

LADIES AUXILLIARY ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL & COURT 336 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Golden Gate Fields (The Turf Club) on April 21, 2018. Donation \$51.00 per person. Please make check payable to KPC Council 336, or KPCLA Court 336. For more information please call: Audrey Ricks (510) 258-6470 or Lottie Sonnier (510) 635-3384 or Gloria McCullough (510) 604-3833. Thank you for your support.

CBCF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship
Amount: \$3,000 each (10 recipients)
Application Deadline: April 20, 2018**

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship
Amount: \$3,000 each (10 recipients)
Application Deadline: April 20, 2018**

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship
Amount: Varies (\$500 - \$8,200)
Application Deadline: May 18, 2018**

CBC Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program, sponsored by United Health Foundation

Amount: Varies ~ (Minimum \$8000)
Application Deadline: Check website

Contact Regina Guillory, District Agent @ 510.467-9787 or <https://cbcfinc.academicworks.com/opportunities> For Details

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.

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. 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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events			
Sunday, April 15	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, April 16	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Tuesday, April 17	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Wednesday, April 18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study	Center
Thursday, April 19	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, April 20	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, April 21	4:30 pm	Mass	Church

PLEASE JOIN US!

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**

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	



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

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:



In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples to preach penance for the remission of sins. Many of us think of penance as something old fashioned that our parents or grandparents did a long time ago, not as something we do today. Before we dismiss this ancient spiritual practice, we should first take a better look at what it really is and how it fits into our spiritual lives.

I'm sure you've heard the expression "I'd give my right arm if I could only have _____ (fill in the blank)," an expression that means I want something so much I am willing to suffer for it if I have to. If am not willing to suffer for something, then it's doubtful I really value it. We can use this same reasoning when we talk about doing penance for our sins.

Jesus encourages us to do penance as a way of telling God we really want forgiveness. So penance is a way we communicate to God that God's forgiveness is so important to us we are even willing to sacrifice or suffer for it. It's always good for us to remember that forgiveness comes from Jesus, not from something we do.

In the past, we associated penance with giving up something, especially food. Until recently, Catholics fasted and abstained from meat each Friday (the day of the week Jesus died on the cross) as a sign they really did want God to forgive them. A problem arose when they sometimes forgot why they were fasting and did it only because it was church law.

Another thing we need to remember is that penance is not always giving up something. It also may involve visiting a sick friend or shopping for an elderly neighbor. It might mean spending a little extra time in prayer or attending church services on a weekday. Whatever the penance is, we can be sure it will get God's attention.

Make a list of some of the ways we can do penance. From this list choose one thing you will do this week to show God you really value God's forgiveness.

There's a lot of cool and exciting things going on here at St. Benedict these days - we've got a wine

tasting fundraiser taking place next week, sponsored by our St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council and Catholic Funeral and Cremation Services (CFCS), the Diocese of Oakland's mortuary and cemetery department. As you may know, grape vines are grown on our diocesan cemetery properties, and the harvest grapes are used to make the wine we use at Mass. Other wines are made as well and marketed under "The Bishop's Vintage." We will be sampling some of those varietals at next week's gathering. Looking forward to seeing you at this fun fundraiser!

You may also notice that there Sundays where I am not around. Since St. Benedict is the closest parish to the Oakland Coliseum, I was asked by the diocese upon my arrival here three years ago to assume pastoral responsibility for providing Sunday Mass to the Oakland A's during baseball season - that Mass is usually at 9:30 AM, which means that often I either have to rush out of the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass or have Fr. Aris or Fr. Vassar preside. As well, since my mother is a resident of Mercy Retirement and Care Center in the Fruitvale, it is not unusual, when they are unable to find a priest to preside at their 10:45 AM Sunday Mass, for me to be asked to assist. Since Mercy Charitable Fund is defraying the costs of my mother's care (our family is unable to afford such care), I feel an obligation to help at Mercy, for the sake of my mother. Thank you for understanding my occasional absences on Sunday mornings.

Next week I'll talk about a retired priest of the Diocese of Oakland who will be joining us in August...

God bless,
Fr. Jason Landeza



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out 2018 will be here before we know it. Anyone interested in serving on the NNO committee please contact Tara Sykes at tsykes6526@aol.com or Linda Palmeri at lindapalmeri@sbcglobal.net so that we can start planning for this event. Our first meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018 at 7:00 in the Parish Center. We encourage everyone to get involved.

DON'T MISS THIS!

Enjoy an afternoon of Wine Tasting, feasting on Delectable Delights, moving and grooving to the Smooth Jazz sounds of Bay Area Jazz Society, featuring the accomplished Mr. Paul Tillman-Smith and friends. This event will be on Sunday, April 22nd at 12:30. Tantalize your taste buds with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Primitivo, Rose', and Galilean Breeze Brut Rose,' all from the Bishop's Vineyards. Tickets are available now from any member of the Pastoral Planning Council. Bring family and friends and enjoy this fantastic fund raiser for our Church. Tickets are \$30 with all proceeds going to the parish renovations fund.

OCO

has been working for two years around the issue of illegal dumping of trash. The problem has increased since the housing crisis has worsened the situation. I'm going to give you some context about the work and the action. OCO is a member of the East Oakland Congress of Neighborhood. Along with this coalition of 6 organizations, we're going to do a community action on Monday, April 16th at 6pmi the St. Anthony Church's gym.

During this action with city officials, including the Mayor, Council members, and County Supervisors, we will demand funds for

- employing a team of inspectors to give fines to those throwing trash in our streets
- employing another team of clean-up workers
- cleaning of the streets by zone, not just in areas where it's reported
- lighting on our streets; to fix those that aren't working and put lights where there aren't any

These funds should be approved during the revision of the mid-cycle city budget during the upcoming months.

ST LOUIS BERTRAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

The 1st Annual Sister Thea Bowman Celebratory Mass
1410 100th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94603. (Sat) April 21, 2018 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Cultural attire welcomed. For more information: Joi Boatwright (510) 205-4062

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

is one of the great human rights challenges of this century.. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities – bought, sold, shared, abused and discarded. Ending SLAVERY is EVERYONE'S WORK. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Sistersagainstrafficking.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 15	8:30 am	For The People
	11:00 am	
Monday, April 16	7:30 am	Asuncion Domingo†
Wednesday, April 18	7:30 am	
Friday, April 20	7:30 am	
Saturday, April 21	4:30 pm	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	Easter Sunday	\$8,036.77
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$380.00
	Rice Bowl	\$1,340.30

Collection:	April 8, 2018	\$4,889.59
Other Collection:	Holy Land	\$372.27
	"100" Club	\$65.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$13,353.51
Total Income for March 2018	\$1,176.25
Total Expense for March 2018	\$1,098.23
Ending balance as of March 31, 2018	\$13,431.53

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2018	\$1,296.68
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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 21/22, 2018

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	L. Brown-Parker
J. Moore	L. Robertson	S. Gressel
		R. Guillory *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Eva Augillard
Charles Gault
Anita Recania



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SECOND COLLECTION

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND