

Benediction Weekly

October 6, 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.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Today in the Season of Creation we observe the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, when the Church celebrates the life and witness of Francis, founder of the Franciscan and Clarissine Orders. Advocate for the poor, and friend of the animals, Francis believed that the Creator is praised through all creatures and, indeed, creation itself. It is in this spirit that many Episcopal churches offer animal blessings each year at this time. Today we will offer two **Blessing of the Animals** opportunities: at the South Bay Community Center lawn at 3:00pm, and at the Los Osos Middle School field at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, but we ask that dogs be leashed and other pets be suitably restrained. If your pet is not the sociable type, bring its photo for a blessing!

This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 10:30 am – Messy Church Family Worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist followed by potluck
- 3:00 pm – Blessing of Animals – SBCC lawn
- 4:00 pm – Blessing of Animals – LOMS field

Monday, Oct 7 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Oct 8

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Oct 9

- 4:15 pm – Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct 11

- 6:00 pm – Bishop's dinner at SLO Masonic Hall

Saturday, Oct 12

- 9:00 am – Men's Breakfast – Budget Café, SLO
- 5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist and dinner

Sunday, Oct 13

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 10:30 am – Children's Chapel
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

Annual Parish Gratitude Dinner

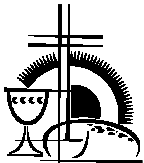
Friday, October 18 at 6:15 pm

Each year we celebrate our gratitude to God and each other for the many blessings we have received as part of St. Benedict's. The dinner is provided by the Parish Council and everyone is welcome, including those Abundance Shop volunteers who are not regular church members. We have much to be grateful for and it is a wonderful time to gather and remind ourselves of the abundance of God's love.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR POSITION OPEN

Laura DeLoye will be moving on after nine months as our administrator. If you know anyone who would be good in this job please let them know about the opportunity. Best practices suggest that it should NOT be a member of our congregation. Here's our ad:
A small, active church needs someone to assist the minister. This position is 3 mornings per week Tues-Thurs, for 3 hours each day. The successful candidate will be able to work with a variety of people by phone and email as well as in-person, and will be comfortable working alone. Typical activities include publicity for workshops and special events, scheduling church use and maintenance, database entry and upkeep, thank you letters and church-wide mailings. Requires confidence with MS Word and Excel, website skills a plus. Preference will be given to a person of faith. Please call us for complete job description. To apply please email resume with a cover letter.

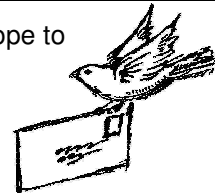
Evening Eucharist this Saturday at 5:30



St. Benedict's will have evening worship this Saturday followed by a simple supper. Join us!

When writing to JW, please address the envelope to J Wright, not JW Wright, using this address:

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And do not put your return address on the outside of the envelope.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas; Chalice Bearer: Lisa Gonzalez;
Lectors: Roz Malone & Jim Malone; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Maureen Titus;
Greeters: Steve Hirahara, *pre* & Michael Lucas, *post*; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Sharon Porter;
Potluck Hosts: Karin Cake & Pat Stoneman; Tellers: Alice Welchert & Mary Ellen Rico;
Intercessory Prayer Team: 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, 2pm.

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 Café, 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,
Susan Miller, Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu



Education for Ministry classes open

Education for Ministry (EfM) registration is now open for the class offered Wednesday afternoons at St. Benedict's, beginning in November. The four-year program is focused this year on "Living as Spiritually Mature Christians" and is open to all. You can register for each year separately; if you have taken EfM previously, but not completed it, you may start where you left off.

EfM will enhance your life, enrich your faith and increase your knowledge. It will also open the door for forging deep, meaningful, trusting relationship with marvelous people, all of whom are on unique journeys in their faith. Registration fee is \$375 and includes all books and materials; some scholarships are available. Carpooling is encouraged. Lisa Gonzalez and Lorienne Schwenk will serve as group mentors. For more information, contact Lisa at 805-544-2895 or lgonzo@fix.net.

Eclectia Lecture Series at St. Peter's

Professor Lenny Erickson's Fall Eclectia lecture series starts this week at St. Peter's, Morro Bay. Six presentations on a variety of topics from different speakers. Class meets on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 pm. at a cost of \$3 per class, or \$15 for the series.

- Oct 10 English Cathedrals: Film & Commentary
– *The Rev. Sid Symington and Lenny Erickson*
- Oct 17 Meditation
– *Dr. Ruth Cherry*
- Oct 24 A Trip to the Middle East and The Palestinian Question
– *Dr. Marti Lindholm*
- Oct 31 How to Read a Novel for More than Plot
– *Dr. Jonniepat Mobley*
- Nov 7 An Introduction to MMT: Modern Monetary Theory
– *Stanley K. Anderson*
- Nov 14 Homosexuality and the Bible
– *The Rev. Diann Davison & Terry Eslun*

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

On Thursday, October 24th, there will be a celebration of new ministry in Northern San Luis Obispo County. St. Luke's and St. James' congregations will be formally welcoming Deacon Jim Arnold into their midst. This will also mark the intentional beginning of discerning a renewed vital presence of the Episcopal Church in North County. **Bishop-elect Lucinda Ashby** will preside and preach at this service which begins at 6 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 295 Old Country Road, in Templeton.

Giving in September – St. Ben's General Operating Fund – Thank you!

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| Sept Income: \$ 11,784 | Sept Income Budgeted: \$ 14,156 | Difference: (\$ 2,372) shortfall |
| YTD Income: \$135,730 | YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 127,402 | Difference: \$ 8,328 surplus |

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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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