

THE STEWARD

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023



EVANGELIZATION



By Fr. Tom Refermat, Associate Pastor

We have been talking a lot about evangelization these past few months. One of the goals of the Renew My Church has been to look at the area of evangelization to examine ways in which we can share our Faith with others. Ultimately it is to bring others to Mass to encounter Christ, but it doesn't start there nor does it end there.

Evangelization begins with relationships. It means first looking at the relationships I already have. Maybe it's my own family or the people I see every day at work. I know that some large companies offer time during lunch breaks to look at a Bible passage and share their Faith with others. Each time we pray with our children or tell our family where you found God in your life this day, that's evangelization. As a kid, there was no question about going to Mass; the challenge happened in the Catholic school I attended, where we were challenged to find how our Faith was lived out

each day. Unlike other subjects, religion class not only taught us the 10 Commandments, 7 Sacraments, and parts of the Bible, but it challenged us to apply what we learned into everyday living. Sure, we went as a class to confession for Advent and Lent, prayed the morning offering each day, had prayers before we went home, and prayed as we huddled in hallways during tornado drills, but we also were challenged to find God when I went outside to play, and interacted with family members.

As I got older, I learned from others that what I was doing is evangelizing and living out my Faith. So evangelization doesn't necessarily require that I walk door to door ringing doorbells and asking complete strangers if they know Christ. It began with me living out my Faith and being that light so that others will see my Faith without saying a single word about God. In order to evangelize, I have to interact with others. This is

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what I think is the prerequisite or beginning of evangelization.

We all live out our Faith everyday, showing kindness to the stranger, forgiving our brother or sister, and helping the neighbor in whatever capacity I can. In one sense, evangelization can mean accompanying others on their journey to God. We try to set a good example, even when things get tough and we are tempted to gain revenge at another.

If evangelization begins with interaction with others, I think this means getting to know others and spending time with them. Yes, it begins in the home, setting a good example, but also sharing with others when we see kindness and charity and God in their lives. Have you ever told someone they were a blessing? Have you ever reminded someone how much God has blessed you today with a beautiful sunrise or the warmth of a house on a cold day? These little reminders tell us and remind us that God shouldn't be forgotten, but that He is all around us in ways we sometimes miss.

Now I was reminded a few years ago by my dad of a deeper level of evangelization. He told me that his friend, a man who worked with him when volunteering at the parish, invited him to become part of a small group of men who pray and socialize each month. The invitation wasn't to pledge his life away, but simply come and see what they were about. He wasn't intimidated by the man since he was his friend; he didn't feel pressured into going; he simply found someone he knew who took interest in him and simply invited him. That's one of the secrets to evangelization: begin with inviting friends or people you know.

I can speak for myself, that sometimes a simply invite from a friend can move a person to consider going a little deeper in my Faith. Again, it begins with making friends or sharing with acquaintances. Talking to a complete stranger is another aspect of evangelization, but not very effective. Effective evangelization begins with people we already know and interact with.

As we move forward to trying to be successful in evangelizing, it requires having friends or others we know, not with strangers. It requires us not to pester someone nor nag them into coming to a concert or a Mass with them, but simply inviting. We have to realize that people will say no to the Good News; our aim is not apologetics or arguing with someone over our Faith. It involves inviting. I can't help thinking about sports teams or other groups that recruit simply by inviting. Maybe you will invite 10 people to join you for the next concert in Church, but know you may only get 1 person to come with you. So don't let that discourage you, but like the parable of the sower and the seed, a lot of the little seeds will fall on rough soil, our goal is only to spread them.



RITE OF ENROLLMENT - ST. BENEDICT 8TH GRADE CLASS

Members of Parish School and RE 8th grade classes were enrolled as confirmandi at last week's 5 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass and the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Present at the Rite of Enrollment were their sponsors who pledged to support them in this new part of their journey of faith which will lead them to receiving the sacrament later this spring in April. Please remember in your prayers these boys and girls as they study and prepare to receive the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, as well as their teachers and catechists who are guiding them.

Sunday, Feb 05, 2023

Lord, hold the center together

Author and black Catholic educator Therese Wilson Favours wrote some rousing words for today's observance, the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family: "At times when the strain of life is heaviest within our families, 'holding-on power' is needed. Perseverance is the glue squeezed out from the soul and spoken in prayer at the midnight hour. Perseverance is the spiritual machine needed to break down the mountain and push through from weakness to strength. Lord, let me hold on just a little bit longer." Pray for black families and all families vulnerable to social forces that embattle them.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (73). "Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard."

Monday, Feb 06, 2023

Be nourished by his rain

Almost 350 years before the second atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki, it was the site of another tragedy—the place where 26 Christian martyrs were crucified on a hill, now known as Holy Mountain. The best known of the martyrs was Brother Paul Miki, a native Japanese member of the Jesuit order. While hanging on his cross, he continued to preach, expressing thanks to God that he was dying for teaching the doctrine of Christ and urging his listeners to "ask Christ to help you to become happy." He said he hoped his blood would fall as "fruitful rain." May his gentle words and brave witness nourish your prayer today.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."

Tuesday, Feb 07, 2023

How to help a good cause

Six individuals are in line to become the first African-American saint: Sister Thea Bowman, Julia Greeley, Mother Mary Lange, Mother Henriette Delille, Father Augustus Tolton, and Pierre Toussaint. The first three have the title "servant of God," indicating their canonization cause has been launched. The latter three have the title "venerable," meaning the pope recognizes their heroic virtue. Next would come beatification, allowing candidates to be called "blessed"; it includes the church's confirmation that they are in heaven—evidenced by at least two miracles from their intercession (unless they're martyred). Finally, comes canonization. Learn about these six and seek their intercession year-round.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them."

Wednesday, Feb 08, 2023

Saintly guidance to help end modern-day slavery

This day marks the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking—also the feast of the first and only black woman saint in modern times: the Sudanese nun Josephine Bakhita. Kidnapped into slavery as a child by Arab traffickers in the late 19th century, she was converted to Islam before eventually being left in the care of Canossian Sisters in Italy. Her freedom soon came, and she lived out her later life as a Catholic and

eventually a nun. Today, an estimated 50 million people live in modern-day slavery. Christians are among the greatest combatants of the trade, and Saint Josephine was named the patron of survivors when she was canonized in 2000. May her faith continue to inspire those working to end the scourge, and may we join their efforts.

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331).

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

Thursday, Feb 09, 2023

Seeing Adam's rib with fresh eyes

Traditionally, today's first reading has been used as a cudgel to keep women in divinely sanctioned inferiority. In the past century, scholars have looked differently at Genesis. Eve being created last doesn't imply inferiority, they say; human creation came after the rest of creation and traditionally was seen as implying superiority (which is actually another idea now under question). Also, many say a "partner" for Adam would imply equal status. Scripture interpretation depends heavily on the culture and on who is doing the interpreting. May the Holy Spirit inspire each one of us to advance human dignity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

Friday, Feb 10, 2023

Togetherness has its virtue

Saint Scholastica (480-543) is the patron of Benedictine nuns and sisters. Along with her brother Saint Benedict of Nursia, she helped establish a rule for monastic living that emphasized prayer, work, and peace. Contemporary Benedictine women continue to follow this ancient set of precepts. The vision of monastic life, as expressed in the 2022 Centennial Prayer of the Benedictine Federation of Saint Scholastica is to "see Christ at the heart of all creation and at the center of our common life" and "share the peace of Christ, show the love of Christ, and make Christ known in our world." In what ways does your own life within family and community give witness to the peace and love of Christ?

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "[Jesus] has done all things well."

Saturday, Feb 11, 2023

Our hands, God's hands

Today is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to serve those suffering from illnesses. "Because Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ," said the sainted pope, "can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father." Today and every day we pray for and care for the sick in our lives. On this day last year Pope Francis stated, "The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: 'I was sick and you visited me.'"

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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February 5, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's amazing how one interaction can brighten an otherwise gloomy day. I love a nice sunrise on a wintry morning or a crackling fire on an autumn night. But whatever the weather, nothing quite lights up my day like a shared laugh with a friend, a snippet of real conversation with my teen son, or a hot cup of coffee delivered by my husband. In today's reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount, telling the disciples: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." We, too, can be light for others – through good deeds large and small, ordinary and extraordinary. As we go about our days, we can ask the Lord to show us how to serve others. We will have days when we don't feel up to the task but, like St. Paul, we can ask the Holy Spirit to light the way.

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**You are the salt
of the earth, you
are the light of
the world.”**

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used images that resonate with us as much as they did with his followers 2,000 years ago: salt and light. Salt serves many purposes, preserving our food and giving it flavor, for example. And of course we cannot live without light. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples: "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world." Like the disciples we, too, can be salt and light for others by giving witness to our faith. What that involves will be different for each of us. For ideas, we can turn to today's reading from Isaiah, which calls us to share our bread, shelter the oppressed and clothe the naked. In doing so, our light "shall break forth like the dawn."

ACTION We all know people we'd call "the salt of the earth." Who are those people in your life? Make a list of the characteristics they exhibit or actions they take that you can learn from and try to imitate. Ask God for the grace to see and do likewise for his glory.

Images/Alex Savva

Education

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BOUNCE HOUSE FUN!

St. Benedict Prep students were treated to a day of bounce house fun as a reward for meeting the Home & School Association Fun Run 50 state challenge. Bengals big and small enjoyed jumping, crawling, climbing, bouncing in the huge inflatable structures. What a great way to end Catholic Schools Week 2023.



LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY

Play & Pray with your young cub (6 months – 2 years old) at St. Benedict Preparatory School. Play & Pray provides you the opportunity to socialize, build community, and connect with members of our parish and school. Sessions are held in the Preschool Gross Motor Room with padded floors and age-appropriate play equipment. **Parents and children only please.** Questions? Contact Janet Gallagher, Director of Enrollment & Marketing at jgallagher@stbenedict.com or 773-509-3814.

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The Magic of the Cello

Sunday,
February 13
3pm

Featuring Matthew Agnew,
Principal cellist of the
Elgin Symphony



Matthew Agnew studied Suzuki cello from age four with Marilyn Kesler in Okemos, Michigan. In High School he had the benefit of orchestra instruction and guidance from Shirley Mullins, a Janos Starker student, and cello instruction from Jane Katsuyama of the Dayton Philharmonic. He attended DePaul University on scholarship and studied with William Cernota from the Lyric Opera Orchestra. In 2001 he won second place at the Lansing Matinee Musicale Richardson Awards.

Matthew is the principal cellist of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, a position he has held since 2002. He also plays with several Chicago area orchestras, including Chicago Opera Theater, Music of the Baroque, Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra and the Joffrey Ballet. In 2005 he was awarded the assistant principal position with the Lancaster Festival Orchestra, a summer festival orchestra in Lancaster, Ohio.

For more information, Contact Director of Music Ministry, Scott Arkenberg at 773.588.6484, ext 5107

WORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Ben's chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks our parish community for their continued support of our programs. With the help of your generous contributions, in 2022 we collected and donated 916.4 lbs of food to support our neighbors through the Common Pantry. This amazing total reflects the generosity of our parish.

Likewise, we would like to thank the community for their support of our recent blood drive. 37 members of the St. Ben's community donated blood through our partnership with Vitalant! Thank you for helping us make the event such a big success! We look forward to another impactful year in 2023 as we support members of our extended community!



ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS - DONUT SUNDAY UPDATE AND MORE

Due to circumstance beyond our control the Donut Sunday scheduled to be held on February 5th has been rescheduled for May 7th.

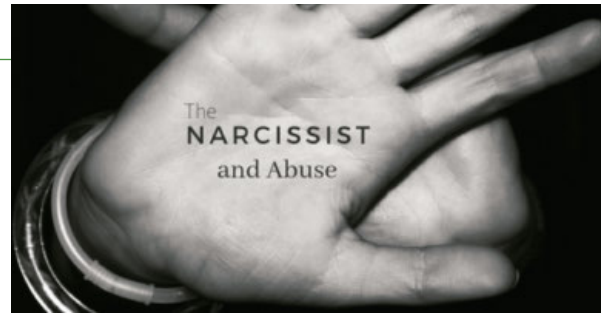
If any member of the parish wishes to join the Holy Name Society or wishes to learn more about our HNS at St. Benedict's please call, text or email Deacon Dave at 773- 588-6484 or dreyes@stbenedict.com.

Human Concerns

Ways Manipulative Narcissists Silence You: Part III

Does your abuser shift blame, change the subject, name-call or nitpick?

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish



9. Name-calling. Narcissists preemptively blow anything they perceive as a threat to their superiority out of proportion. In their world, only they can ever be right and anyone who dares to say otherwise creates a narcissistic injury that results in narcissistic rage. As Mark Goulston, M.D. asserts, narcissistic rage does not result from low self-esteem but rather a high sense of entitlement and false sense of superiority. The lowest of the low resort to narcissistic rage in the form of name-calling when they can't think of a better way to manipulate your opinion or micromanage your emotions. Name-calling is a quick and easy way to put you down, degrade you and insult your intelligence, appearance or behavior while invalidating your right to be a separate person with a right to his or her perspective. Name-calling can also be used to criticize your beliefs, opinions and insights. A well-researched perspective or informed opinion suddenly becomes "silly" or "idiotic" in the hands of a malignant narcissist or sociopath who feels threatened by it and cannot make a respectful, convincing rebuttal. Rather than target your argument, they target you as a person and seek to undermine your credibility and intelligence in any way they possibly can. It's important to end any interaction that consists of name-calling and communicate that you won't tolerate it. Don't internalize it: realize that they are resorting to name-calling because they are deficient in higher level methods.

10. Destructive conditioning. Toxic people condition you to associate your strengths, talents, and happy memories with abuse, frustration and disrespect. They do this by sneaking in covert and overt put-downs about the qualities and traits they once idealized as well as sabotaging your goals, ruining celebrations, vacations and holidays. They may even isolate you from your friends and family and make you financially dependent upon them. Like Pavlov's dogs, you're essentially "trained" over time to become afraid of doing the very things that once made your life fulfilling. Narcissists, sociopaths, psychopaths and otherwise toxic people do this because they wish to divert attention back to themselves and how you're going to please them. If there is anything outside of them that may threaten their control over your life, they seek to destroy it. They need to be the center of attention at all times. In the idealization phase, you were once the center of a narcissist's world – now the narcissist becomes the center of yours. Narcissists are also naturally pathologically envious and don't want anything to come in between them and their influence over you. Your happiness represents everything they feel they cannot have in their emotionally shallow lives. After all, if you learn that you can get validation, respect and love from other sources besides the toxic person, what's to keep you from leaving them? To toxic people, a little conditioning can go a long way to keep you walking on eggshells and falling just short of your big dreams.

Please Note: Shahida Arabi is a #1 Amazon bestselling author and graduate of Columbia University. She blogs about abuse and trauma recovery at Self-Care Haven. This article was originally published at Thought Catalog.

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Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services:

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(1-800-422-4453)

PRO – LIFE ALERT LIST

Occasionally as the Pro-Life coordinator for our parish I get "alerts" from the Archdiocesan Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity. These alerts are in the form of requests to call our legislators to vote for or against legislation that impacts Pro Life issues. If anyone would wish to be on this Alert list to please send me your email address or if you don't have an email address your telephone number. I will Blind Copy the list so that your email address will be hidden. **Please send to dreyes@stbenedict.com.** As always please keep in your prayers those who work in the Pro-Life field and for the victims of "Pro Choice" policies.



Coming Up at St. Ben's | February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Mass at St. Kateri Center 11am St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel	6 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Webelos II 7pm Cafeteria Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	7 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	8 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 3rd Grade St. Ben's Girl Scouts 3pm Beaven Hall Cub Scouts- Bears 5pm Beaven Hall Gala Meeting 6pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	9 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall	10 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Bitty Basketball 8am Ackerman Center Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
12 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church	13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scouts Den Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Ben's Womens Club Meeting 9:30am Pine Room Daisy Girl Scouts Kindergarten 2:30pm Beaven Hall Cub Scout Pack 3865 4th Grade Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall Advisory Board Mtg 7pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 1st Grade Daisy Scouts 3pm Beaven Hall Women's Book Club 7pm Beaven Hall	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Bitty Basketball 8am Ackerman Center Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Weeks of January 22

Sunday & Holy Day Offertory – Week of Jan 22

Electronic Giving: \$7,377
 Envelope: \$2,046
 Loose: \$1,668
 Holy Day: \$30
 Total: \$11,121 (86% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$376,216 (97% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$389,700
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$13,484)

Christmas Offertory – as of Jan 22

FYTD: \$30,511
 Goal: \$55,000
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$24,489)

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Masses for the Week

First Saturday, February 4 - Weekday

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*
5PM Mary Ann Madden - *The Colleen Kellas Family*
Tom Reynolds - *Caroline Padmanabhan*
Jim Davis - *Melody*
Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Sunday, February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Kelley Halper - *Karen Cholipski*
Samuel M. and Aurelia M. Clarin, Jr.
- *Connie Golloso and Family*
10AM Tom Reynolds - *Ben Mazzone*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Guy Ackermann (Class of '70)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*
12PM Special Intention for the Carroll Family
Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
In Thanksgiving for Jorge and Aurora Cortes

Monday, February 6 - Saint Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Paula Gumler Lopat - *The Gumler Family*

Tuesday, February 7 - Weekday

8:30AM Anthony Rebello - *The Mendes Family*
Brian Martin - *Family*

Wednesday, February 8 - Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30AM Mark Anthony M. Baylon
- *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Josephine Roemer Triggs - *John Schmalz*

Thursday, February 9 - Weekday

8:30AM Mary Cascino Albergo (Class of '56)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

Friday, February 10 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:30AM Carol Schmidt Mabus (Class of '56)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lords, BVM

8:30AM Special Intention for Suzanne Brewer
5PM James Schneider - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*
Joan Brunzie Stafford (Class of '74)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

Sunday, February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Donald Luth (Class of '71)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
Helene Lorraine Wolf - *Melissa Mulhern*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
In Thanksgiving for Rosita and Federico Perez and Family
Timoteo Gotengco - *Corazon Lopez*
Emmie Mole - *Juliet and Howie Kantoff*
12PM In Thanksgiving for Jorge and Aurora Cortes
Lilia B. Zabala - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Nicolas G. and Consolacion D. Dabu
- *Jesus and Lucita Barin*

Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia
Beverly Berganos Johnson
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Isabella Sofia Casillas
Vincent Castellano
Carmen M. Clarin
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Frank Flesch
Anne Hoellich
Marilyn Jerger
Charlene Johnson
Patricia Ann King
Jackson James Limburg

Giorgio Marconi
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Ronald O'Keefe Jr.
Corazon Pizarro
Julie Raheja-Perera
Alex Sandoval
Cecilia Fell Schott
(Class of 72)
Bill Shaver
Eden Sobrepena
Jim Strzalka
Audrey Venkatesh
Leda Wildner



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Parish Information



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 on our website: parish.stbenedict.com.** 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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