

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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

<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
<b>Monday, November 13</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, November 17</b>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	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

**Rev. Jayson Landeza**  
PASTOR

**Ms. Dionne Cola**  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**  
CLERGY SUPPLY

**Rev. Aris Martin, SVD**  
IN RESIDENCE

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



These past few weeks here at St. Benedict parish have been a whirlwind of wonderful activity, all of which has been guided by the work of the Holy Spirit. The parish homecoming, the 30th Ordination Anniversary celebration, and the Revival that we just experienced this past week, have been blessed and joy-filled events indeed!

I am writing this on Tuesday evening, after our second evening of the Revival led by Josephite Father Anthony Bozeman. I can't begin to describe my excitement about how the Revival has nourished my spiritual life over these past few days. All of us receive a variety of blessings from being a part of this past week, and we glean and appropriate for ourselves what we need from these spiritually enriching evenings. Many of us have resolved to increase our prayer life, while others have committed themselves to be more Christ-like in their approach to others. I will be more committed to giving thanks and praise to God for all that God has done for me. An attitude of gratitude is something I try to embrace. Another element of Fr. Bozeman's teachings has been for me to be more forgiving and compassionate toward those who have hurt me. As he mentioned, quite a number of us have hardened hearts, unwilling or unable to forgive and to let past hurts go. Perhaps the need to allow Jesus to heal painful memories which continue to linger is a another takeaway from Fr. Bozeman's presence with us this past week.

The sheer joy and enthusiasm with which Fr. Bozeman shares his ministry is profoundly moving and captivating. He is indeed touched by the Holy Spirit, and God has given him the gift of touching hearts, minds and souls during our November celebration of Black Catholic History Month. It's important as a church family to remember and recognize the enormous contributions by descendants of the African diaspora to the life of the Catholic Church.

I am particularly grateful to Pastoral Associate Dionne Cola, who along with Dr. Chiquita Tuttle, Parish Council Chair, experienced Fr. Bozeman at

last summer's National Black Catholic Congress in Orlando, Florida. They were the ones who helped facilitate Fr. Bozeman's presence here this week. Much thanks to our Minister of Music, Leonard Pete and the Voices of St. Benedict, for leading us in song and prayer. Divina and Romy Cabrera were pivotal in helping to organize our receptions, and so I am grateful to them as well.

My hope is to have an annual Revival, something similar to the Rawn Harbor Workshop Choir week that my previously parish had on a yearly basis. As a parish, we would also have to budget for these events in the future. It's important that we continue to allow the Spirit to nourish our faith journey, and Revivals such as we experienced helps us to do just that, praise God!

The church shooting last week in Texas continues to weigh heavy on our national consciousness, yet we continue to do nothing on a legislative level. As a country we need to do something, anything, to help stop this scourge of mass shootings. Anything.

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national collection to help fund local non-profits seeking to improve the lives of people within our communities. I sit on the diocesan CCHD Board, so I know first-hand how those funds are dispersed and utilized. Please be generous with your kindness to the work of CCHD.

Saddened to hear of the death of Brandon Pakemon, the grandson of our parishioner AV "Butch" Ervin and the nephew of our 8:30 AM Mass cantor Bev Ervin. We hold the Ervin family in our thoughts and prayers and we continue to work to end gun violence in our Oakland neighborhoods.

God Bless,  
*Fr. Jayson Landeza*

*Please pray for the sick, especially:*

Anita Recania  
Lisa Trevigne



NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am. Please bring the bread and wine you will serve for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed during Mass. After Mass, there will be an Open House at the Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome. The Mass on Friday, November 24 will be celebrated at 8:00 am.

HOLIDAY TRADITION - HALLELUJAH! LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER 2017

**Sunday, December 10, 2017 - 4:00 pm, Paramount Theater, Oakland.** Celebrate life, love, and the holidays with your community, the Oakland Symphony, and the Oakland Symphony Chorus. With over 200 voices from four choirs, including the Oakland Interfaith Choir, and guest artists, this year's concert pays tribute to musical legends Prince and Leonard Cohen in a joyful mix of tradition and the unexpected. Ticket prices range from \$15 - \$60; discount for groups of 10 or more. Online Tickets - oaklandsymphony.org. Tickets by Phone - 510-444-0802, Box Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9am - 4pm.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please respond to Pope Francis' call for the 1<sup>st</sup> World day of the Poor on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Next Week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

"HAIRITAGE - THE PLAY"

2017 "HAIRitage - The Play" being presented by Pearl & Ivy Community Corporation in conjunction with Alpha Nu Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on Saturday, November 18th at the Farnsworth Theatre located at 1225 Skyline Blvd. on the (Skyline HS Campus) in Oakland, CA. The ticket prices are \$30.00 for general admission for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12 years of age and is a wonderful production that the entire family can enjoy!! "HAIRitage The Play tells the evolution of the Black woman's hair. Funny, deep and inspiring, HAIRitage opens a deeper conversation around social perceptions, femininity and how hair impacts the lives of Black women. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://alphanuomega1929.org> or email: [info@pearlivy.org](mailto:info@pearlivy.org) for more information. The proceeds from this event benefits our Scholarship program for high school and college students. The Pearl & Ivy Community Corp. (PICC) is a non profit entity which provides tax exempt exemptions for our supporters, donors and benefactors.

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>November 5, 2017</b>	\$5,069.11
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$434.59
<b>"100" CLUB</b>		
Beginning Balance		<b>\$9,075.45</b>
Total Income for October 2017		\$893.43
<b>Ending balance as of October, 2017</b>		<b>\$9,968.88</b>
<b>PENNY HARVEST</b>		
<b>Ending Balance as of October 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$1,244.15</b>

*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

NOVEMBER 18/19, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	D. Cola
K. Webster	L. Noriega	C. Dixon
		C. Hadnot *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**SOANE MALIA MAUSIA**  
(Cousin of Mele Percival)  
Please remember his family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION  
THE VICTIMS OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE - THIS WEEKEND