman is stubborn and she reminds Jesus that even the dogs get what the children don't want. The suggestion is clear. If the Jewish leaders won't except him as the Messiah, then maybe Jesus should turn to the Gentiles. Historically, that's exactly what happened.

In the Acts of the Apostles and in St. Paul's epistles, we find that the apostles first preach to the Jews but then turn to the Gentiles when fewer Jews than expected put their faith in Jesus. Like the woman in today's Gospel, many Gentiles accepted Jesus and, as a result, Christianity spread throughout the world.

Carefully read today's Gospel. What reason does Jesus give for granting the woman's request? Pray this week that we will become more like the Canaanite woman.

As I am writing this, I am enjoying my vacation at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church on the shores of Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. I admit that I have been spending time at work, albeit not at the same level as back in Oakland, but working nonetheless. Funerals and vigils/wakes, as well as parish obligations such as presiding at Mass and hearing confessions have kept me busy, alongside numerous family obligations and visits.

Like many of you, I have been keeping keenly abreast of the tragedy that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia last Saturday, but more particularly attuned to Trump's

sad and pathetic response not only to the incident, but to race relations in general. Like many, I have long been concerned about his mental fitness and suitability for office, and although I am not surprised to see these events and his reactions unfold in this manner, I am actually frightened by the power he holds and those who continue to support him.

I respect the OFFICE of the Presidency, but I have never liked nor respected the current occupant. Long before he was a candidate for the presidency, I have considered him a media joke, a loud mouth charlatan and a racist. Words can't begin to describe my sheer anger over his attempts to discredit President Obama's Hawaii both records, regarding them and the format of those records as fake. Birth records from the same state as my parents, calling into question the validity of the Hawaii Department of Health records. I am still stunned that anyone voted for this pathetic person, and even more shocked that he became president. I am sickened by him and the racist "dog whistles" that come from his mouth and the measly responses that come from his lackeys.

I am deeply encouraged by how the faith community in Charlottesville responded to last week's events. I am hoping that as East Bay faith leaders, we can rise up and resist these forces of evil when they come to protest in the Bay Area.

Our very own Dr. Chiquita Tuttle was a candidate for the City of Oakland's Police Review Commission. Although she was not selected, Chiquita found the experience to be enlightening and informative. Thank you Chiquita for stepping up to the plate and for your willingness to serve.

Parishioners Leonard Pete and Tara Sykes will be representing St. Benedict at a national youth training conference in San Antonio, Texas. The parish has been provided funding by Lifeteen, a national Catholic youth program. I am hoping that they will return with great information to help us begin something here.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Anita Recania
Emelda Wright



NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 – 2018 FAITH FORMATION (CCD)

Religious Education Program will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Registration forms for students in grades 1-8 are available at the back of the church. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 1, 2017.

PARISH BIBLE 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.

PARISH OUTREACH EVENT

Community Outreach Staff from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland will be here on Saturday, September 9 & Sunday, September 10, 2017 to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. After each Mass, there will be a short presentation along with a question and answer session in the Parish Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CONGRESS

On Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8am – 4pm at the Cathedral Parish of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612. Cost \$20.00. For more information, please contact Raquel Vazquez at 510-532-2068 at St. Jarlath or Martha Marquez at 510-530-0761 at St. Lawrence O'toole.

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.

A'S CELEBRATE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Join us to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness with the A's on Sunday, September 11, 2017. Tickets are \$20.00. Game starts at 1:05 p.m. Get tickets for our raffle; \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Prizes include Sean Manaea Watch, A's Blanket, Apron with A's Logo. All proceeds benefit the KPCLA Court #336 Scholarship Fund. For tickets contact: D. Minor 415-310-6582, Tara Sykes 510-898-8845 or Mallory Trevigne 510-384-6540.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 20	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Carl Washington†
Monday, August 21	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 23	7:30 a.m.	Malou Hernandez (L)
Friday, August 25	7:30 a.m.	Candelaria Bantay†
Saturday, August 26	4:30 p.m.	Doralee Santi†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	August 13, 2017	\$2,766.37
	"100" Club	\$15.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,266.18
Total Income for July 2017	\$570.00
Ending balance as of July 31, 2017	\$7,836.18

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of July 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

AUGUST 26/27, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Moore	G. Johnson	S. Gressel
J. Garibaldi	C. Ologbosele	J. Wilson #
		O. Wanzo *
		W. Sykes-Bush **

SECOND COLLECTION
MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN - THIS WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
MALIK JELANI DAVIS
(the nephew of John Wilson)
Please remember his family in your prayers.