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MAY 29, 2022

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



By Rachel Gemo,
Head of Parish School

Memorial Day Weekend, the unofficial start of the summer season, kicks off with a federal holiday to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the US military. Many of these deaths occurred fighting in battles to safeguard our freedoms which you and I enjoy each day.

One of the freedoms which we enjoy, religious freedom, is protected by the First Amendment of the US Constitution. Religious freedom protects our right to live, speak and act according to our beliefs peacefully and publicly. It protects our ability to be ourselves at work, at school and at social activities. We do not need to worship in secret, hide the crucifixes hanging in our homes, or speak in code to fellow Christians for fear of persecution. We can openly walk into church to pray, openly share our faith experience with others, and even bring our Catholic values to the civil discourse which influences our country's politics and laws. Yes, we are certainly blessed to

have religious freedom.

As someone who has been in Catholic education for over 25 years, I get to experience this freedom every day. Parents also have the freedom to send their children to Catholic schools, enabling the children to have a faith-centered academic experience recognized by the state and local government, and valued and respected by civil organizations and private businesses. I am grateful for all those who have chosen St. Benedict Preparatory School for their children, and for all those who support our parish school. Your participation allows us to continue to thrive.

On this Feast of the Ascension, I can't help but see a connection between this Feast Day and the Memorial Day holiday.

Just before Jesus ascended to heaven, Jesus reminded His disciples that they were witnesses to His life, death and resurrection. The disciples truly believed that Jesus is the Messiah and that He was the One promised to restore Israel. In the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday, we hear the disciples ask, "Lord, are you at this time going to

restore the kingdom to Israel?" When I read this line, I envision the disciples waiting eagerly for some big, earth-shaking show of power, glory and restoration. But that wasn't the answer they heard.

Instead, Jesus said that the day and time really isn't for them to know. Rather, they were going to restore Israel by being Jesus' witnesses through the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them; after this, they'd be given the power to share the Good News to all the ends of the earth. After Pentecost, the apostles were on fire with the Holy Spirit and changed the world, building the Church and God's kingdom here on earth. The courage to spread the Good News came at a cost, as many of the early Christians died for their faith. They paved the way for you and me to have the FREEDOM to teach others about Jesus.

The work of the Church started over 2000 years ago and continues today with you and me. We are part of this work and the story of the Church. We are called to be witnesses to Christ's life, death and resurrection. In America, we are blessed to have the FREEDOM to be witnesses and share our faith with others. We are blessed to have the FREEDOM to tell others of God's mercy, hope, love, healing and forgiveness through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. We are blessed to have the FREEDOM to participate in

the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation and boldly proclaim our membership in the Catholic Church. We are blessed to have the FREEDOM to allow our faith to shape the way we live, work, and play. We are blessed to have the FREEDOM to help build God's kingdom on earth.

I wonder how much I take these freedoms for granted. Do I see my faith as freedom or a burden? I pray that I have the courage to use this religious freedom to help bring others to the faith.

Catholic schools are an important part of the work of the Church and an essential service in a free society. As a community of believers, we help our young people know of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We help prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. We teach them about the Great Commission at Pentecost and that the students, too, are a part of Church History. We educate young people well. We teach the value of ethics, diversity and stewardship. We model service to the vulnerable and less fortunate. Catholic schools are a blessing, and our parish school continues to thrive despite current global challenges thanks to the work and support of many.

On this Memorial Day weekend, I give thanks to God for the men and women who gave their lives to protect the freedoms that I enjoy each day. I also give thanks to God for the Christians who came before me to protect and promote the Good News. Please join me in prayers of gratitude.





ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND SCHOOL

BABY & KIDS GREEN GARAGE SALE

Save the Date for our 2022
Green Garage Sale!

Saturday, September 17th
8am-1pm

First Drop-Off Dates:

June 9th
8:30 - 10am

June 10th
8:30 - 11am

June 11th
8:30 - 11am

*** Drop Off Location in the Courtyard - Door 5 ***

Email questions to: sbpsgaragesale@gmail.com

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GOD'S LOVE IS MONUMENTAL! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Go off-road with St Benedict Parish for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, we'll form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.

Our 5-day Vacation Bible School will run from July 18-22. Vacation Bible School is for rising kindergarteners thru rising 4th graders. We will meet Monday through Friday to sing, learn about scripture stories, talk about the saints and grow in faith. Participants will be in small groups, led by our parish youth ministry volunteers. This 3.5 hour day will run from 9:00am-12:30pm. The fee is \$80. per child and \$150. for a family. **SPACE IS LIMITED.**



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN AND BABY SHOWER

After an absence of 2 years the annual Baby Bottles and Baby Shower are back! Both campaigns will run from Mother's Day May 8th to Father's Day June 19th.

For the Baby Bottle Campaign please take an empty baby bottle found in one of the baskets at the entrances around church and fill it up with your spare change and return it at

Sunday Mass to one of the ushers or if during the week to the rectory.

Our Baby Shower will be held on the East side of our church that contains the baby crib and decorations. We ask you to bring any items that would be appropriate for newborns or toddlers e.g. diapers, formula, toys or clothing to name a few things. If you have an item that is too big or awkward to bring, please call Deacon Dave at the rectory 773-588-6484 ext. 5105 and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

On behalf of the Women's Center and the St. Benedict Knights of Columbus Council 15052 we thank you in advance for your help and generosity.



Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a TOILETRY DRIVE FOR SISTER MICHAEL THERESA OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR on Lakewood Ave here in Chicago.

Collection of toiletries will be distributed to the homeless and senior citizens assisted by the Little Sisters. New packages of toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, body soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream and razors, deodorant, body lotion, hand cream, wipes, etc. are being requested.

BOXES FOR YOUR DONATIONS ARE FOUND AT ALL ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH. COLLECTION WILL END ON THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 18TH AND 19TH.

We appreciate your consideration and generosity.



Save the Dates! January 30th - February 8th 2023 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

*For we saw His star in the east,
and have come to worship Him
(Matthew 2:2)*

Faith... can you dig it? Follow the star as we dig deeper into our faith in Israel, the land of excavation!

You're invited to join Father Steve Kanonik (Pastor, St. Benedict), Deacon Mike McManus (St. Edward) and Deacon Bill Frere (Mary, Undoer of Knots) as we visit the places where Jesus was born, lived, preached, healed, died and rose.

Whether this is your first visit to Israel or you're an experienced pilgrim, this is an opportunity to renew your mind, spirit and faith. Is Jesus calling you to a trip of a lifetime?

We'll celebrate Mass each day at one of the churches that recall the events of Jesus' life and ministry. We'll renew our baptismal vows in the Jordan River, sail on the Sea of Galilee, float in the Dead Sea, carry a cross through the streets of Jerusalem as we follow the Way of the Cross of that first Good Friday, and married couples will renew their marriage vows in Cana.

Interested in travelling with us or on the fence? Have questions? Concerns? Join us for an info session on Sunday evening, June 5th at 6pm in Kernaghan Hall, lower level of the St. Robert Bellarmine church, 4646 N. Austin, Chicago.

For additional information, contact Deacon Mike (m_mcmanus@yahoo.com) or Deacon Bill (wfrere@archchicago.org).



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



An Intimate Union

God who dwells among us,
we are grateful for the life
you share with us,
a life of shared union
with your Son, Jesus, our Lord,
and the Holy Spirit who guides us.
Give us hearts that are open to
your love,
and the courage to share that love
even in the face of rejection.
May we, like Jesus, grounded in
your love,
seek unity with our brothers
and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Jesus' Prayer for Us



Today's readings: Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 97:1–26–7, 9; Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20; John 17:20–26. In today's Gospel, Jesus expresses a desire that the Father love his followers just as he loves his Beloved Son. He prays: "That the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." This prayer is for us as well as the disciples two thousand years ago. Jesus wants us to know the depth of God's love in every moment of our lives.

Jesus' prayer to the Father is not just that followers be embraced with love but that they be brought into a union with God. He implores "that they may also be one. As you, Father, are in me and I in you may they also be in us."

In this prayer we see Jesus' desire for unity with all of God's children.

When life is most challenging, it is good to remember that Jesus prays for us to know and believe in God's love. These prayers assist us in witnessing to our friends and community that God is near. The gift of Easter is that we know and believe that the darkness of this world has no power over us, that sin and struggle will never have the last word. As we await the celebration of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, are you willing and open to witness to the joy of the Gospel to a world so in need of God's love and mercy?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 30

Take Courage

Jesus tells his disciples, “In the world you face persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world.” When we spread the Gospel, we do so knowing that Jesus has gone before us, and that his persecution, death, and rising, offer eternal life. We do not face the trouble in our lives by ourselves; our faith reminds us that we are never alone. *Today’s readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 31

Blessed Encounters

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Once Mary hears about her cousin Elizabeth being with child, as she is herself, the Gospel tells us she travels in haste to be with her. Elizabeth’s greeting was both a comfort and affirmation for Mary. Today remember and pray in gratitude for the people in your life who, in times of challenge, support you. *Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Wednesday, June 1

What Is the Truth?

For his disciples and for us, Jesus prays, “Sanctify them in the truth.” The prayer commits us to being and saying what is true. Pray for the grace to know the truth in your life, and to be a witness of what is true—that is, every human being is created in the image of God and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Imagine a world that recognizes this truth. *Today’s readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, June 2

Being One

What would our world look like if we believed that we are all called to be one as Jesus is with his Father? In and through our baptism, we are united with God and others in our faith community, and because of this union, we are to be a witness to others. How would striving for unity with all Christians change the way you pray, the way you live, and the way you make present God’s love in our world? *Today’s readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, June 3

God Is Good and Kind

One of the songs from the musical *Godspell* was adapted from today’s Psalm 103 “Bless the Lord, O my soul.” The song and psalm remind us to remember the goodness and kindness of God. When was the last time you paused to thank God for something good in your life? When have you felt God’s abundant kindness in your life? *Today’s readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, June 4

Stories to Guide Us

Scripture is a living, breathing revelation of God’s life with humanity. Stories in the Bible are rooted in a certain time and place. But each of those stories holds a truth that is still relevant today. In our living out of our faith we continue to breathe life into the words of Scripture. Take some time soon to sit down with Scripture, discover the stories of our ancestors in faith, get to know Jesus better, and embrace the challenge of discipleship. *Today’s readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2022

May 29, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 |
Lk 24:46-53

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

“Praise Jesus.” Those two words pack a powerful punch. We often say them with relief on hearing news of a better-than-expected prognosis, celebrating a milestone, seeing a beautiful sunset, or other moments when we feel God’s presence. Jesus’ ascension to the Father was clearly one of those moments. After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles “returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.” We might wonder how they could do that, after watching Jesus depart. I think the answer is found in Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. The Apostles had what Paul desired for the people of Ephesus, and for all people: “a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of [Christ]”; enlightened hearts that know “the hope that belongs to his call” for all who believe. The Lord has brought us salvation: “Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” The Apostles took Jesus’ words to heart, and we must too. In a homily in 2013, Pope Francis said: “The Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us.” As the two men clothed in white reminded the Apostles, Jesus will return. And we know that he is not distant, but that he is fully present to us in a new way. His presence is felt through the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the sacraments.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT Remember confirmation? A refresher on the gifts of the Spirit can serve as inspiration when we have a big decision to make or need guidance in our everyday lives: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.



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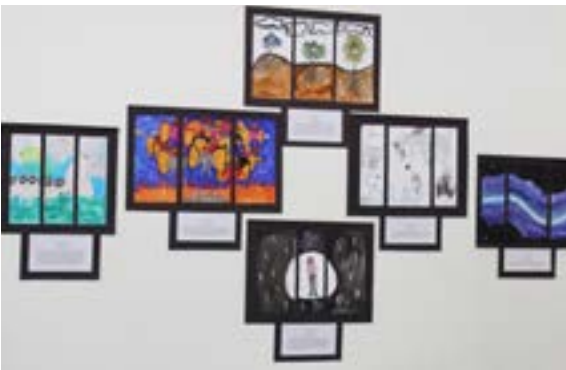
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2022 SPRING ART SHOW!

St. Benedict Preparatory School students showcased their artwork in the Annual Spring Art Show last week. The display was set up in the newly renovated Upper School Library and students in grades 1-8 participated. Parents and visitors saw firsthand the creativity of our students, one of the 7 C's of a St. Benedict Prep education.



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“Bring Flowers of the Fairest” MAY CROWNING 2022

With the easing of restrictions, our traditional May Crowning procession was held on Wednesday, May 18th followed by the crowning of the statue of Blessed Mother at the 8:30 Mass attended by our Kindergarten through Grade 5 students. 19 homerooms created beautiful images of flowers that symbolize the virtues of Mary that decorated the sanctuary. Our First Communicant strings group played a violin piece in honor of Blessed Mother and then after Communion the entire 2nd grade class sang the traditional Crowning hymn, “Bring Flowers of the Fairest”. The court this year was comprised of 5th graders chosen through an essay contest. It was a beautiful expression of the children’s devotion to our spiritual mother, Mary, Queen of Heaven.



Protect Your Digital Life When Leaving an Abuser

Steps to take BEFORE leaving an abuser (Part 1)

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish

How to Prepare Your Digital Footprint BEFORE You Leave an Abuser

Creating independence and protecting your safety when preparing to leave an abuser can be a challenging balance, especially when considering that certain actions can alert an abuser to the fact that you're preparing to leave, thus putting you and your loved ones in further danger.

Below are some recommendations that aim to set you up for independence and a successful escape, without putting you in a potentially life-threatening situation. Please read them carefully and follow them to the fullest extent that you can:

- **Create a new email address unknown to an abuser or partner.**
- **Consider getting a new phone number, as well.** While smartphones are convenient, they are also equipped with technology that enables tracking. Consider a pay as you go phone for privacy. Explore the FCC's Lifeline program for financial assistance security mobile or broadband access.
- **Do not link or use an existing account for confirmation/backup** to avoid sending notifications to an abuser that would alert them of the new account's existence. Alerting an abuser of something like this can further endanger the victim of abuse.
- **Change your passwords to complex passphrases** an abuser would not guess.
- **Use a virtual private network (VPN) to remain anonymous while browsing the internet**, signing a new lease or applying for a new home loan. This will also keep your location anonymous from anyone who has gained access to or infiltrated your device.
- **Apply to the address confidentiality program in your state to set up a confidential mailing address.** Check this list to see if you are eligible. Some states offer motor vehicle registration and health insurance confidentiality, as well. If you're not eligible or your state doesn't offer this program, open a post office box to receive mail.
- **While it may seem counter-intuitive, don't close accounts that you both have access to.** This could alert your abuser to the fact that you are planning an escape. Learn more details on how to prepare your finances when leaving an abuser.
- **Be aware of location tracking in apps** and set privacy settings on devices and social media accounts to the most secure option.
- **Whenever possible, avoid networks that you share with your abuser**, especially when taking the aforementioned steps. Use a computer in a public library, internet cafe or a VPN on your device. Open a new line of credit and let the creditor know of your situation, tying your new line of credit to your new email address and phone number. Notify the company of your abuser's information to prevent their access to your account - even if you are still legally married or in a partnership.

With thanks to Domesticshelters.org

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VIOLENCE
VICTIM SERVICES:**

**Catholic Charities Domestic
Violence Services –**
Various Locations:
Please call
1.312.655.7725 Illinois

Domestic Violence Hotline:
1.877.863.6338
(Toll-Free. 24-hour.
Confidential. Multilingual.)

**Childhelp National
Child Abuse Hotline:**
1-800-4-A-CHILD
(1-800-422-4453)

Sunday Giving

Sunday Offertory (Mailed-in, In-Pew and GiveCentral)

Amount received for Sunday, May 22:	\$8,011 (60% of goal)
Weekly goal:	\$13,250.00
Fiscal Year Sunday Offertory:	\$566,830 (91% of goal)
Fiscal Year Goal (starting July 1):	\$622,750
Behind Goal:	(\$55,920)

Easter Collection

Amount received through May 22:	\$27,000
Easter Goal:	\$35,000
Behind Goal:	(\$8,000)

Our parish is very grateful for our parishioners and friends who have faithfully continued to support and even increased their generosity over the past year. Whether you have turned in your envelopes in church, to the rectory office, or made gifts online through GiveCentral, your generosity has allowed the parish to keep its employees whole, ensure our school stays open and safe, maintain our facilities, and provide outreach opportunities during this difficult year. We have been very strategic in lowering our overhead expenses in an effort to be good stewards of the gifts that we receive. Our parish, however, heavily relies on the generosity of its parishioners.



GiveCentral is our partner for secure electronic giving. Here are three easy ways to get started:

- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for **St. Benedict – Chicago** under **My Charity**
- > Follow the **DONATE** links on our parish and school website: www.stbenedict.com
- > Text the keyword **DONATE** to our text-to-give number **773.918.2366**
- > Scan the QR code (right) with your phone or tablet



Questions? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

Coming Up at St. Ben's | May and June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mass at 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM Church	30 Memorial Day Mass 9am Church	31 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church SVDP Meeting 6:30PM SS Library	1 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Webelos 2 Den Mtg 4:30PM Beaven Hall Choir Rehearsal 7PM Choir Loft (Upstairs) AA Group Meeting 8PM Beaven Hall	2 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church	3 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9AM - 12PM Church 8th Grade Graduation 7PM Church Reception to Follow in the Gym	4 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church First Grade Daisy Scout Meeting 8:45AM Beaven Hall Reconciliation 11AM Church Mass at 5PM Church
5 PENTECOST SUNDAY Mass at 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM Church Parish Library Open 7:30AM Parish Library	6 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Webelos I Meeting 6:30PM Beaven Hall	7 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Last Day of Preschool and Kindergarten - Kindergarten Promotion Ceremonies	8 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Choir Rehearsal 7PM Choir Loft (Upstairs) AA Group Meeting 8PM Beaven Hall	9 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Last Day of School Grades 1-7	10 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Kateri Center/CIMC Native American Career Fair 10AM Gym Reconciliation 11AM Church Mass at 5PM Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday, May 28 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM Francisca Reyes, Victor D. Goite, and
Maria Haduca - *The Goite and Reyes Family*
5PM Stella Szwarc - *Margaret Lawlor*

Sunday May 29 - The Ascension of the Lord

8AM Paul Hester - *The MacDonald Family*
Jack and Lorraine Sulhoff -
St. Benedict Friends
10AM Michael Victorine (Class of '65) -
The St. Benedict Alumni Office
Special Intention for the Tom Kleinschmidt
Family
Coach Patrick Sturch - *The St. Benedict*
Alumni Office
Vincente Lim - *Corazon Lopez and Family*
12PM Living and Deceased Members/
Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monday, May 30 - Easter Weekday

9AM Linda Jouzaitis - *Friends*
Special Intention for Desiree Udvary -
Eleanor Ballog
Special Intention for Jacqueline and
George Rzadzki- *Jimmy and Laura Garber*

Tuesday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM John Golde - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community

Wednesday, June 1 - Saint Justin, Martyr

8:30AM Special Intention for Mark Jerger

Thursday, June 2 - Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:30AM Special Intention for Ken McFadden

First Friday, June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Special Intention for John A. Wisniewski -
Lucy Consing

First Saturday, June 4 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM John, Loretta, and Mary Kelly - *B. Kelly*
Jeffrey Ballog - *wife, Eleanor Ballog*
5PM Carl Dominik - *Sharon and Don Wilson*
John, Mary, and Ann McDonagh - *Family*
Hank Bade - *Marilyn*
Special Intention for Gavin Ballog - *Mom*

Sunday June 5 - Pentecost Sunday

8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Alan Schoen- *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Thomas Becker - *Elaine and Pat Lindia*
10AM Danilo Balicena -
Sally Soprepena- Belicena
Anita Fernandez - *Sally Soprepena-Belicena*
Samuel T. Clarin, Sr. - *The Goloso and*
Clarin Family
Special Intention for the Barkley Family:
Brian, Kirstin, Danica, and Dane
12PM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Sister Margaret Philip Shaw, O.P. -
The St. Benedict Parish Community

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.

Mike Bartley	Ken McFadden
Beverly Berganos Johnson	Karen Mocariski
Carol Brimstin	Ronald O'Keefe
Jerry Byrne	Colleen O'Keefe Wiora
Frank Flesch	Kathy Pietschmann
Kelley Halper	Corazon Pizarro
Anne Hoellich	Julie Raheja-Perera
Marilyn Jerger	Alex Sandoval
Mark Jerger	Bill Shaver
Charlene Johnson	Jim Strzalka
Jackson James Limburg	Leda Wildner

Baptisms

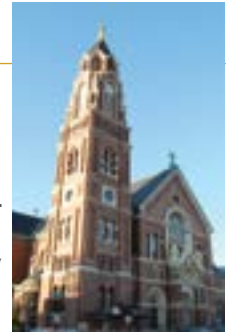
Genevieve Hope, *daughter of Brendan and Holly O'Grady*
Elliott Castiel Rosario, *son of Joseph Rosario and*
Juliana Tamayo
Luciana Marie, *daughter of Marc and Emily Santolin*
Grace Janelle, *daughter of Bryan and Meara Smith*
Isabelle Serra, *daughter of Bryan and Meara Smith*

Wedding Banns

II - Miranda Shaver and Ryan Foote
I - Megan T. Selander and Jeff D. Neubauer



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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