

DAY OF RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN:
Do you wish to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today's culture? The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi monastery will be hosting Janua Caeli retreat for young women ages 18-38 on Saturday October 13th at the monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSION SAN JOSE CENTER FOR EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY PRESENT:
Dorothy Day – The World Will be Saved by Beauty – by *Kate Hennessy* (Kate Hennessy is Dorothy Day's Granddaughter)
Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 9am-11:30am \$20 Dominican Center
Register by 9/28/18 - http://bit.ly/2018Kate_Hennessy

The Five Languages of Love – presented by *S. Rebecca Shinas*
Three Tuesdays in October, 2018 – 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 – 7-8:30pm – \$10 each session
Register by 9/26/2018 at <http://bit.ly/2018FiveLove>

Register online or call (510) 933-6360 for info
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse
43326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra),
Fremont, CA 94539

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Just a reminder folks: You can continue to support our fundraising efforts. If you enjoyed our wine tasting event and found one you especially liked, please continue to order and enjoy as the Church will receive a percentage of the purchase price which then goes to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC VOICE

Next Weekend is the annual second collection for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps your parish offset its payment for this important communications ministry. The Voice and its other operations – El Heraldo Catolico, websites and social media are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the diocese. Please be generous in your support. Checks should be made payable to the parish.

RIP

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Jackson and remember her family in your prayers.

Funeral Service: Mon., Oct. 8th, 11:00 am, St. Benedict Church

Burial: Chapel of the Chimes (Oakland)

Repast: St. Benedict Parish Hall

PLEASE JOIN US

If you have stood as a visitor to our community before, and because you enjoyed being with us you continue to come, please, seriously consider registering with St. Benedict as your faith community. We would love to have you as a part of our family. Just fill out the registration form located on the back of this bulletin and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you. God loves you and so do we.



PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Arturo Estrada
Betty Kennedy-Tapscott
Kalene Parker

Anita Recania
Laura Scotlan
Brandi Tomlin

Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

CHOIR'S CORNER



WHAT'S GOING ON??

Interested in joining any of the Choirs?
Please feel free to contact

Music Director- **Leonard Pete**
510.917.2390 • thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com
Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.

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The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA.

ST. BENEDICT'S WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 7		
8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Church
11:00 am	Sunday Gospel Mass	Church
9:30-11:00 am	RCIA Class	Rector
9:30-10:45 am	Faith Formation Classes	Center
Monday, 00ct. 8		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 9		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 10		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Thursday, Oct. 11		
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day	Center
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, Oct. 12		
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, Oct. 13		
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Church



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine Linda Smith
Sidney Fernandes Jaylynn St. Julian
Jules Garibaldi Tara Sykes
Romel Lucas Ofelia Wanzo



MISSION STATEMENT

As the people of God who are loved by the Father, being saved by the Son, and strengthened and endowed with the gifts of the Spirit for the service of the Lord, and all here at St. Benedict, we resolve in the spirit of Christian unity and cooperation to use our gifts and talents in building up the Kingdom of God in East Oakland

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

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Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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DEACON

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CLERGY SUPPLY

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IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Aris Martin, SVD
IN RESIDENCE

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY:
4:30 PM (VIGIL MASS)

SUNDAY:
8:30 AM
11:00 AM (GOSPEL MASS)

MON, WED & FRI:
7:30 AM (8:00AM ON HOLIDAYS)

CONFESSION

SATURDAY:
3:45 PM TO 4:15 PM
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

BAPTISM

INSTRUCTION OF PARENTS REQUIRED

MARRIAGE

6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and
St. Joseph Cemeteries.
Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel
at (510) 362-0424 or
www.cfcsoakland.org



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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



One group of rabbis taught that indecency meant adultery and they believed a man could divorce his wife only if she was unfaithful to him. Another group said that indecency pertained to trivial matters like being a lousy cook or embarrassing her husband in public. You can well imagine, given the patriarchal and chauvinistic cultural of the time (not that things have changed that much since then, so it seems these days), which of these two interpretations of the law was unfortunately more popular.

Although the man could divorce his wife, the wife couldn’t divorce her husband without his permission. Even then, Jewish law recognized only a few conditions under which this was possible (e.g., if he became a leper). This unequal treatment undoubtably was the result of the male dominated society.

When a man decided to divorce his wife, he only had to write a note to declare his intention to divorce her (that’s the decree of divorce in today’s Gospel) and then give this note to her in the presence of witnesses. It was that simple.

Quoting Genesis 2, Jesus rejects the broader understanding of divorce and says that marriage is forever. A husband who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery. Likewise, according to Jesus’ words in this weekend’s Gospel from Mark, a woman who divorces her husband and marries another man also commits adultery.

This teaching poses many problems for Christians who want to uphold the sanctity of marriage but also want to show compassion for those who realize they made a mistake. Did Jesus mean that a couple who are in a bad marriage must either stay married for the rest of their lives or remain single if they choose to get a divorce? Or was Jesus speaking about the ideal for which all of us should strive but not necessarily attain?

Different Christian denominations answer these questions in a variety of ways, some permitting divorce and remarriage, others prohibiting it, and others, like our Catholic Church, granting annulments. The one thing certain about this issue is that it will continue to be the focus of theological, pastoral and scriptural debates and discussions for many years to come.

Because divorce is often a very painful experience, those who are going through it need to be supported and prayed with, not looked down upon. Pray today for those whom you know who are going through divorce proceedings. If possible, connect with them to let them know that you still care about them and their situation.

Like many of you, I’ve been following the case of Judge Brett Kavanaugh and the on-going drama of his confirmation process. I was deeply moved by the sincere and honest testimony by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. On the other hand, I was struck by the arrogant and

defensive posture adopted by Kavanaugh, and the sneer and entitled response by Senator Lindsey Graham from South Carolina. Many have commented on the irony that in our society, people of color (especially women of color) who exhibit that type of behavior would be considered shrill and emotionally out-of-control, while it’s OK for white men to express such rage.

45 has until very recently kept fairly polite in all of this, but he has taken a much stronger and less civilized stance and response to the controversy, stating that it’s “a very scary time for young men in America, when you can be guilty of something you may not be guilty of”, implying somehow that there’s a plethora of examples where women are making false accusations against men, so by extension accusations against Judge Kavanaugh are also false, according to 45’s skewed logic.

At a rally last week Tuesday in Mississippi, 45 also mocked Dr. Ford, questioning the honesty and sincerity of her testimony, and utilizing a political platform to denigrate Dr. Ford. With pending results from an FBI investigation on these accusations, many of us are struck by the sheer hypocrisy and sexism that is so apparent.

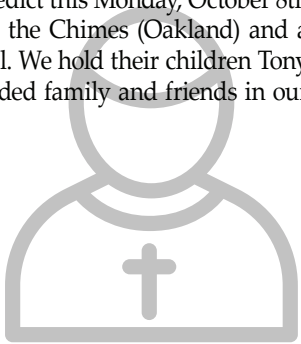
I am struck by the racial subtexts to the conversation over Kavanaugh’s experience as a privileged white male relative to the lives of young black men in our society. The benefit of the doubt given to Kavanaugh would never be accorded to young men of color, particularly black youth. Many white folks think that Kavanaugh should be given a pass, because he was “just a teenager.” Tell that to the family and friends of 12 year-old Tamir Rice, 18 year-old Michael Brown, and 17 year-old Trayvon Martin, all killed while unarmed. Conservative supporters of Kavanaugh want to give him “another chance” because he was a teenager, but black and other teens of color seldom receive the same treatment and “get a pass”, as some are asking for Kavanaugh to receive as he goes through the process of confirmation to the Supreme Court.

As people of faith, we need to stand strong against the forces of racism and bigotry that has become more fully unhinged and unleashed through 45. We’ve come a mighty long way, as the hymn tells us - there’s no going back!

I’m at the Diocesan Blue Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of Christ the Light for the work of First Responders here in the East Bay, so I won’t be at liturgies on Sunday. I’ll be with Fr. Jay Matthews. Thank you, Fr. Paul Vassar, for covering and taking the Masses.

Mary Jackson, long-time St. Benedict parishioner and active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver, passed away last week. Her funeral will be here at St. Benedict this Monday, October 8th at 11:00 AM, with a burial at Chapel of the Chimes (Oakland) and a repast back at the St. Benedict parish hall. We hold their children Tony and Kami, and their children and extended family and friends in our hearts and prayers.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!
Please do not take flowers, plants and vases from the church.

COLUMBUS DAY
The office will be closed on Monday, October 8th in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.

ROSARY OF OUR LADY
Each Sunday during the month of October, we will pray the rosary at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 am Mass).

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES
During the month of November, we pray in special way for all the deceased members of our families and parishioners. Specifically, you have an opportunity to list all those you wish to remember on All Souls envelopes provided on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month and your loved ones are remembered at each Mass celebrated.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Altar servers are a group of boys and girls who assist at the altar during Mass. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please come and see Deacon Ron for three Saturdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 2018 from 11:00 am – 12 noon at the Church.

RCIA (RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)
If you are an adult who has never been baptized or received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, then the RCIA process is for you because it will prepare you to receive all or any of this Sacraments. If you were baptized in another Christian denomination but wish to become a Catholic, then the RCIA is for you because it will bring you into the Catholic Church. It starts on Sunday, Oct. 7th and meets every Sunday from 9:30am to 11:00am. in the Parish Center. Please sign-up at the back of the church.

SEARCHING?
Take some time out this week to ask if Spirit is calling you to a ministry and decide which one it will be. We need your talents and your time. On next Sunday we will be holding our Ministry Sign-Up Sunday. There will be tables set up with representatives from ministries in the Church to answer your questions, sign you up and get you started. Some of those ministries will be: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Alter Servers, Ushers, Choir Voices, Youth Group members, Knights, Ladies, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Environment Committee, Facilities Clean-up and Repairs Volunteers. We look forward to your stewardship commitment.

ATTENTION!!!
Beginning this Sunday, October 7th, after 8:30am and 11:00am Masses, we will hold a sale of religious handcrafts and souvenirs at the back of the church. Please take this special opportunity to support beautiful work and mission of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent by purchasing the items of devotion. Please read the flyer posted on the bulletin board at the back inside doors of the church for more information.

SAVE THE DATE
KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 336 Luncheon & Fashion Show on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 12 noon – 3:30 pm at the parish hall. Donation \$35.00. 50/50 raffle tickets, door prizes, and good food. For more details please contact Gloria McCullough at 510-604-3833.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick and homebound who would like to receive communion at their home or if you know someone who is sick and is in need of prayers, please contact Divina Cabrera at the church office (510) 632-1847. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

MASS INTENTIONS

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. If you would like to offer a Mass for the (Living) Intentions of your family/friends, or for your deceased family members/friends, stop by the Parish Office during office hours. We will be happy to assist you.

Sunday	October 7	8:30 am 11:00 am	Irma Metoyer-Davis + Renell Coleman Gilkey +
Monday	October 8	8:00 am	For The People
Wednesday	October 10	7:30 am	
Friday	October 12	7:30 am	
Saturday	October 13	4:30 pm	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection	September 30, 2018	\$2,822.95
100” CLUB		
Beginning Balance		\$8,474.42
Total Income for August 2018		\$551.00
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2018		\$9,025.42

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of August 31, 2018 \$1,296.68
Please remember to bring your pennies and drop them off by the altar before or after Mass. There’s no need to wrap your pennies in a roll.
Thank You For Your Generosity

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

October 13/14, 2018

There is a practice and faith sharing session for these Lectors on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Rectory		
4:30 pm	8:30 pm	11:00 pm
J. Soublet	J. Outley	L. Brown-Parker
K. Webster	C. Ologbosele	G. McCullough
D. Dixon (EM)	J. Grant (EM)	W. Sykes-Bush (EM)
	J. Matthews (EM)	J. Smithson-Bell (EM)

SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND - “100” CLUB