

The Steward

*You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.
-- Psalm 65:12*

Stewards by Living the Word

By Geoff Pautsch, Director of Finance



Let me first introduce myself. My name is Geoff Pautsch, and I am the new Director of Finance at this thriving and growing parish. I have been with the archdiocese for many years, but most recently as Business Manager at St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Northfield for the last decade. I am married to my wife Felicia for nearly 12 years, and together we have three children Nicholas (10), Anthony (9), and Elizabeth (7). I am active at my home parish of St. Tarcissus in the Norwood Park neighborhood of the city. I would like to express my gratitude to Father Jason and those on the selection committee for their trust and confidence in my work. I am determined to help the parish move forward in the mindset of stewardship, in financial best practices and in active communication of our operating budget.

As a big supporter and promoter of Catholic Stewardship, it is important to me that I live out my faith through stewardship. No, I don't mean through money, which is a common misconception for the definition of stewardship, but by using my time and talent in my daily interactions with the people I encounter each day. At the end of the day, I need to constantly ask myself "how did I bring Christ to others today?" or "how did I live out my faith?" "Do I need to change my vision of stewardship for tomorrow?"

This weekend's readings call to mind our role as stewards of the Word of God. Today, God reminds us in the first reading that we are to take the Word and live it, and then Jesus prompts us in today's Gospel that the Word is real, that we are to take it and nurture it and make it fruitful.

In the first reading from Isaiah, God wants us to know that his Word has power. However, we must take that word, assimilate it, and then live it out. That is exactly what stewardship demands — living the Word out in our daily lives. One of the most common descriptions of stewardship gleaned from our U. S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship (Stewardship: A Disciple's Response) is that stewardship is to "receive God's gifts gratefully... to cultivate them responsibly... to share them lovingly in justice with others... to return them with increase to the Lord." This is what God means when he says, "my word shall not return to me void." We are to

take the Word of God and make it alive in our lives and the lives of those around us.

The Gospel reading from Matthew relates Jesus' Parable of the Sower. One of the Lord's key sentences is "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." So let me ask you a few questions. How carefully do we listen to the Word of God at Mass? How often do we try to absorb it and understand it? Most important, how frequently do we take the message and put it into practice in our own lives? Stewardship calls us to be attentive and to look beyond the obvious. Jesus wants us to be the fertile ground on which His words, the Word fall. We are the good soil, but we must accept and nurture the seeds planted by the Word. Stewardship necessitates conversion. To be truly converted we must see; we must hear; and we must understand.

Our patron, St. Benedict, whose feast was celebrated this past Friday (Happy parish feast day, by the way!) was an early model of stewardship. He authored the famous



Rule of St. Benedict, a handbook of daily Christian living that emphasizes exercising stewardship over prayer, work, and community. Benedict teaches us that all things are created by and given to us by God. We are to use these things for the glory of God and his alone. In this Rule, he focuses on the most important Christian values that would direct the daily actions of early followers

and help them to cultivate habits that would ensure good stewardship of their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. This "rule" is still applicable in our time. It teaches the principles of stewardship, shows one how to live in a way that is uniquely countercultural and invites its readers to enter into a deeper and more joyful relationship with the Lord. Aren't we all in need of this?

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With Gratitude

By Michael O'Malley, Pastoral Associate



I have a favorite quote from TS Elliot that reads, "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." I had written that quote in the back of a prayer book many years ago, not knowing then that I would live out that sentiment numerous times in my adult life.

This Thursday will be my last day here at St. Benedict Parish. I have served as your pastoral associate for ten years. I leave this life of ministry to return to my previous career in direct marketing. I do so having had a most wonderful journey of exploration.

I came to ministry as a second career. I was in my late thirties when I began my graduate studies at Loyola University Chicago. It had been my plan to work in hospital chaplaincy after graduate school, but something drew me into parish life. I shouldn't have been surprised, because it was in parish life as a volunteer that I discerned my call to full-time work in ministry. More than that though, I believe the Holy Spirit guided me to parish work, not because of what I could bring to this parish, but because of what we could bring to each other.

I have been profoundly impacted by the experiences I have had as a lay minister in this parish. I have seen the face of God and felt God's loving embrace in this community – at your kitchen tables, your sick beds, your wakes and committal services, in your tears and words of profound loss, in your expressions of great hope and

your statements of unyielding faith, in your laughter and celebrations.

I will be forever grateful to the people of St. Benedict Parish for the way that you welcomed me into your lives, how you shared your experiences and wisdom, and how you have witnessed your faith and encouraged the faith of others. I can't help but think of the many people who have left our community, those that have moved away and those that live their eternal reward with God in heaven, they may not know of my gratitude toward them, but know that you will always be in my prayers.

Someone asked me if I will miss ministering to people daily, and there is an aspect of this work that I will not have in my daily life, but the fact is that each of us ministers to our community every day. We bring the light of Christ to our families, our workplaces, and our encounters with strangers. We are created in the likeness and image of God and reveal the Divine in every moment of every day. We continue the saving work of Jesus in the world in our actions and our words. I will continue to participate in the ministries that have been close to my heart – ministering to the sick and dying, as well as those who live on the margins of society – and I will do so bolstered by the experiences and memories of my time here at St. Benedict Parish.

Thank you for your kindness, friendship, generosity and hospitality. May God bless you and your families. Please keep me in your prayers as I make this transition in my life and know that the people and parish of St. Benedict will always be in mine.

New Sunday Mass Schedule begins August 9th!

Dear family of faith,

I am very happy to announce the new Sunday Mass schedule for our Parish starting August 9th! The new Mass times will be 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30am and noon, while maintaining our 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and our 6:30 pm evening Mass on Sunday. I am very grateful for your time in taking the survey and offering your feedback. We received a ton of surveys on line and about 100 paper surveys. This schedule is what the majority of the surveys suggested. I am so sorry that we have to make this change, however, if I wasn't thoroughly convinced that this was needed, I wouldn't have started asking the question. Thank you for your patience and thank you for your prayerfulness that demands a change.

I did a little checking and it turns out that this "new" Sunday Mass schedule is an "old schedule", meaning it is exactly the schedule that we had back in May of 1987 and prior. Sure enough, we had a schedule of 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and noon. It was in May of 1987 that we went to the 8, 10, 12 model, and it served us well for twenty seven years. However, today is a new day and our change is a powerful statement about the growth of our worshipping community and how we now have to expand.

As many people told me, not only did we have to look at our Mass schedule, we also have to look at how we pray together. During the months of August and September, I will be putting together some reminders about how to best pray together. What is the best advise for families with toddler, pre-school children, pre-first communion kids and so on? I hope to do a little research and make some recommendations for our prayer together. We have the most profound gift of so many beautiful parishioners and young families, and I just want to do everything I can to help us pray well together and consistently. Thank you for your desire to be a faith-filled community!

In the service of Christ. Fr. Jason, *Pastor*

What's happening at Summer Camp?

Students learned all about gardening last week in summer camp. Students took a field trip at the beginning to the botanical garden in and looked at all the beautiful plants. Then students came back and to school and planted flowers along bell and leavitt to help make our school a little prettier.



Did You Know...

families with students in grades 9-12 at St. Benedict Prep have the ability to apply for need and merit based aid to help defray the cost of tuition?"

Protégé Internship Program Arts & Culture in the 47th Ward by Office Intern Luis Lopez-Reichling, St. Benedict Preparatory School



My recent internship at the 47th Ward Alderman's Office served as an invaluable field study into the relationship between local arts organizations and their communities. Studies in urban planning and sociology show that artists play a vital role in the social and economic health of their neighborhoods. They improve the aesthetics of streets and buildings, create events that foster social

interaction, and attract economic activity such as new businesses, restaurants and tourism. However, as property values and rents increase, artists and arts organizations are often driven out of the communities they have helped create. With this in mind, the larger question is how local residents and government can support community artists during a time when federal funding for the arts and arts education has been drastically reduced. Local patronage is certainly key, and I hope that my weekly columns have helped raise awareness of the incredibly diverse cultural scene happening in and around the 47th Ward's sections of North Center, Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Uptown and Lake View.

The 47th Ward houses one of Chicago's most vibrant artistic communities. I have observed that far from being commercial enterprises disengaged from their local neighborhood, the arts organizations and artistic activities happening here are truly reflective of its residents. Organizations I have visited and interviewed -- including the DANK Haus, The New Colony Theatre, Ravenswood Community Orchestra, Brazil in Chicago, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, Perceptual Motion, The Public House Theater, ARTango, Flamenco Arts Center and Child's Play Touring Theater -- represent a wide range of programs, missions and disciplines. In addition, each organization has a unique operating model; some operate as traditional non-profits while others are hybrids that merge artistic production with other revenue-generating activities such as food service and language classes. What has emerged is a thriving creative community that is both entrepreneurial and cosmopolitan. Our arts represent a large part of the spirit of the 47th Ward.

Creative activity, whether a performance, art class, exhibit or cultural event, is part of the glue that bonds a community. What I have learnt during my internship in Alderman Pawar's office is that art and politics are not mutually exclusive because art is an integral part of civic life. The opportunity to explore and understand this relationship, and to learn more about the local art scene along the way, has been a great privilege and pleasure during my tenure at the 47th Ward Office.



Volunteer for BenFest!

The countdown to BenFest has begun! BenFest is a great festival filled with terrific bands, games, children's activities and summer fun! It's an excellent way for us to showcase our parish and school to the surrounding community and to celebrate summer as a St. Ben's family. **July 18th-20th will be here before we know it!** Visit www.benfest.com or like us on Facebook for up to date information on the festival.

The BenFest Committee is working hard to make this year's event even more enjoyable and to raise additional money in support of St. Benedict Parish and School. **And we need your help!** The Festival would not be successful without the help of the families in our parish and school. Please consider donating your time and volunteering for the festival! Please fill out the form below and turn it into the rectory. A member of the BenFest committee will contact you and place you in a designated area. If you prefer to register online please find the link to our Sign-up Genius on www.benfest.com (under the About BenFest tab). **When prompted please enter the password: BenFest** You will need to provide your email address, but no account is required. SignUp Genius does not share your email address with anyone.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to volunteer the following day(s) and time(s):

Friday, July 18th

Set Up 10am-4pm

Kids Area 4-6pm

Kids Area 6-8pm

Entrance or Adult Area 4-7:30pm

Entrance or Adult Area 7:30-11pm

Saturday, July 19th

Kids Area 1-4pm

Kids Area 4-7pm

Kids Area 7-9pm

Entrance or Adult Area 1-4:30pm

Entrance or Adult Area 4:30-7:30pm

Entrance or Adult Area 7:30-11pm

Sunday, July 20th

Kids Area 1-4pm

Kids Area 4-7pm

Entrance or Adult Area 1-4pm

Entrance or Adult Area 4-7pm

Tear Down 7-10pm



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The St. Benedict Knights of Columbus Council #15052 is looking for volunteers to please help with the Beer Tents at this year's Benfest July 18-20. We are in need of Beer tenders, Wine and Sangria tenders, and Beer ticket collectors on July 18th 4-10pm, July 19th 1-10pm, and July 20th 1-7pm. Shifts typically run 4-5 hours long, but any help

would be greatly appreciated! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gary S. Johnson, Knights of Columbus volunteer coordinator, at gshawn78@hotmail.com or call 309-275-8572.



Join us **JULY 18th, 19th, & 20th** for three days of fun including great music, food and activities for kids of all ages! Here are a few highlights of the great entertainment and activities that we have lined up. For more details visit www.benfest.com.

BENFEST HOURS: FRIDAY 4-10PM

SATURDAY 1-10PM

SUNDAY 1-7PM

BenFest Entertainment!

Main Stage

Friday, July 18th

7-8pm Eddie Franks
8:30-10pm Too White Crew

Saturday, July 19th

Noon-6pm Best Bands of BenFest
8:30p-10:30pm Your Villian My Hero

Sunday, July 20th

1pm Zumba
2-3pm Justin Roberts

Kids Stage

Friday, July 18th

6-7pm Brian Wismer
7:15-8:15pm Trinity Irish Dancers

Saturday, July 19th

2-3pm Sean the Magician
3-4pm Ohana Hula Dancers
4-5pm Hogwash Theatre

Plus 30+ vendor and market booths for all ages!

Other Kids Activities

3 Inflatables • Big Splash • Pitch Burst Sponsored by Gold Fish Swim School • NEW Sports Zone including Pop-o-Shots, Skee-ball and Radar Speed Pitch • Mini Golf • Face Painting • Edible Craft with the Kids Table • Hair Extensions & Glitter with Spotlight on 3 Photography • Canvas Painting with Bottles & Bottega

BenFest Needs Your Help!

Please visit www.benfest.com to sign up for volunteer positions at BenFest 2014. The Festival needs lots of help to be successful so sign up today!

BenFest Cash Raffle!

BenFest's cash raffle grand prize is once again \$10,000! Plus there are seven additional cash prizes for more chances to win: \$2,000, \$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

BenFest proceeds are shared by both the St. Benedict Preparatory School and Parish, directly benefitting our community. Purchase your BenFest raffle tickets today! Visit givecentral.org or drop the raffle tickets you received in the mail off at the rectory



SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 19, 2014
First Annual Bell Tower Open Golf Outing!

The Inaugural Bell Tower Open will be held on Friday, September 19th at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park. The format is a scramble and is open to all. **Cost for golfer is \$145.** More details to come. Golf is likely to start around 1pm. Transportation will be offered to those that are interested.

Golf Outing Committee members:
Max Nutkowitz, Pete Quinn, Jeff Remotigue, Alfredo Alvarez, Tony Pellikan and David Keenan

We are looking forward to making this a success and a tradition.

All proceeds to benefit the St. Benedict Parish & Preparatory School Endowment Fund

Children: Our Hope for the Future

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
(Matthew 25:35)

Pope Francis tells us "All children must be able to play, study, pray and grow... It is their right and our duty. Many people instead of letting them play make slaves of them: this is a scourge". ~Pope Francis. Crisis situations in Central America are forcing many children to migrate to the US. Pervasive violence, poverty, the predation of youth by criminal enterprises and gangs have triggered the painful separation of parents from their children. Let us respect the dignity and humanity of these children, attempt to understand the danger and trauma of their migration and examine

the root causes of their journeys.



ACTIONS: Pray for these children and their families. Learn more about the issues through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. at <https://cliniclegal.org/>. Contact Sr. Lisa at 312-534-8104 to find ways to act on behalf of the children.

The Common Pantry's Most Wanted List

Our next food collection for the Common Pantry is July 19 & 20. Non-perishable food items as well as toiletries can be left in the St. Benedict Shrine on the third Sunday of the month. **Items most in need include:** Cereal, Tuna, Oatmeal, Chicken or Vegetable Broth, Canned Fruit, Easy Prep Meals (such as Rice-A-Roni), Pasta, Rice, Vegetable Oil, Pancake Mix, Dry or Canned Beans, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Can Openers, Zip Lock Bags (any size). Your support of The Common Pantry is needed and appreciated.



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3744 North Damen Avenue
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Are You a Health Care Professional?

Then you know there is no greater gift than our health and wellness - physically, mentally, and spiritually. And what better place than our parish community to help and encourage each other in the pursuit of health and wellness. The Health Committee is looking for new members to help encourage better health for our parish and community through a variety of educational opportunities as well as health and wellness classes. If you are interested in joining the Health Committee, please contact Mike O'Malley at 773-509-3806 or momalley@stbenedict.com. The Society of St. Vincent

Sandwiches Needed

Everyday, hungry men and women come to the rectory in search of food. Through the sandwich program, our community can help by offering a sandwich, a snack, something to drink, and most important, a listening ear, a compassionate smile, and a kind word. This program exists through the donations of St. Benedict's Parishioners and friends of the parish. **We are in need of individually-wrapped sandwiches**, made with lunchmeat and cheese if you like, but no condiments please. Sandwiches can be dropped off at the rectory during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Mike O'Malley at 773-509-3806 or momalley@stbenedict.com.

How can I help?

- 1 Drop off non-perishables for the Common Food Pantry to the St. Benedict Shrine in Church every 3rd Sunday. **Next collection: July 19 & 20.** Donations of plastic bags are also needed!
- 2 Drop off clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul collection box, located in the courtyard.
- 3 Drop off your paper to recycle in our ABITIBI bins in the courtyard.
- 4 Make a gift from our parish to St. Vincent de Paul to help those in need. Donations can be left in the drop box safe, located near the Holy Family Shrine in Church.
- 5 The sandwich program is in need of **snacks and drinks**. Questions? Contact Mike O'Malley at 773-509-3806 or momalley@stbenedict.com.

Marriage Encounter (WWME)

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is "communication" between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life and concentrate on each other. Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day and the best friend you had when you were first married!



Upcoming weekends: August 8-10
& October 10-12. Contact: Kris & Jim
McCulloch, (630)577-0778,
jkmcculloch945@sbcglobal.net

Retrouvaille...A Lifeline for Marriages

The word Retrouvaille(re-tro-vī), is French for *rediscovery*. Retrouvaille helps couples heal and renew their marriages by offering essential tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples in cold, unloving relationships have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending this program. Retrouvaille weekends are combined with a series of 6 post-weekend sessions. Upcoming weekends: August 1-3, September 26-28 & December 5-7. Contact: Robin & Phil Kain, (773)544-0498, robin.kain@yahoo.com



NIGHTFEVER

CONQUER THE NIGHT

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

1429 West Wellington Ave —CHICAGO

Saturday, July 19, 2014



Mass 7:30 PM

Father Brad Zamora, *Celebrant*

Father John Kartje, *Homilist*

Nightfever 9:00 PM

Night Prayer 11:30 PM

www.nightfeverchicago.org

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This Week at St. Ben's

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Mass at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM & 6:30 PM Baptism Preparation 11 AM Church Basement Baptism 1:30 PM Church	14 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church	15 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church BINGO 7 PM Gym	16 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church Zumba 6:30 PM Beaven Hall CRHP Women's Meeting 6:30 PM Pine Room Music Fundraising Meeting 7 PM Church Basement	17 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Church Basement	18 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church BENFEST 4-10 PM	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church Zumba 10 AM Beaven Hall BENFEST 1-10 PM Mass at 5 PM Church
20 Mass at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM & 6:30 PM Parish Library Open After 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Parish Library BENFEST 1-7 PM Baptism 1:30 PM Church	21 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church	22 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church Cub Scout Pack #3865 Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Beaven Hall BINGO 7 PM Gym	23 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church Zumba 6:30 PM Beaven Hall Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM Sewing Room	24 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM 8 AM - 3 PM Beaven Hall Kitchen Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Church Basement	25 Summer Camp 7:00 AM Rooms 132, 134, & 137 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30 AM Church Zumba 10 AM Beaven Hall Mass at 5 PM Church

Parish Savings, Educational Endowment and Building Funds

Build our Future monthly parish collection and 10% fundraiser contribution.....	\$50,103
New Family Fee for Facility Improvement.....	\$65,620
2013 and 2014 Ball and Auction "Fund a Need" for Security enhancements.....	\$51,750
Savings earmarked for Facade repair and Master Plan.....	\$247,285
Bequest Savings.....	\$46,879
Catholic Educational Endowment.....	\$70,454
Total savings for construction & the future.....	\$532,091



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St. Benedict Common Pantry Food Drive

Thanks to the amazing generosity of St. Benedict

Parishioners, current **June supply donations to the Common Food Pantry total over 450 lbs!** The next collection will take place on July 19 & 20. Please leave your gifts at the St. Benedict Shrine.

Treasure

Weekly Report for July 5th & July 6th

Your Sunday Stewardship (not yet including Give Central).....	\$10,260.85
Weekly Budgeted Amount.....	\$13,000.00
YTD Budgeted Amount.....	\$13,000.00
YTD Gifted thru 7/6/14.....	\$10,260.85
YTD Under/Over.....	\$(2,740.00)

**Has your family signed up for automated giving through our Parish "Give Central"?
Go to: www.givecentral.org**

Please Pray for Healing

Please call Mike O'Malley at 773-509-3806 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing.

Weston Abplanalp	Corazon Marasigon
Jane Abrahamson	Amy Mateo
Ana Aguilera	Benjamin Mazzone
Raven Barron	Judy McDonnell
Concepcion E. Bernabe	Robert McGinn
Deacon Phil Bertolani	Charlotte McHugh
Marina B. Buizon	Jack Mocarski
Joey Burke	Elaine Nelson
Ricardo Cataylo	Joseph Neumann
Eugene Caulfield	Lorraine Neumann
Mary McDonagh Chaput	Judi Newbold
Chris Coulon	Nina Paciotti
Susan Cronin	Teopista Pellerin
Susan Duffy	Mary Phillips
Louise Efrosinis	Christine Pietschmann
Rita Gumler	Kathleen Pietschmann
Eleanor Haberkamp	Catherine Polster
Elise Herald	Rowan Quinain, Sr.
Joseph Hijazin	Gloria C. Recede
Tawfeeq Hijazin	Martha Ruscheinski
Art Hundreiser	Maralyn Samp
Karen Iacovelli	Denise Schilz
Dorothy Jacob	Lisa Sherbondy
Nancy Kallao	Nancy Sternik
Theresa Kattner	Jim Stralka
Susan Kestler	Luka Tomasicyk
Leslie Kufner	Rick van der Zanden
Maryanne Kufner	Rose Ann Vargas
Suzie Libao	Sofia Vitale
Juliette Lyng	Helen Wehde
Violeta S. Magnabijon	Helene Wieland
James Maltezos	Sr. Fran Wohn

Baptisms

Joshua Lawrence, son of Christopher and Ana Barnes
Sophia Ann, daughter of Christopher and Ana Barnes
Chloe Fitz, daughter of Brian and Sandra Lizzet Cluster

Wedding Banns

II - Christine Cheng and Daniel Kang
II - Bridgette Blaydes and Anthony Borgnini

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	Ivan Morales
Joe Butler	David Murcio
Christian Morales Canas	Scott Murray
Kevin Cronin	Kirk Perisin
Michael De Quattro	Kevin Powers
Christopher Haire	Leigh Anne Swafford
Jim Heilemann	Marco Vallejo
Neal Knudsvig	

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 13 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Bob Noesen - *Mary Ann Kattner*
Mary Sue Wielgus - *Pat and Ken Woodhouse*
10:00 am Victor and Gerardo Goite and Choy Gemillian-Glorializa Goite
Joan Foley - *Kevin, Maureen and Ella O'Shea-Cassidy*
Ed Kestler - *Michael O'Malley*
12:00 pm Vincente Lucas - *St. Benedict Parish*

6:30 pm

Monday, July 14 - USA Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 am

Tuesday, July 15 - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Stan Obos - *Friend*

Wednesday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am Marie Simonoff - *Mary Sue Fahey*

Thursday, July 17 - Weekday

8:30 am Jeannie Johnson - *Friend*

Friday, July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

9:00 am Special Intention for Matthew Schmookler - *Family*

Saturday, July 19 - Weekday

8:30 am

5:00 pm Robert Fahey - *Mary Sue*
Joe Blaha - *Ken and Pat Woodhouse*
Special Intentions of Pietschmann Family

Sunday, July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Allan Boz - *Family*
10:00 am Edmund McNaughton - *Theresa McNaughton*
Mike Mondane - *Friend*
Edward Kestler - *John and Ilona Weber*
12:00 pm Raymond, Mary & Raymond Jr Payne - *Ben Oliva*
Marlyn Gutierrez-Malave - *St. Benedict Parish Community*
Maria Diaz - *Delia Dino and Family*

6:30 pm

Rest in Peace

Patsy Gentile
Sophie Kucinski



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 Census/Registration Form (available at the rectory). 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.

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: on a cd/dvd from a Windows-based program or via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Paste the text of your submission into the body of the message, if possible. Please include a brief explanation in the subject line

of all e-mails. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits.

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 contact the appropriate person below or call the rectory.

Catechetical Commission: Lisa Mersereau
Education Commission: Rachel Gemo, Rachel Waldron, Nancy Feely, or Erika Mickelburgh
Human Concerns Commission: Michael O'Malley
Parish Life Commission: Fr. Jason Malave
Spiritual Life Commission: Fr. Rodlin Rodrigue

Masses

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday - 5 pm; Sunday - 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, and 6:30 pm

Weekday Eucharist: 8:30 am (M - Sat)

Holy Day Eucharist: check with rectory

Family Mass: one Sunday per month at 10 am

Devotions

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesdays - 9 am

First Friday Devotion: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:* 9am in church. *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:* 2pm in church.

Sacraments

(Please call the rectory)

Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at 1:30 pm; on the fourth Sunday at one of the Masses. Parents must be registered parishioners. Baptism preparation class is required, usually before the birth of the child.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11 am - 12 noon; seasonal celebrations, as posted; by appointment in 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.

Weddings: Arrange with a pastoral staff member at least four months in advance. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Services

Rectory: The rectory's hours are 8:30 am - 8 pm (M - Th); 8:30 am - 6 pm (F); 9 am - 5 pm (Sat); 9 am - 1:30 pm (Sunday).

Religious Education: Arrangements should be made for the religious education of children attending public schools. Please call the Director of Catechesis.

Prayer Requests: If you are ill or have a relative who is ill and would like to be included in the list of prayer requests, please call the rectory.

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 or to request a visit by the parish nurse.

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.



Watching our Garden Grow!

Gardening practice requires faith, hope and love! Five years ago, eighth graders planted bareroot dormant bleeding heart plants in the rose garden at the north end of the rectory garden. With the money from the plant sale in their pockets, they went off to celebrate graduation with a class trip to Starved Rock and dinner dance. For the years since, those roots stayed underground and unseen. This year, among the struggling groundcover and barren rose bushes, there appeared a number of bright pink bleeding hearts -- standing tall and strong, covered with blossoms! Each year, students have participated in planting seeds and bulbs in our gardens. The Brownies plant nasturtiums (orange, yellow and red) around the edges of the garden just outside the gate on Irving. We invite parishioners and friends of all ages to come to our garden work days. We meet on the third Saturday of each month, from 9 to noon. Gloves and tools are provided. For information, contact Anne Hunt, 773/960-2965 or anne.hunt@mac.com. **NEXT DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 19.**

Gift Cards for Sale!

We need your help to eliminate our stock! These gift cards are for sale in the Rectory till 8:00pm Monday through Thursday and 6:00pm on Friday. Gift cards will also be for sale after all Sunday Masses. Here are some of the cards & quantities available:



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| Chicago Joe's: 27 | Strack N Van Til: 12 |
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