

THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES

are celebrating 150 years of presence and ministry in California. Bishop Michael Barber will preside at a Eucharist Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. A reception will follow. All are welcome. Please RSVP to <http://www.snjmca150.org/>

ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter

Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter.

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.

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. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

CHOIR'S CORNER



WHAT'S GOING ON??
Interested in joining any of the Choirs?
Please feel free to contact

Music Director - Leonard Pete

510.917.2390 • thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com

Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.

Like our page on Facebook! We're titled
The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of James Flowers, Jr. (son of James Flowers, Sr.) Please remember his family in your prayers.

Funeral Service: Thursday, September 13, 2018
11:00 AM
CP Bannon Mortuary

ST. BENEDICT'S WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, September 9 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, September 10 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, September 11 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, September 12 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Bible Study	Hall Center
Thursday, September 13 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day	Center
Friday, September 14 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, September 15 4:30 pm	Mass	Church



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine	Linda Smith
Sidney Fernandes	Jaylynn St. Julian
Jules Garibaldi	Tara Sykes
Romel Lucas	Ofelia Wanzo



PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Linda Davis	Anita Recania
Betty Kennedy-Tapscott	Laura Scotlan
Kalene Parker	



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. Vincent Cotter
IN RESIDENCE

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



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The story in today's Gospel begins with some people bringing to Jesus a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Taking him aside, Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears and touches the man's tongue with saliva. Looking upwards as if he was asking God for help from above, Jesus says to the man, "Ephphatha", an Aramaic word that means "be open". Immediately, the man is able to hear and he begins to speak clearly.

While it may sound a bit crude to us, touching the man's tongue with saliva was an accepted medical practice. After observing animals licking their wounds to ward off infections, ancient people concluded that if saliva could promote healing in an animal, it could also help humans. But because people in Jesus' day didn't understand how or why saliva worked, they thought they could use it to cure all kinds of ailments, including blindness, deafness, and speech impediments.

Since Greek is the original language of the Gospels, some people wonder why the Gospel writer (Mark) didn't translate an Aramaic word like "ephphatha" into its Greek equivalent. Because Aramaic was the everyday language of first-century Palestinian Jews, including Jesus and the apostles, biblical scholars think the Gospel writer preserved "ephphatha" (and a few other Aramaic words we find in the Gospel) in its original language because Jesus actually spoke this word on the occasion described in this story. The written accounts of what Jesus said, although accurately reflecting the substance of the message, are not word-for-word transcripts of his sermons.

The fact that Mark tells us what "ephphatha" means indicates to us that his audience did not know Aramaic and was probably not Jewish. So Mark most likely wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians

Give thanks to God for giving us the ability to hear and speak! Pray this week for those who are unable to do so. Pray also for those who work with the hearing impaired and for speech therapists.

And speaking of therapists, I am writing this from Angwin, California, about 10 miles east of Napa. I am serving as a chaplain on a retreat team working with traumatized police officers, firefighters, dispatchers and paramedics. The West Coast Post Trauma Retreat is part of the First Responders Support Network, a dedicated group of clinicians, first-responder personnel, chaplains (like myself) and other experts and experienced folks in emergency response who have concerns about the effects of the accumulation of traumatizing events. In my 23 years as a first-responder chaplain for local and federal law enforcement agencies and fire departments, I've seen and experienced more than my share of horrific incidents, and buried more police officers than I can remember. I have also spent (and continue to spend) many hours in therapy in response to my desire for healing.

A typical week-long session includes both educational pieces and intensive group therapy, led by those of us who have years of personal experience in working with first-responders in recovery

and critical incidents. A major component for the week deals with alcohol and Alcoholics Anonymous, and the particular danger and risks that first-responders face in this area. The retreat is exhausting, but the results are spectacular, as folks begin a regimen of healing and recovery. God's hand is certainly at work through this process.

I am hoping to have an Animal Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. I'm tentatively planning this Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 am at St. Benedict. Please bring your pets to be blessed.

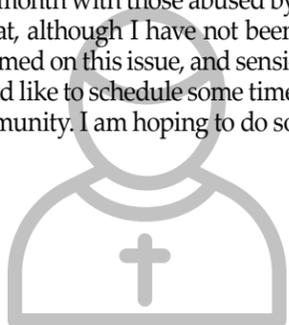
Congratulations again to Mr. Rufus Fisher, as we honored him last weekend with the Diocesan Medal of Merit. I had asked and recommended to Bishop Michael Barber that Mr. Fisher be awarded this distinguished honor in recognition of his many years of service to the parish and the Diocese of Oakland. Congratulations again, Mr. Fisher!

A reminder that Fr. Aris Martin, SVD, will be away for five months to assist in caring for his mother, who is seriously ill and in failing health back in the Philippines. Please continue to hold Fr. Aris and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Fr. Vince Cotter, our new retired priest in residence at St. Benedict, will be helping out with liturgies in Fr. Aris' absence. We anticipate Fr. Aris' return sometime in the early part of 2018.

One of the most discussed topics on the priest retreat this past has been clergy abuse crisis within the Catholic Church, particularly as it relates to three areas: the recently-released Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on sexual abuse by priests within the Catholic dioceses of the state; the resignation from the College of Cardinals and the removal of canonical faculties from retired Washington, DC Archbishop Theodore Cardinal McCarrick; comments by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, former Apostolic Nuncio (Vatican Ambassador) to the United States, directly criticizing Pope Francis regarding accusations against Cardinal McCarrick.

Just to let you know where I stand in all of this. My childhood best friend was sexually abused by a trusted priest (of the Diocese of Oakland) when we were growing up at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Berkeley. For seven years, I was a member of the Diocese of Oakland's outreach efforts to survivors of clergy sexual abuse, "No More Secrets", and I met twice a month with those abused by priests. I've been on a survivor retreat, although I have not been abused. I consider myself pretty informed on this issue, and sensitized to the needs of survivors. I would like to schedule some time for us to discuss this as a parish community. I am hoping to do so within the next couple of weeks.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza



ANNOUNCEMENTS



PARISH BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday,
Sept. 12, 2018 thru Sept. 26, 2018
at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

CCD CLASSES

Registration forms for students in grades 1 – 8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes will start on September 9, 2018 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. 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 7, 2018.

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Just a reminder folks: You can continue to support our fundraising efforts. If you enjoyed our wine tasting event and found one you especially liked, please continue to order and enjoy as the Church will receive a percentage of the purchase price which then goes to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Do you seek a new path? Are you listening to your heart? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul October 26-27, 2018 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 srlaguna@doc1633.org learn more at www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

A WELLNESS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Resolve to get well and be well this year.

Join the St. Benedict Wellness Group on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm to make lifestyle changes that will help to improve your overall wellness. It's about preventative changes to insure quality of life. Feel better, look better, perform better everyday. Adding this year, Saturday morning walks. Join the wellness movement!

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

Sunday	September 9	8:30 am 11:00 am	For The People Mary Bailey +
Monday	September 10	7:30 am	
Wednesday	September 12	7:30 am	
Friday	September 14	7:30 am	
Saturday	September 15	4:30 am	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection	September 2, 2018	\$4,150.75
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$743.01

100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$8,474.42
Total Income for August 2018	\$551.00
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2018	\$9,025.42

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of August 31, 2018	\$1,296.68
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LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 15/16, 2018

There is a practice and faith sharing session for these Lectors on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Rectory

4:30 pm	8:30 pm	11:00 pm
B. Burns	L. Bornor #	C. Dixon
G. McCullough	C. Ologbosele	R. Guillory
	J. Matthews *	M. Trevigne *

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