

Third Sunday of LENT

Prayer • fasting • almsgiving

ST. BENEDICT PARISH

NEXT WEEK IN SCRIPTURE

Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
Tue	Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thu	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Sat	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Sun	2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

For the start of Lent, Pope Francis' message will be printed by section in the place of our parish bulletin column. The Pope has deep insights into this desert time, and I hope that you will find it enlightening and encouraging on your Lenten journey!

Blessings, Marti Lundberg

Part Three from His Holiness, Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2018

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope

that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

To be continued next week...

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Stations of the Cross, Fridays during lent at 12:05 pm

JOIN OUR HOSTS FOR COFFEE HOUR TODAY

8 AM HENRIETTA COTTINGHAM

10 AM THE UNABIA FAMILY

Coffee hour is in the school cafeteria after Mass. The sign up sheet for hosts is in the cafeteria or you can contact the Parish Office at 206-632-0843 or parish@stbens.net.

March 5th to March 11th

Monday	8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am SMdP Sandwich Makers
Tuesday	7:00 pm Women's Ministry
Wednesday	6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer
Thursday	9:00 am Mass 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday	8:00 am Mass 12:05 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8:30 am Rosary 10:00 am Prayer Group
Sunday	8:00 am Mass 9:00 am – Noon Hospitality Hour 10:00 am Mass 11:15 pm Adult Faith Formation 4:15 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - March 4th

8 am - Christoforo Ciaravalli ☩ by Rosa Borriello

10 am - Fr. Paul Waldie ☩ by Vicki Briones

5 pm - The People of St. Benedict Parish

Did you know that the parish has a book of prayer requests where you can add your intentions, and with confidence know that your requests will be held up in prayer every single day? You will find the book on a stand in the vestibule.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carmen Gonzalez, Willie Kleffner, Eli Mahnken,
Dale Steen, Janice Mosey, Nora Taylor,
Den Costales, Anne Leache, Roseanne Borden,
Easton Brown, Eugene Haydu, Margaret Swanson,
Xavier Schmitt, Barbara Hadaller, Martin Regge,
Roxanne Fischer, Matthew Gray and Robert Roddy

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2018: Not everyone has filled out their giving pledge for 2018! Now is the time to go to www.stbens.net and click on the Stewardship link found on our home page. Pledge online and set up online giving or simply fill out a pledge card found in the pews of the church and place it in the collection basket today or send it to the office. This information is very important as we begin to plan for our next fiscal year. Thank you for your contributions and pledge.

Fiscal Year 2018	Offerings	Budget
January	\$ 43,063	\$ 34,039
<i>The annual budget for our fiscal year is \$423,720 (which requires a monthly average of \$35,310)</i>		

PARISH EVENTS

New Weekday Mass times: Monday and Friday Mass is at 8 am (instead of 7:45 am) and Thursday Mass is now at 9 am (instead of 8:45 am). Every third Thursday of each month, Mass is celebrated at 10:15 am at Columbia Lutheran Home only. All are invited.

Our Lenten Journey Toward Easter



Check out the LIVING LENT table in the Vestibule for additional Rice Bowls, Lenten Reflections and more!

Taizé Prayer—Wednesdays following 6:30 pm Mass beginning February 21st through March 21st

Stations of the Cross—Fridays at 12:05 pm

Reconciliation available during Taizé—March 14th

"Two Faces in the Shadows"—March 18th at 6:15 pm

Lenten Reflection on the Spiritual Exercises with Fr. Bryan—March 21st at 7 pm.

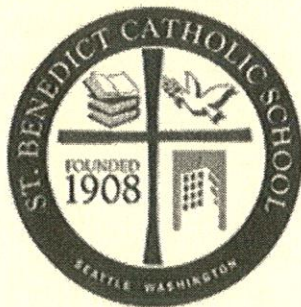
MEETING TIMES WITH FR. BRYAN DOLEJSI -

Fr. Bryan has scheduled several 45 minute blocks of time for meeting with parishioners. Sign up on the sheets in the vestibule today. There is a variety of days and times available.

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2018 STATE OF ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 13

In the school auditorium

and

8:45 am, Wednesday, March 14

In the 3rd floor flex room

Join Brian Anderson, school principal, school commission members, and parish leadership for this presentation about enrollment, communication, funding, staffing, student achievement, and capital improvements.



Two Faces in the Shadows

A drama with music

*On the night Christ was crucified, what words
passed between the man who betrayed Him
and the man who denied Him?*

*Parishioner Len Kannapell and Mark Adolph bring to life
Judas Iscariot and Simon Peter as they meet in the upper room
after the crucifixion. The performance is a powerful 35 - 40 minutes
with an optional 10 - 15 minute post-performance discussion.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 AT 6:15PM

Immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH
1805 N 49TH STREET
SEATTLE, WA 98103

*There is no charge for this event but we suggest you bring a
non-perishable food item for FamilyWorks Food Bank in Wallingford.*

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: If you are interested in having your child baptism, please contact the parish office for details.

First Communion: We have 30 children preparing for 1st Eucharist in late April. Please pray for these children as they absorb what the Eucharist means.

R.C.I.A., Adult Confirmation and Faith Formation: Join us today following the 10 am Mass in the Parish Center. Let's all pray for the men and women who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Marriage Preparation: Sunday, April 15th is our next retreat day. There are only a few spaces left. Sign up available on the parish website.

Marriage Enrichment: 6 Dates will begin in April! More details and registrations available soon!

For More Information on any of these items: e-mail m.lundberg@stbens.net or call 206-518-6017.

SERVING OTHERS

St. Martin de Porres Sandwich Makers: meet with us on Monday, March 5th at 9:00 am in the lower level of the Parish Center. Make your Lenten ministry caring for the cold and hungry in our area by helping to make sandwiches or donate cookies or hard boiled eggs.

Women's Ministry: Meets the first Tuesday of the month and will meet this Tuesday, March 6th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Join us for our Lenten gathering, you will be glad that you did.

Thank you: Another 323 pounds of food was delivered to the FamilyWorks Food bank from the Souper Bowl Fundraiser at the school and your generous weekly donations placed in the baskets in the back of the church. Our current total for 2018 is 2174 pound of food donations.

HELP THE HUNGRY: Human Concerns and Social Justice (HCSJ) Commission is sponsoring ongoing food sorting and packing opportunities at Food Lifeline in South Park. We will serve again Thursday, March 22nd. We meet at St. Benedict at 5 pm to carpool.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Mass for Peace: The Seattle Irish Club hosts on Friday, March 16th at 10:00 am at St. Patrick's Parish in Seattle. Look online at irishclub.org/irish-week for more information.

Have an item for the bulletin? Please send it by 4:00 pm on Monday to parish@stbens.net. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Benedict School Open House THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 9th AT 9:00 am!

*Do you know families with school aged children?
Why not invite them to see what our school has to offer!*

STATE OF THE SCHOOL: Please join us for our State of the School Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 6 pm in the school auditorium or Wednesday, March 14th at 8:45 am in the flex room. School parents are strongly encouraged to attend, but all parish members are welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lent Reawaken

"Lent comes to reawaken us." - Pope Francis

St. Catherine Parish - 814 NE 85th Street

Middle School: 5 pm

Fellowship Meal: 6:15 pm

High School: 7 pm



N Seattle Catholic Youth is continuing their series "Lent Reawaken" this Sunday, March 4! 'When I wake up on Easter morning, will I be different?' – this is the question we are challenged to ask ourselves as we prepare for the season of Lent. During this season of Lent, Christ is inviting us to reawaken our Faith and fall deeper in love with Him. N Seattle Catholic Youth wants to journey with you, the young people of our Church, so that this Lenten season is truly transformational. We want your answer to the question, 'When I wake up on Easter morning, will I be different?' to be an overwhelming YES!

In addition to our regular Sunday Gatherings, N Seattle Catholic Youth will be hosting service and prayer opportunities. Check our website: www.nseattlecatholicyouth.org or our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages for the latest information.

REGISTER NOW FOR JUNIOR HIGH RALLY-MARCH 10!

Meet at St. Benedict Parish at 8:30 am for car pool to the Rally at Forest Ridge in Bellevue. The cost is \$65 and registration is due by March 5th at 10 pm.

YOUTH MIGRANT CAMP MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP August 19th to 24th St. John Parish has invited members of NSCY to join this annual Mission Trip to Burlington. Students pay for their room and board at a neighboring parish, and then spend four intense days immersed in migrant camp life. The final cost is still being determined. **Spaces are limited!** Call Sheila Connolly at 206-782-2810 for information.

For more information questions about our program or to register for any of the upcoming events contact Kate - kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org or 206-488-5970!

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