

Benediction Weekly

September 8, 2019

The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship and service.



TODAY IS OCEAN SUNDAY

During September St. Benedict's once again joins churches around the world as we observe the Season of Creation. Each Sunday we will focus on a different aspect of the natural world. Today we celebrate the Ocean—the masses of waters that cover two thirds of Earth's surface—a world of mystery and beauty, of fascinating depths and spectacular life forms—the source of the waters of life for all the planet. With deep gratitude we acknowledge our obligation to care for this precious gift from God.

This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 9:30 am – Messy Church family worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

Monday, Sep 9 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Sep 10

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck
- 7:15 pm – “*Earth Care, Soul Care*” with the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Wednesday, Sep 11

- 10:00 am – “*Healing the Earth*” workshop at UCC
- 4:15 pm – Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep 12

- 7:00 pm – Diocesan Risk Mgmt Training at St. James', PR

Saturday, Sep 14

- 9:00 am – Diocesan Conference, Salinas
- 9:00 am – Men's Breakfast – Budget Café, SLO
- 2:00 pm – G. Roger Bailey Guitar Concert
- 5:30 pm – Saturday Eucharist, followed by supper

Sunday, Sep 15 FAUNA SUNDAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 10:30 am – Children's Chapel
- 12:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Diocesan Risk Management Training

Charlie Cutler from ChurchWest Insurance Services will be holding a workshop covering risk management and church safety this week on Thursday September 12 at St. James, Paso Robles from 7-9pm. Intended for clergy, vestry, ushers, and youth program workers, this program will provide information and materials covering many of the emerging trends that form the basis for church liability, changing regulations, liability issues, and how protecting our youth is changing.

Benefit Concert for the G. Roger Bailey Guitar Scholarship featuring Romanian classical guitarist Mirecea Gogoncea – Saturday Sept 14 at St. Benedict's, 2-4 pm.

Bishop Mary's Farewell Party hosted by the SLO Deanery will be held on *Friday, Oct 11th* 6pm – 9pm at the SLO Masonic Lodge. Limited seats are available. RSVP by Sept 15 to John Cribb: johncribb@realtor.com (805) 235-6204. This event is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please make donations payable to St. Benedict's with the notation: “*Bishop's Celebration*”

Time to Renew Ralph's & Food4Less Community Cards

Ralph's and Food4Less require annual re-registration in their community rewards programs which enable St. Benedict's to receive a small percentage of every dollar spent.

Log-on to www.ralphs.com (or create an account if you are not already registered.) Enroll in the Community Rewards program, using St. Benedict's organization number #HV013.



Register your Food4Less card in the same way at www.food4less.com. Our organization number with them is #DH925.

Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Barry Turner; Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Lucas & Judy Schloss; Lectors: Jane Wu & Alan Kiste; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Esta Kandarian; Greeters: Alan Kiste, *pre* & Michael Lucas, *post*; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Diana Hammerlund; Tellers: Lorraine Schwenk & Rachel Espinosa; Prayer Team Member: Lisa Gonzalez; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you for your service!**



**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

ABUNDANCE SHOP – Thrift shop at 2025 9th St. Tues- Sat 10am-4pm.

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – Sundays during the 10:30 service.

COMMUNITY DINNER – Providing and serving food at SBCC, on 1st Thursday of odd-numbered months, in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

EARTHCARE – 3rd Weds 2:30 pm. Discussion/action group seeking local solutions to environmental concerns.

HEALING SERVICE – A time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE – Varying programs of stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

LAUNDRY LOVE - Helping low-income families with funds, soap, and friendly assistance at Osos Clean Laundry. 5-9pm on last Wednesdays.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Budget Cafe, 3121 S. Higuera SLO

MESSY CHURCH - Sunday morning family worship geared towards young children and busy families. 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Great Room at 9:30.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving lunch at 40 Prado, 1st Saturday of even-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO – On the 1st Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

SATURDAY EUCHARIST – Evening Eucharist on 2nd Saturdays at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers using varying liturgies, followed by potluck.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL
3rd Sundays at 12:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Pamela Bleisch Strawn, *Sr. Warden*,
Michael Lucas, *Jr. Warden*,
Lisa Gonzalez, *Treasurer*,
Diana Hammerlund, Alan Kiste,
Lorienne Schwenk, Deb Garza,
Lynn Wise, Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu.



Earth Care Programs

We are delighted to be welcoming the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas to the Central coast, sponsored by St Benedict's Earthcare and People of Faith for Justice.

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, an Episcopal priest, retreat leader, author, and climate activist, now serves the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts and Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, as Missioner for Creation Care. Read her blog at: www.RevivingCreation.org

Earth Care, Soul Care: Reflecting Together

Tuesday, September 10, 7:15pm at St. Benedict's

How can caring for the Earth become a spiritual practice that deepens our relationship with the Sacred? The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas will reflect on the local and worldwide movement to address climate change and how working to restore the web of life can help to heal our soul. (A similar presentation will be made at noon that day at Bethel Lutheran in Templeton as part of the PFJ brown bag lunch series.)

Healing the Earth, Healing Ourselves: Stepping into the Great Work

Wednesday, September 11, 10:00am-2:30pm at UCC of SLO 11245 LOVR

The ecological challenges of our time, including species extinction and climate change, cry out for decisive action. They also call for deep inner work, as we explore how to sustain our energy and hope, and as we look deeply into what it means to be human. Our gathering will include guided meditation, presentations, individual reflection, and small group sharing. Suggested donation: \$25 (includes a light lunch) Register at office@stbenslosos.org

An Opportunity for Which the Church Was Born – Diocesan Conference on the Stewardship of Climate Change, Sat., Sept 14, 9:30am-3:00pm at St. Paul's, Salinas

An informative event that examines climate change and its impact. Participants will receive information on the latest scientific understandings of the causes and effects of global warming, will explore how caring for the Earth is an integral part of living as the Jesus Movement, and will leave with practical tools to put their care into action. \$25 registration includes lunch. Register online at www.realepiscopal.org



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Relief and Development

Episcopal Relief & Development partners with dioceses as they respond to hurricanes and other tragic storms and we would like to invite you to

join this vital partnership. Your contribution to Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Relief Fund will support communities as they respond to storms like Hurricane Dorian. Your donation will meet urgent needs by providing critical supplies such as food, water and other basics and will help provide long-term assistance as needed.

Currently, members of ERD US Disaster Program are working closely in the path of Hurricane Dorian. In addition, the organization is working through the Anglican Alliance to support the Anglican Diocese of the Bahamas & the Turks and Caicos as they begin assessing the damage. The organization's Partners in Response and Resilience stand ready to respond in the coming weeks as the full extent of the slow-moving storm becomes clear. **To make a donation, please send checks, payable to Episcopal Relief & Development, to P.O. BOX 7058, Merrifield VA 22116-7058. Contributions may also be made by credit card at www.episcopalrelief.org**

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Keeping in Touch during the Week – Contact any of the clergy for counsel & spiritual care:

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall (805)704-5826; The Rev. Barry Turner (805)784-0670; The Rev. Susan Plucker (530)263-8540

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer requests: (805)771-8974

Church Office Hours Tuesday through Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm ~ Parish Administrator Laura DeLoye:

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