"Prepare the Way of the Lord" ✶ ADVENT 2017

ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Steward

DECEMBER 3, 2017 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
-- Mark 13:33

DAN MASTERTON,
Campus Minister

The word "service" gets thrown around a lot, which is often a good sign because it reflects the desires of a community to serve others, especially those in need. Service opportunities are a great thing to prioritize so that members of a community are consistently doing things for the benefit of others. When it comes to a Catholic community, it is important to be intentional and specific about what we strive to do in service.

There are moments for charity, when an emergent need warrants collections and distributions to address something urgent -- we need coats for cold weather, foods for barren food pantries, fundraising for disaster relief. There are also moments for justice, when people in society are not getting what is fair or properly due to them because of systemic failures -- we need legislative advocacy for affordable housing, public demonstrations for immigrants' and refugees' rights, civil disobedience of unjust laws. Though they arise as needs in different ways, serving both charity and justice is important.

In our secondary school, I try to expose our students to the need for justice by partnering with organizations that work with marginalized populations, people who are often overlooked or ignored by wider society. We visit senior centers like St. Paul's House and Chicagoland Methodist's Wesley Place to share social time and intellectually stimulating activities with people who are elderly and learn from them. We visit homes like Warren Park Health and Living Center and Misericordia to socialize, work, and learn alongside people with developmental disabilities. We work with Heartland Alliance and Habitat for Humanity to better understand housing issues and help put roofs over people's heads. We serve food and learn from the encounters with the clients of St. Columbanus Parish Food Pantry and Franciscan Outreach's Marquard Center.

All of these community connections facilitate opportunities for our students' service experience to be interpersonally focused. Whereas basic charity often requires collections, drives, and distributions, my hope in our secondary school is that our outings push students to consider justice at a deeper level. I want them to get beyond "having my eyes opened" or "being grateful for what I have" or "feeling good about helping someone." By meeting,

spending time with, and working with people who are marginalized, I hope the new relationship puts a name, face, and story to a previously abstract problem such that our young people can no longer ignore or overlook marginalization and the people it affects. This is solidarity-based service that focuses less on doing something for someone and more on doing something with someone. Then, our high school theology course challenges them to research the causes of marginalization, learn about local organizations, apply Catholic Social Teaching, and hypothesize a better way forward. This is how our parish's education ministry is striving to form young men and women who live a faith that seeks to do justice.

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER 3, 2017 *First Sunday of Advent*

Entrance
Right Prepare the Way of the Lord

Kyrie
205 Chanted

Daily Readings
1002

Offertory
400 A Morning Star Dawns Near
411 As Servants Working an Estate (*Sunday 6:30pm*)

Eucharistic Acclamations
Mass of Redemption

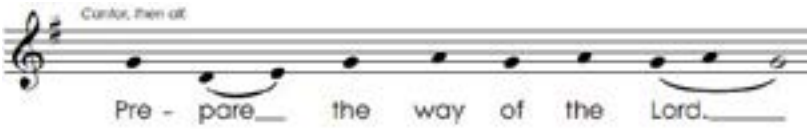
Lamb of God
236 Mass for a Servant Church

Communion Antiphon
Right

Communion
Right

Recessional
861 Soon and Very Soon

Entrance



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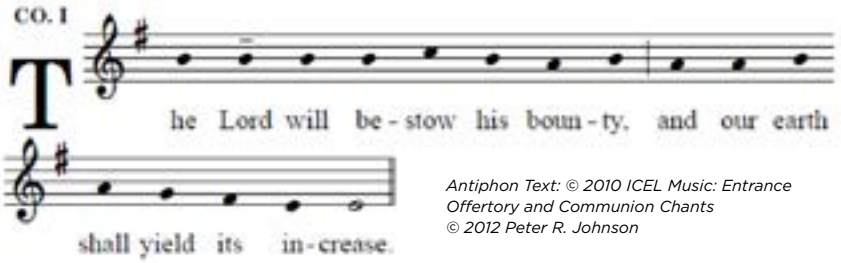
Communion Antiphon



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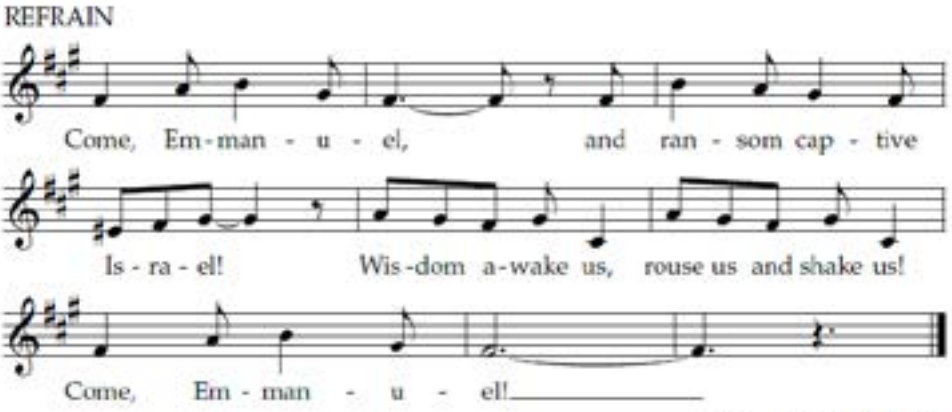
Communion



Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate
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This weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** immediately following Communion.

Next weekend, **OUR SHARING PARISH** will be included in the regular collection. There will be a 2nd collection for **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** immediately following Communion. Thank you for your generosity.

Youth Ministry

***Sign up for the following Fall service opportunites at: http://bit.ly/FallService2017**

December 9th 10:00-12:00
*Holiday Party with the families at the House of the Good Shepherd

December 10th
*Serve by Face Painting at Holiday Fair

December 10th 5:00-6:30
Making cookies for the sandwich program

December 13th 5:30-8:15 (5 people)
Serve at the Common Pantry

December 17 - After 6:30pm Mass
Serve with others at Simbang Gabi

Questions about Youth and Young Adult Ministry?
Contact Ms. Kim McMillan at 773-509-3841 or email to kmcmillan@stbenedict.com for more information.

Young Adult Ministry

Thursdays, 7:30pm Thru 12/7
Small Faith Group
Our Fall Young Adult Small Faith Group will meet Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the rectory running every week (except Thanksgiving) until Dec. 7. Take some time out of your week to engage more deeply with our faith and with scripture. Feel free to join us for some or all of the sessions.

Sunday, December 10th
December Sunday Brunch
Join the Young Adult group for our Sunday Brunch on the 2nd Sunday of the month, December 10th. Come for 10:30am mass and then meet up to head to a local haunt for brunch.

Senior Ministry

December 5th
Lunch/Shopping at Misericordia
Join with other parishioners on a trip to Misericordia on Tuesday, December 5th . The St.Benedict bus will leave at 11 am for lunch at the Greenhouse Inn at Misericordia. There will be time to visit the gift shops after lunch. Call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to sign up!

Wednesday, December 27th
Senior Breakfast at Dappers
The Senior Breakfast at Dappers will take place on December 27th, at Dappers on Addison. The bus will leave after the 8:30 am Mass or you can meet us there around 9:30. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

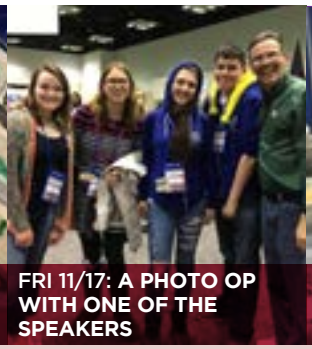
Questions about Senior Ministry?
Contact Mrs. Elaine Lindia at 773-588-6484 ext. 5101 or email to elindia@stbenedict.com.

Join the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls' Heroes team for the Oct. 7, 2018, Bank of America Chicago Marathon and transform the life of an abused child in Chicago.

Mercy Home has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. By joining our Heroes team, you will make it possible for us to provide a safe home, emotional healing, and academic opportunities for children who have suffered abuse, neglect, poverty, and abandonment. Running a marathon as a Hero will be life-changing for the countless children you will help, and for you as well. Hebrews 12:1 calls us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us." Is this your race? Join us as a Mercy Home Hero, where we believe "No distance is too far to save a child." Don't let fear stop you. Go to https://www.mercyhome.org/bank-america-chicago-marathon/ to sign up, or contact Jim Harding at jimhar@mercyhome.org or 312-738-9381 with any questions. Join before Nov. 30 and receive a special dri-fit Heroes in Training shirt. Use promo code "CHURCH" for $5 off.

THUR 11/16: THE ENTIRE GROUP GETTING READY TO DEPART FOR NCYC

CLIPPING ENCOURAGING MESSAGES ON OTHERS IS PART OF THE FUN!


FRI 11/17: A PHOTO OP WITH ONE OF THE SPEAKERS

SAT 11/18: PACKING FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN NEED WITH CRS

Called: Llamados *We are Each Called by Name*

"I just never thought about the fact that God loves me but from the time I started listening to the speaker tonight, I started thinking about it. I started thinking that maybe God does love me and if He does, it changes the way I see everything." An encounter and experience of Faith that changes the way a person sees themselves. That's what NCYC can do when your heart is open to hearing the Good News.

People may ask, "What's the benefit to attending the National Catholic Youth Conference for a young person?" I think the biggest benefit is the experience of faith the young people have. Actually, it isn't just an experience of faith for the young people; it impacts every person there, even the adults! No other experience of faith gathers 22,000 practicing High School aged Catholics like the National Catholic Youth Conference. The number of young people like themselves that they encounter, offers them the opportunity to see their life and their faith, from a new perspective. And just maybe, that new perspective leads them into a stronger relationship with Jesus and a better understanding of Our Father's Love.

If you were to talk with any of our young people that attended and ask them about the moment when they realized how seeing 22,000 young people walking around Indianapolis would affect them, I think you would be surprised at their answer.

We arrived in Indianapolis Thursday evening in time to have dinner with the other attendees from Chicago. I think during this hour of arriving in downtown Indy was the moment when they realized the magnitude of this celebration of faith.

We heard several speakers share their reflection about being "Called" in faith and what that looked like for each of them. Each of the speakers challenged our group's thoughts and encouraged them to BE the difference in our world. If each of these young people shared what they experience with just one other person, it would cause a ripple of change in our world. I know our group of participants wondered why we don't always behave like we did in Indianapolis. If everyone was supportive and kind and enthusiastic and welcoming we could change the world. We know what happened in Indianapolis can't stay there, it wasn't Vegas. Please continue to hold our parish young people and all those who had this experience of Faith in prayer. We know they can make a difference in our world; they just need the Holy Spirit and a little courage to do it!

We are grateful to all who supported our attendance this year through prayers and monetary support. Thank you to the Holy Name Society for sending two of our parish teens. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.~ Kim McMillan

FOR MORE NCYC PHOTOS, GO TO: HTTP://BIT.LY/STBENYOUTHMINISTRY

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES SIGN UP AT HTTP://BIT.LY/FALLSERVICE2017

DECEMBER

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Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted."

- Do you feel called by God to bring compassion and comfort to those who mourn?
- Do you have time and energy to volunteer and dedicate support to someone experiencing a loss?
- Do you believe that no one should walk alone in their grief journey?

Nicodemus Ministry, as it was called in the past here at St Ben's is actually a ministry of consolation and compassion: praying for the dead and comforting those who mourn. The Minister of Consolation and Compassion expresses the love and compassion of the parish and of God to families in times of loss.

We are planning to have an in-depth training session that is offered by Catholic Cemeteries so that we can learn to create, design and sustain a ministry that is just right for our parish. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please contact Elaine Lindia, Pastoral Associate, at (773) 509-3806 or elindia@stbenedict.com. Search within and listen to your heart. Are you being called?

OUR SHARING PARISH

Sharing Parish Our Lady of the Snows

We are looking for new members to join the planning committee that works to encourage relationship and connection between St. Benedict and Our Lady of the Snows. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact Elaine Lindia at (773) 509-3806. Thank you!

Christmas Giving Tree: Gifts Due Back by December 11th

If you took a tag from the giving tree, please return your unwrapped gift to the RECTORY, with the tag affixed to the outside, no later than Saturday, December 11th. If for some reason you took a tag and don't participate in the program, please call the parish office 773-588-6484 so no one goes without a gift.

For more information, please call Elaine Lindia at 773-509-3806. Thank you for your participation and for helping make Christmas a little brighter!

Ministry of Praise

In an effort to reach out to homebound parishioners that desire to still be connected to the parish, we are again starting a Ministry of Praise. Each month a newsletter will be sent to those individuals that wish to be part of this ministry asking for their prayers for members of our parish and for the world. If you know someone that wishes to be part of this ministry and join in a chorus of praise to bring God's blessing to our parishioners and the Church as a whole, please contact Elaine Lindia, Pastoral Associate at (773)509-3806 or elindia@stbenedict.com.

COMMON PANTRY

Common Food Pantry Collection

We are grateful for all those who have shared their generosity towards the Common Food Pantry. Food drop-off weekends are always the 3rd weekend of the month. **The next drop-off weekend is December 16th & 17th.** Please note: Non-perishable food and personal care items are always welcome but please do not include any recyclables with your donation such as paper and plastic bags. Thank you!

Christmas Craft Fair

Join us for our annual holiday shopping and Christmas festivities on Sunday Decemeber 10th from 10am to 2pm at St. Benedict Preparatory School

* gifts
*home decor
*ornaments
*skin care
*jewelry
*handmade crafts
and much much more!

Featuring performances throughout the day by St. Benedict's cheerleaders, 3rd grade strings & Yvonne's Dance Academy.

when: Sunday December 10th, 2017
where: St. Benedict Gymnasium, 3941 N Bell Ave.
time: 10am - 2pm

Santa

will also be making an appearance from 11am-1pm

Hosted by St. Benedict Home & School Association

Holy Name Society News

Due to another event being held on Sunday, January 7th, 2018, known as the After Holiday Christmas Party, our Holy Name Society unanimously decided to cancel the December 18th, 2017 Meeting/Christmas Party scheduled for that Monday evening. We will conduct our next meeting on Monday, January 15th, 2018.

The St. Ben's Christmas Trolley is Back! Sunday, December 17th!

Warm up your pipes and come warm your hearts this year by joining our Christmas Caroling Trolley with stops at Lincoln Park Zoo, Water Tower Place and Kris Kringle market in Daley Plaza. $30 per person, seat confirmed upon payment/checks can be left at the rectory. 21 and over only! Trolley boards in front of church with a prompt departure at 6pm. Wear something RED! Questions? contact janiceryan@aol.com. Seat confirmed on payment.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH OF CHICAGO

Cordially Invites you to a Celebration of

A Year of the Lord's Favor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 | 6:30 PM

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

The Filipino American Community would like you to celebrate with them the coming of Christ by attending the Simbang Gabi on December 17, 2017 at 6:30pm followed by dinner at the Gym. For questions and volunteer opportunities please email Gloriets Gaston at ggaston576@aol.com or Daisy Schmookler at dssilk1969@yahoo.com.

EVENTS AND PARISH LIFE

St. Benedict Ladies Society December Meeting & Cookies Baskets

Please join us on Wednesday, December 6th. We will meet in Beaven Hall at 9:30 am after the 8:30 am Mass. We will celebrate St. Nicholas with our annual potluck. Bring along your favorite dish to share. Don't forget your fun gift for our Crazy Bunco game. Be sure to wrap your gift, the crazier the better. It will make "stealing" from each other all the more fun. Come and enjoy!

Calling All Bakers:

Start gathering your cookie recipes and get ready to bake for our Christmas baskets for the homebound. We will meet to fill the baskets in the rectory Pine Room after the 8:30 a.m. mass on Friday, December 8th. "Many hands make for light work." If you can't join us on the 8th, you may drop off your cookie donations at the rectory the weekend of December 2-3. Thanking you in advance for your contributions, they are truly enjoyed by the many recipients.

EDUCATION

Secondary School Thanksgiving Trivia

SBPS Secondary School students participated in a "friendly" house competition in preparation for Thanksgiving. The contest was trivia based on fun facts surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. Congratulations to Gregory House who showed their Thanksgiving knowledge and won the contest.

New Catholic School Scholarship Opportunity for 2018/19 School Year

Through the "Invest in Kids Act," the state of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children from low-income households who want to attend private schools. The tax credit scholarships offered through this program could cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for eligible, low-income students. Not all families will be eligible for the new scholarships, but we want to make sure all Catholic school families are aware of the program. Program details are still being finalized, but you can find information on the scholarships, the application process and review the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the Archdiocese of Chicago's website, archchicago.org/tcs. If you have any questions about tax credit scholarships, please contact the Archdiocese at InvestInKids@archchicago.org or 312.534.5321.

STEWARDSHIP: *Belong, Pray, Learn, Give, Serve*

Sunday Giving

Sunday Collection

"In Pew" Sunday Stewardship (November 19)	$	4,442.72
GiveCentral Stewardship (through Nov. 19)	$	8,230.13
Total weekly collection	$	12,672.85
"In Pew" Sunday Stewardship (November 26)	$	4,889.87
GiveCentral Stewardship (through Nov. 26)	$	5,915.00
Total weekly collection	$	10,804.8

Total weekly goal	$	13,750.00
Fiscal year collection (to-date)	$	271,294.67
Fiscal year goal (to-date)	$	302,500.00
Surplus (Under)	$	(31,205.33)

Sign-up today for secure automated giving to St. Benedict Parish and Preparatory School. Simply go to www.GiveCentral.org to start giving by selecting St. Benedict Church - Chicago, or you may also donate by visiting the link on our parish and school website. If you need assistance signing up or have questions about the program, contact our Director of Finance, Geoff Pautsch, at (773) 588-6484 x5109. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

DONATE NOW with give central

In the recent printing of our annual report, there was a database error. Therefore, several donors were left off the Sunday contributor list. We sincerely apologize for the error. Be assured of our gratitude for your generosity to the parish.

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Tim & Sarah Weiske
Stephen & Michele Welsh
Brett & Tammi Williams
Collin Williams & Leslie Vickrey
Edward & Barbara Wolke
Damien & Sara Woods
Stephen & Rohini Wurth
Lisa Zabor
Matt & Elizabeth Zakaras
Robert & Rita Zeitner

Annual *"Keep Christ in Christmas"* Contest - Submissions due December 10th

The Knights of Columbus St Benedict's Chapter 15052 again invites the boys and girls from St Benedict's Parish, School, and Religious Education program ages 5 through 14 to participate in the annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest.

By engaging the creativity and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

How to Participate
Simply draw a picture on a piece of paper no smaller than 8.5x11 inches and no larger than 11x17 inches that reflects the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas". All submissions are due no later than December 10th 2017. You may turn in your submissions to a teacher or to an Usher at the end of any Mass.

Ground Rules
- Pictures must reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas"
- Each Poster should be the original work of the participant (including concept, layout, slogan, and visual images)
- Submissions should be no smaller than 8.5x11 inches and no larger than 11x17 inches
- All pictures must have the contestant's name, current school grade, age, and contact information written on the back.

Judging
Submissions will be judged based on:
- Slogan How clearly is the theme presented
- Visuals How well do the visuals convey the message
- Impact How effective is the picture in capturing attention and causing reflection

Prizes
Prizes will be awarded to each age/grade level.

Questions?
Send an email to stbenedictknights15052@yahoo.com

Good Luck, Have Fun, and Be Creative!

Please Pray for Healing. Please call Elaine Lindia at 773 588-6484, ext. 5101 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing.

Jane Abrahamson
Noe A. Alpasan
Russell Altizer
Thomas Arra
Joe Babbo
Marilyn Bade
Raven Barron
Judy Bartley
Dawn Bedel
Audrey Bickel
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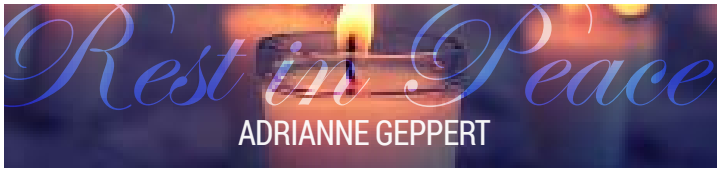
Baptisms

Simon Daniel, *son of Jacob and Lori Calhoun*
Lilly Anne, *daughter of Michael and Sara Caveney*
Noah Orlando, *son of Sergio and Dinah Rabiela*
Henry Hopkins, *son of Michael and Melissa Wasielewski*

Wedding Banns

III - Elizabeth Fox and Karl Haslwanter
II - Anne Marie Mullins and Michael Ricchio



Masses for the Week

First Saturday, December 2 - *Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:30 am Ann VinSkike - *B. Kelly*
5:00 pm Marilyn Samp - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Michael Gibbons - *Gibbons Family*

Sunday, December 3 - *First Sunday of Advent*
7:30 am Special Intention for Peter Kattner, Jr.
9:00 am Norman Tomiello - *Ben Mazzone and Ellen Roberts*
10:30 am Donald Benedict - *Bob and Pat Fafinski*
Special Intention for Tim Guth - *Cherrie Hartman*
12:00 pm Francisco Delgado - *Wife and Daughters*
Special Intention for Seth Ballog - *Carrie Lacey*
6:30 pm The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, December 4 - *Advent Weekday, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
8:30 am Carlito Valera - *Nelia Valera*

Tuesday, December 5 - *Advent Weekday*
8:30 am Richard Schneider - *The Schneider Family*

Wednesday, December 6 - *Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop*
8:30 am Special Intention for Agnes Firek

Thursday, December 7 - *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
8:30 am Special Intention for Ester Lee - D. Schmookler and Family

Friday, December 8 - *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
6:30 am Cardinal Francis George
8:30 am Dolores Davis - *Ken and Pat Woodhouse*
7:00 pm Special Intention for All the Mothers of the Parish

Saturday, December 9 - *Advent Weekday, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*
8:30 am Cecelia Schoen - *Alan*
5:00 pm Christine Ficht - *Deacon Kevin S. O'Donnell*
Special Intention for Todd Poulos - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

Sunday, December 10 - *Second Sunday of Advent*
7:30 am Cardinal Joseph Bernardin
9:00 am Edward Kestler - *Family*
Special Intention for William A. Martello - Friend
10:30 am Ellen Joyce Radtke Mueller - *St. Benedict Parish Community*
Special Intention for Mrs. Katrina O'Malley and Family - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou and Family*
Special Intention for Wilma Bityou - *Lazar*

Our Armed Forces

Please pray for the safe return of all men and women in the armed forces - especially those in our parish family.

Nicholas Bednarz
Joe Butler
Richard Butzen
Christian Morales Canas
Kevin Cronin
Michael De Quattro
Zachary Gemo
Christopher Haire
Neal Knudsvig
Ivan Morales
David Murcio
Scott Murray
Kirk Perisin
Kevin Powers
Leigh Anne Swafford
Marco Vallejo

Advent Small Faith Group

If you wish to join a small faith group during the coming Advent season, we are pleased to offer an opportunity to do so on Thursday afternoons. If this time and day will work for you, please e-mail Joan Wilcox at joanwilcox@comcast.net or call (773) 485-5626. Thank you!

Next Meeting: Dec. 18th

In this group we learn to become like a container of sacred space as a group to provide a secure connection between the individual's inner world and the outer world. Spiritual dream work affirms that our (nocturnal) dreams offer us support in our spiritual journey. All dreamers are welcome and there is no experience necessary. This ongoing group will meet on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm until 9 pm in the basement of the rectory in the small meeting room. Please contact Rachel at rachelwinborn@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Take a Historical Tour of St. Benedict Church!

We will be giving tours of our beautiful Church on the first Saturday of each month at 9am, following the 8:30 morning Mass.

COMING UP AT ST. BEN'S

DECEMBER **2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Mass at 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12PM and 6:30PM Church Parish Library Open After 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12PM Masses Parish Library Simbang Gabi Meeting 1:30PM Meeting Room	**4** Children's Chorus Rehearsal 7:15AM Choir Area, Church Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Cub Scout Wolf Meetings 5:45PM Church Basement RCIA 6:30PM Heidenreich Hall Zumba 7PM Cafeteria Boy Scout Meeting 7PM Beaven Hall Adult Choir Sectional Rehearsal 7PM Choir Area, Church Ravenswood Orchestra Rehearsal 7PM SS Library Parish Life Meeting 7PM Pine Room	**5** Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Gala Meeting 5PM Heidenreich Hall Adult Confirmation Pot Luck 7PM Beaven Hall	**6** Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Ladies Society Meeting 9:30AM Beaven Hall Webelos I Scout Meeting 7PM Beaven Hall Zumba 7PM Cafeteria Baptism Preparation 7PM Pine Room Adult Choir Rehearsal 7PM Choir Area, Church AA Meeting 8PM Church Basement	**7** Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Kindergarten Daisy Scouts 2:30PM Beaven Hall SPRED 3PM SPRED Room Cub Scout Bear Meeting 6PM Beaven Hall **Secondary School Christmas Show 7PM Gym** Weight Watchers 7PM Church Basement Retrovaille Meeting 7PM Pine Room Young Adult Faith Sharing Small Group 7:30PM Meeting Room	**8** **Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 6:30AM, 8:30AM and 7PM Church** Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-4PM SS Library Ladies Society Cookie Basket Filling 9AM Pine Room	**9** Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Zumba 10AM Beaven Hall Senior Zumba 11AM Beaven Hall Reconciliation 11AM Church Retrovaille Post Sessions 1:30PM Beaven Hall Mass at 5PM Church
10 **St. Nick's Workshop 10AM-2PM Gym** Mass at 7:30AM, 12PM and 6:30PM, Family Mass at 9AM and 10:30AM Church Family Mass Hospitality after 9AM and 10:30AM Masses Beaven Hall Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-2PM SS Library Baptism Preparation 11:30AM Church Basement Youth Ministry - Second Sunday Snacks and Scripture 5PM Pine Room	**11** Children's Chorus Rehearsal 7:15AM Choir Area, Church Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-4PM SS Library Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Girl Scout Meeting 3PM Beaven Hall Cub Scout Wolf Meetings 5:45PM Church Basement RCIA 6:30PM Heidenreich Hall Zumba 7PM Cafeteria Boy Scout Meeting 7PM Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Rehearsal 7PM SS Library	**12** Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-3PM SS Library Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church **Parish Reconciliation 9AM and 7PM Church** Catholic Identity Committee 7:30PM Meeting Room	**13** Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-3PM SS Library Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church 2nd Grade Brownies 2:30PM Beaven Hall Tiger Cub Scout Meetings 6PM Beaven Hall Zumba 7PM Cafeteria Concert Dress Rehearsal 7PM Choir Area, Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:45PM Sewing Room AA Meeting 8PM Church Basement	**14** Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-4PM SS Library Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church 3rd Grade Brownies 2:30PM Beaven Hall SPRED 3PM SPRED Room Weight Watchers 7PM Church Basement	**15** Scholastic Book Fair 8:30AM-4PM SS Library Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church **Parish Christmas Concert at 7PM in the Church followed by a Reception at 8PM in Beaven Hall**	**16** Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Zumba 10AM Cafeteria Senior Zumba 11AM Cafeteria Reconciliation 11AM Church Retrovaille Post Sessions 11AM Beaven Hall Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5PM Church

Come Home to St. Ben's!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form online at http://parish.stbenedict.com/becoming-a-parishioner/. One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at jaccardi@stbenedict.com.

Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits.

If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list.

If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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THE COMMISSIONS OF ST. BENEDICT PARISH
If you are interested in learning more about or joining one of the many ministries at St. Benedict Parish or would like to volunteer time or talent, please call the rectory or contact the following person(s):
Parish Council Chair: Karen Cholipski
Finance Council Chair: Chris Graff
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Catechetical Commission: Daniel Hughes and Kim McMillan
Education Commission: Rachel Gemo, Rachel Waldron, Mary Deletioglu, or Erika Mickelburgh
Human Concerns Commission: Elaine Lindia
Parish Life Commission: Fr. Robert Pajor
Spiritual Life Commission: Fr. Stephen Kanonik and Jeremy Kiolbassa

MASSES AND SERVICES
Sunday Eucharist: 5PM Saturday 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12 NOON, and 6:30PM Sunday
Weekday Eucharist: 8:30AM Monday – Saturday
Holy Day Eucharist: 8:30AM & 7PM
Family Mass: Monthly
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesdays 9AM
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of each month, 9AM – 12PM, in church.
Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at 1:30PM; on the fourth Sunday at one of the Masses. Baptism preparation class is required, usually before the birth of the child.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12 NOON; seasonal celebrations, as posted; by appointment in the rectory.
Weddings: Arrange with a priest at least four months in advance. Participation in marriage preparation is essential. Please call the rectory.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): For unbaptized persons or baptized persons interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the process of becoming a Catholic. Call the rectory.
Religious Education: Arrangements should be made for the religious education of children attending public schools with the Director of Catechesis.
Handicapped Accessibility: An elevator is available for all Sunday Masses. Enter the church through the East door. Please call the rectory for weekday availability.
Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange communion in home for those unable to attend Mass.
Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be requested for someone who is living or deceased, or to commemorate a birthday, special anniversary, or the anniversary of a loved one's death. Please call the rectory.

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