

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church A Part of the Anglican Community

"The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to know Christ's love and to make His love known"

1 Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

Eucharist Year C, Daily Office Year One
January 9 & 10, 2010

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6 pm

Sunday: Morning Prayer - 7:45 am
Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 am
(Nursery and Church School)

Weekday

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8 am
Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am
Wednesday: Holy Eucharist and Healing – 7 pm
Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 7 am

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday, Chancel Choir – 9 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday, Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Thursday, Bible Study – 10:00 am
Thursday, Chancel Choir – 7:15 pm – 9:15 pm

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The Rev. Mary Kangara, Assistant Priest
The Rev. John Scott (Retired), Assistant Priest
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Unique to the Week

Youth Choir: There will be a rehearsal for the Youth Choir immediately following Mass on Sunday, January 3rd--please come over and sit in the choir loft during the organ postlude so that we can be ready to start rehearsal as soon as possible! (Parents: this will be a 20 minute rehearsal.)

Please pick up your 2010 Calendar in the narthex.

Liturgical Meeting will be held after the 10 am Mass in St. Luke's room.

ECW MEETING: There will be an ECW Meeting immediately following the 10:00 AM service today in the St. Elizabeth's room in the old parish hall. All women are invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served. God bless you! Chandra Lewis

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 24th after the 10 am Mass. This is where our new vestry members will be elected. Please be advised that if you are not a pledging member you will not be allowed to attend and vote at the meeting. We are looking for people to run for Vestry, so if you are interested please contact the church office as soon as possible. Also annual report requests will be sent out this week. Please fill the report out and send it to the church no later than Jan 17th. Your report should be a brief summary of your organization for the past year. If you can, submit your report by email to sbraun@saintbenedicts.org that would be great.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study: January

13th at 7:30 in the parish hall. The Rev. Richard Shankweiler is the presenter. Is she the "Queen of Heaven"? Is she the "Co-Redemptrix" (with Jesus)

of salvation? Is she "semi-divine"? What does the **MAGNIFICAT** (Mary's great song of praise in LUKE 1:46-50) tell us of the stature of the Virgin Mary? Surely PARTHENOGENESIS (Virgin Birth) is scientifically impossible, is it not? The **MAGNIFICAT** of Mary forms the subject of this Bible Study.

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet January 14 at 10 am in St. Luke's room. The group is using Rick Warren's program entitled "Freedom From Your Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits". If you are interested in attending, please join us.



St. Benedict's Quilting Group meets on Saturdays at 12 pm in Stephen's Hall.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Please join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at their February meeting, Feb 3 at 630PM in St. Luke's Room of the old parish hall.

Centering Prayer & Christian Meditation: Gillian Grey is facilitating a centering prayer group on Tuesday

evenings at 7 pm in the Mary Chapel. Come rest, relax, de-stress, and dwell in his presence. "He leads me beside the still waters" (Psalm 23).

Exercise--Aerobics: Parishioners and friends of parishioners are welcome to join Charmaine Colley, Cheryl Burley and others for an hour of exercise on Mon. in the church and Thurs. in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 pm.

Adult Confirmation Class has begun

Whether you wish to be confirmed, received (for Roman Catholics) or merely want to renew your baptismal vows (for those already confirmed in the Episcopal Church), Adult Confirmation Class is for you! We will discuss Church history, liturgy (with a special emphasis on the Apostle and Nicene Creeds), and church tradition. Classes will resume in the St. Mark's room beginning on January 3rd after the 10 am service. Confirmation is scheduled for May 9.



Tree of Life: We received our tree of life and it is hanging in the church. Each leaf is available for purchase at \$100 each which includes the engraving. If you are interested in purchasing a leaf, please fill out an order with exactly what you want engraved on the leaf and your personal information and place it in the plate with a check made out to St. Benedict's Building Fund and earmark it "Tree of Life".

St. Benedict's Youth Ministry

Sunday school Every Sunday 10 am
Dance Team open to girls/ boys, ages 7 yrs and older.
Rehearsals: Friday 7:30 pm
Acolytes boys/girls ages 7 and older
Nursery Infants to 4 years
Junior Daughters Middle/High School
Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrews

Youth Groups

Meet every third Sunday of the month
Little Bunch Elementary school Benedicts Bunch
JR. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: Grades 5 - 8
BenedicTEENS: HIGH SCHOOL through Freshmen
College. Any questions, please contact Cheryl Burley, (954) 443 - 0956

Nursery Volunteers

Thank you for helping throughout the year!
All interested in volunteering for a Sunday during 10 a.m. service, please sign up on calendar on bulletin board in the narthex.

Financial Info: Offerings for Jan 2 & 3 2010

Operating Fund

Pledges & Plate	\$	7695.23
True Fund	\$	20.00



Building Fund

Pledges and gifts	\$	2056.00
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Envelopes: If you made a pledge for 2010, your envelopes are available for you in the Narthex.

Please begin using these as of January 1, 2010 and discard all other envelopes. If you have made a pledge and your envelopes are not there, please call Dona at 954-473-6578 ext 102 or e-mail me at dkehrlis@saintbenedicts.org.

Pledge information: Here is just a little information that you may not be aware of. If you made a pledge and only donate once a month or once every two weeks it is not necessary for you to include all the envelopes for that month; you may put your entire donation for two weeks, one month or however many donations you would like to make at one time on one check or place the cash in ONE envelope and discard the rest of the envelopes for that period of time. If you made a pledge for the operating fund and the building fund please **DO NOT** write one check for both pledges. The money for the Building Fund goes into a different account than the money for the Operating Fund. If you forget your envelope it is okay to still make your pledge for that week or that month. Please try and remember your number and place it on the check. If you cannot remember how much you made your pledge for, it might be a good idea to write it on your box when you pick up your envelopes; that way you can refer to the box when you are making your pledge.

Gift Basket Donations: Connie Desko needs to make up 4 Baskets for the Seafarers' House Luncheon. If you have new items that you would like to donate to make up these baskets, please drop them off at the church as soon as possible. The baskets must be made by Jan. 31st.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith/Multicultural Committee of Plantation invites you to a celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The keynote speaker will be Tuskegee Airman, Lt. Col. Eldridge F. Williams, Ret. of Miami. This function will be held on Jan. 17th at 3 pm at Plantation United Methodist Church. If you have any questions please call Grace Dolder (954) 309-9500.

Passover Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 16th at Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El. While this seems as if it is far in advance, it will be upon us before you know it. If you think you may be interested in attending, please mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more details as the date gets closer.

Labyrinth Retreat: The Duncan Center is holding a Labyrinth Retreat on Friday, Jan 22nd from 7-9 pm and Sat. Jan. 23 from 9- 4 with an all day Labyrinth workshop. The cost for Friday night is \$25 and Saturday is \$125.00 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To register please call (561) 496-4130 or register online at www.duncancenter.org.

Life Balance and Goal Planning: Finding Financial Peace, Jim Flood is an author, speaker and a motivational Life Balance coach. Since 1994 Jim has served St. Andrew Parish as a lector and Eucharistic minister. His passion to serve God led him to author a book called Life Balance Solutions. The book reminds us that in order to have peace, enrichment and fulfillment, we must put God first. The Program will be Tuesday, Jan, 12th from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Duncan Center. The price is \$35 per person and \$60 per couple. The price includes the Life Balance Solutions book and workbook. To register go to www.duncancenter.org or call (561) 496-4130.

Cleaning for a Reason If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides **FREE housecleaning** - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/> Please pass this information on to bless a woman going through any type of Cancer treatment. This organization **serves the entire USA** and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

Seafarers' House Luncheon: The next Seafarers' House Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Feb 13th aboard the Crown Princess. The cost is \$50 per person and all reservations must be made in advance. There will only be 200 seats in total sold so if you are interested in attending you must have your name, driver's license or passport number to the church office as soon as possible.

Free Consultations regarding wills, trusts, advance directives, and power of attorney available with Ken Jones Esq. on Wed., Jan 13th and Wed Jan 20th from 5 – 9:30 pm. If you would like to make an appointment please call the church office.

A Thank you: I am extremely grateful to St. Benedict's parish that you think of us through the year. We are aware that the Community Based Shelter Program holds a special place in your hearts. Your friendship over the years has been mutually beneficial, our clients have often remarked on the special way they were treated at St. Benedict's. The items of diapers and wipes are greatly needed items, also the generous donations of Gift Cards. Thank you, Pat Mantis.

1 Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord

The Holy Eucharist

Morning Prayer (7:45 AM)

Book of Common Prayer, page 42
Invitatory: Jubilate (Prayer Book p. 45)
Psalm 146 (Prayer Book p.803)
The Song of Mary (Prayer Book p. 50)

(Please respect this time of prayer and meditation by refraining from talking and visiting inside the church.)

The Prelude

Choral Introit: "Lord Behold Us With Thy Blessing"

Processional Hymn: [616] Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymn of Praise: [S-280] Glory to God in the highest

Opening Acclamation

6 pm BCP 355; 8 am BCP 323; 10 am BCP 299

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." *The Word of the Lord.* THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 29 Page 620, BCP

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
5. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
9. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
10. The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11. The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson **Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
The Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Anthem: "Surely The Presence of the Lord Is In This Place" by Lanny Wolfe

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according_Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Glory to you, Lord Christ

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. R/ *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Gospel Response: [178] Jesus is Lord of all the earth (Verse 1 only)

Presentation on laughter: Gail Chaote (10 am Mass)

Sermon: Rev. Robert J. Deshaies

Nicene Creed: BCP 358

Prayers of the People, 6 PM: Form VI, BCP, Page 392; 8 a.m.: BCP, 328

The Healing Song: "Wade in the Water" {L143}

Announcements & blessing anniversaries and birthdays and laying on of hands for healing.

Offertory Song: [121] Christ, when for us you were baptized

Presentation: [380, verse 3] "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" or {L56}

The Great Thanksgiving
BCP, 367 (8 a. m.: BCP, 333)

Sanctus and Benedictus: [S-128] Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

Memorial Acclamation: [S-135] Prayer A (or) [S-138] Prayer B

The Great Amen: [S-146] The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer: "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte

Fraction Anthem: Alleluia! Christ Our Passover Is Sacrificed for Us

*All baptized Christians who affirm the Real Presence of Christ
in the Holy Sacrament are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.
All others may come forward for a blessing at the altar rail.*

Communion Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" {L141}

Communion Anthem: "Oh Happy Day" by Edwin R. Hawkins

Post Communion Prayer
BCP, 365 (8 a.m.: BCP, 339)

Sending out the Eucharistic Ministers

Celebrant: N. [and N.] we send you out to share Communion this week with [names].

People: May you carry the prayer of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: [135] Songs of thankfulness and praise

The Dismissal

Postlude

Good News Daily

January 10-16, 2010

Sunday, January 10

Genesis 1:1—2:3 *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (v.26 NIV)*

From Malcolm Smith, a renowned Bible teacher, I learned that if I really knew the first three chapters of Genesis, I'd have everything I'd ever need to understand the entire Bible! Those three chapters are evidence that God is good, all the time! In this 26th verse (nearly the same as v.28), God makes us in His image and gives us *rule* over all the creatures on the earth. He gave us *dominion*. Since the earth, and all that's in it, was entrusted to *us*, I find it very silly how God is blamed when bad things happen to people. If you and I were given dominion over this earth, it should be plain to us that our lack of good stewardship and wise dominion is what leads to personal and corporate ruin in our world. God entrusted our keeping, and that of His entire creation; to *us*! Only through Jesus Christ are we able to acquire wise guidance in the decisions we make for ourselves and for this world.

Psalms 146, 147; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:29-34

Birthday: Ashley DeVierno, Diane Dunkley, Elena Gilley, Bruce Howland, Eulalee Robinson, Raymond Young and Raymond Young Jr.

Anniversary: None

Monday, January 11

Genesis 2:4-9 *Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. (v.8)*

I sure hope you will read all three of the first chapters of Genesis—and when you do, ask God to give you an ear to hear His voice and a heart that understands His love for you. It's all there for you to discover if you take the time to really listen. In the ministry of inner healing, the Lord opened up these three chapters to me in His desire to help me articulate His unfailing love and compassion for us, His children. Somewhere as a child, I came to believe that work is a punishment that we now do, as a result of man's Fall in the garden. But that is so wrong! In verse 8, God puts the man He had formed in the garden. Later, in verse 15, we learn why: "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." The Creator formed us,

His created ones, in order that we would express His creativity. That's not punishment—that's privilege, provision, and blessing!

Psalms 1, 2, 3; Hebrews 1:1-14; John 1:1-18

Birthday: Gail Choate, Andrew Nelson, and Jamie Saunders

Anniversary: Ian and Sandra Harris, and Calvin and Andrea Thompson

Tuesday, January 12

Genesis 3:1-24 *The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. (v.21)*

In Genesis 1:29-30 God prescribed that *man* eat every seed bearing plant and fruit that have seed; while *animals* were to eat every green plant. Animals were not disposable goods. Note in Genesis 3:1-24, God cursed the serpent and the ground, but He did not curse *us*! When I read this, I don't hear God's voice as raised or angry as He learned from Adam about the eating of the forbidden fruit and how the man and woman felt ashamed in their nakedness. I hear God's voice filled with sorrow and compassion for us in our foolish disobedience of Him! Here's why: in verse 21, we glimpse the awesome depth of His love. God slaughtered the very animals He had created on the same day He made us. He shed the blood of innocent animals in order to cover (with their skins) our guilt and shame—the first recorded shedding of blood on our behalf. Later, He would once again demonstrate His unfailing love, when He shed His *own* blood, to cover *all* our sins for *all* time!

Psalms 5, 6; Hebrews 2:1-10; John 1:19-28

Birthday: Oral Allen, Adolphus Baldie, and Connie D'Oench

Anniversary: Lloyd and Joan McBean

Wednesday, January 13

Hebrews 2:11-18 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil. (v.14)*

Do you struggle with believing that there's a devil? I don't anymore; I now *know* that he exists. I've also figured out that God, in making Himself flesh and dying for us, declared actual warfare on someone and his influence in this world. God went to extreme measures in destroying the devil and his works when He shed His own blood to redeem us. In so doing, He established a new covenant—one which annihilated the devil's works in the lives of those who are in covenant with Jesus Christ. Jesus dwelled among us as flesh—a real man, not a pretender! He was tempted, by the devil, to behave in a manner which

would have disqualified him from being the perfect sacrifice and our necessary representative on the Cross. He stood his ground and won us our freedom! I hope you're living in the victory that was won for you in Christ; however, should you be deceived of the reality of a devil, he (the devil) is all too glad to steal you back as his wretched own.

Genesis 4:1-16; Psalm 119:1-24; John 1:35-42

Birthday: Jean D'Costa, Alastair Duff, Dadika Greer, Madison Litsky, Monica McVeigh, Phillippa Norman, and Daniella Prawl

Anniversary: None

Thursday, January 14

Psalm 18:1-20 *He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind.* (v.10)

The sheer mention of cherubim in Psalm 18:10 delights my heart! In this verse we are reminded of their symbolism. Cherubim first appear in the last verse of Genesis 3, when man was driven out of the Garden so that God could execute His plan for the redemption of all mankind in Christ. God posted cherubim at the gate to the Garden to keep us from prematurely reentering where His glory dwelled. Throughout Scripture we're told that it is "between the cherubim" where the glory of God is enthroned. God even directed that cherubim be embroidered into the curtain which separated us from the Holy of Holies in the Temple. In tracking those cherubim in the Word, they lead us to the cross of Christ! The very curtain which once kept us out was torn in two—from top to bottom—at the very moment when Jesus died. In his death, Jesus made a way for us to once again dwell in God's presence and enjoy 24/7 intimate communion with Him. Rejoice, beloved, Jesus Christ is The Way!

Genesis 4:17-26; Hebrews 3:1-11; John 1:43-51

Birthday: Nicolai McKenzie-Black, and Xavier Vargas

Anniversary: None

Friday, January 15

Hebrews 3:12-19 *See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.* (v.12)

Today is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Reflect on his words in light of verse 12: "At times we may feel that we do not need God...if we do not have a deep and patient faith, our emotional lives will be ripped to shreds. There is so much frustration in the world because we have relied on gods rather than God. We have genuflected before the god of science only to find that it has given us the atomic bomb...We have worshiped the god of pleasure only to discover that thrills play out and sensations are short-lived. We

have bowed before the god of money only to learn that there are such things as love and friendship that money cannot buy...These transitory gods are not able to save us or bring happiness to the human heart. Only God is able. It is faith in Him that we must rediscover. With this faith we can transform bleak and desolate valleys into sunlit paths of joy and bring new light into the dark caverns of pessimism" (*Strength to Love*, p.51).

Genesis 6:1-8; Psalms 16, 17; John 2:1-12

Birthday: Ahna-Lanisa Superville, and Michael Williams

Anniversary: None

Saturday, January 16

John 2:13-22 *So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.* (v.15)

We often identify the human emotion of anger when we glimpse Jesus' conduct in this passage. But God's wrath is not like our fickle and self-centered anger. No, Jesus was not angry—he was grieved at what he found. In the Gospel of Mark (11:11) we learn that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem the day before this event took place and saw everything in the Temple, but did not return until the next day. Hence, Jesus wasn't displaying a fit of angry retribution. Instead, his wrath was a release of his profound sorrow and grief for how God's love and grace was being withheld from His people in His Temple. That's an important distinction for us who desire to emulate Christ in our lives. Rest assured Jesus sought the Father's heart the night before he revealed the depth of God's grief over the conditions He found. So must we seek first Jesus' counsel before we assume what response is appropriate when we come upon circumstances of injustice or even of admiring favor. What is Jesus' response and what should be ours?

Genesis 6:9-22; Psalms 20, 21:1-13; Hebrews 4:1-13

Birthday: Richard Adams, Audrey Gordon, and Arianna Jayla Ho-Fatt

Anniversary: None

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