

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"

Palm Sunday

Eucharist Year C, Daily Office Year One
March 27 & 28, 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 Eucharist's

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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Chantal Deshaies, Youth Choir Director
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Unique to the Week

Daily Masses this week: Monday at 8:30 am, Tuesday at 8:30 am, Wednesday at 7 pm.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The 40 Days of Love written by Rick Warren presented by Fr. Bob. The class will begin at 7:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday: Eucharist and Washing of Feet...7 pm. (*offering earmarked for Rector's Discretionary Fund*)

Great Watch from 9 pm to Noon on Good Friday. (*Sign up sheet at Baptistry*)

10 pm: Centering Prayer

11 pm: Brotherhood leads this hour

Midnight: Way of the Cross with John Farley

Teens Lock-in that evening.

Good Friday: *The Seven Last Words of Christ* at Plantation United Methodist Church from Noon to 3 pm. Fr. Bob will be preaching on the first word at noon and The Rev. Pamela Barras on the third word at 12:50.

Stations of the Cross at 1 pm

Reconciliation Service at 2 pm

Prayer Book Good Friday Service at 3 pm (*offering earmarked for the Church of Jerusalem*)

Youth Good Friday Performance at 7 pm

Fish Fry from 4 to 7 pm. Fish and Festival are \$9 and Fish Dinner is \$12 you can place your order this Sunday, March 28th with Cheryl Burley.

Easter Vigil: Saturday at 6 pm.

Easter Day: 8 & 10 am

Lenten folders, earmarked for the Mission Fund, can be turned in at any time.

Easter Day: Don't forget your cameras, the Easter Bunny will be here on Easter Day after the 10 am Mass. There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the 10 am Mass in the

Mother's Union meeting will be held on Sunday, April 4th after the 10 am Mass in St. Luke's room.

Please open your hearts and come and support your VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Fundraiser - BBQ - **Join Us** this Sunday 03/28/2010 and 4/4/10 after The 10am Mass. Our goal is to raise funds to make the cost more affordable Please support Your Vacation Bible School. Please support by purchasing a hot dog for \$1 or a hamburger for \$2.

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 10 am in St. Mark's room.



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

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, April 7 at 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Room. Come join this ministry for men.

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.

Bell: Ryan Mandell is working on his Eagle Rank for scouts and his project is refurbishing the church bell. To help toward the expenses of the project, Ryan is selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 for an Easter basket and a Mary Kay basket that was donated to him. He will be selling tickets this Sunday and will announce the winner on Easter.



Tree of Life: 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".



Congratulations! The 50th Anniversary Celebration is sold out! If you would like to go on a waiting list please call Connie Desko at (954) 370-9778. If you reserved a seat and have not paid all monies are due no later than Monday March 29th. If you have not paid by March 29th your seat will be sold to those on the waiting list.

A meeting of anyone involved with the anniversary celebration will take place on Tuesday, April 6 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Financial Info: Offerings for March 20 & 21 2010
Operating Fund
Pledges & Plate \$ 7915.07



True Fund	\$	80.00
<u>Building Fund</u>		
Pledges and gifts	\$	1197.00

Youth Groups & Young Adults

Meet every third Sunday of the month
 Little Bunch Elementary school
 Benedicts Bunch: Jr. High School Grades 5 - 8
 BenedicTEENS: High School through College
 Freshmen. Any questions, contact Cheryl Burley,
 (954) 443 – 0956

St. Benedict's Youth Ministry

Sunday school Every Sunday 10 am
 Dance Team open to girls/ boys, ages 7 and up.
 Rehearsals: Friday 7:30 pm
 Acolytes boys/girls ages 7 and older
 Nursery Infants to 4 years

Youth Choir: There will be a rehearsal for the Youth Choir immediately following Mass this Sunday.

Nursery Volunteers: All interested in volunteering for a Sunday during 10 a.m. service, please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex.

It's not too early to plan for summer! Please see the bulletin board for information on Camp Kanuga (Youth Week/Youth Leaders: June 20 - 25) and Camp Wingmann. Limited financial aid is available through the Diocese and individual camps. Forms for financial assistance/scholarships are available on line at kanuga.org and diosef.org. For more information on discounts at Camp Wingmann go to campwingmann.org. Remember our Vacation Bible School will be June 14 - 18.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010:

You have to experience it!

Step back in time—and savor amazing stories from the Bible. Just imagine... • Exploring authentic traditions,

- Building strong relationships with other Family members,
- Trying new crafts and games, and
- Learning from Joseph that God never leaves us alone through life's trials and triumphs.

This summer, let's bring that same wonder and excitement to our church! Be a part of the Vacation Bible school at during the week of June 14th for 5 days, 1/2days 9am to 12:30 pm or Full days 9am to 5pm.

We're praying that this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with his love. Join in the mission of helping kids in our community discover that

- God gives us hope, • God gives us special abilities,
- God gives us wisdom, • God gives us forgiveness,
- God gives us a family!

As we plan and prepare for Egypt VBS, our team cherishes your prayers. Will you pray that God grants us wisdom in planning? We are accepting ages 4 through 7th grade. **Registration will open on May 1, 2010.** You will be able to register on-line! Looking for youth leaders and those willing to help. To volunteer, call Donna Carty at (954) 536-6784

Happening #26 for youth in grades 9-12 will be held April 30 - May 2, 2010 at St. Mark the Evangelist, 1750 East Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, Fl. Registration will be available online soon at www.diosef.org.

Duncan Conference Center 25th Anniversary Celebration!! Sunday, April 18th, 2010 from 4 pm – 6 pm RSVP: 25thanniversary@duncancenter.org or call (561) 496-4130.

Sunshine Chordsmen will present *We Call It Harmony* on Saturday, May 1st at 1 pm & 7 pm. Adults: \$10 and students: \$5. The performance will be at the Pompano Beach High School Auditorium 600 NE 13th Ave. Pompano Beach- North of Atlantic Blvd, West of US1. For tickets call (954) 773-9856 or visit barbershopchorus.com.

Master Choral of South Florida will perform Mozart's "Requiem" and "Te Deum" Friday, April 16 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miami; on Saturday, April 17 at Boca Raton Community High School and Sunday, April 18 at Broward Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets on Friday and Saturday see Marlene Wepf @ 10 am service or call her at (954) 438-8117. For tickets for Sunday see www.browardcenter.org or call (954) 462-0222. MCSF is the Choral group that sang last season with the Russian Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Itzak Perlman and with Andrea Bocelli.

Acolyte Festival will be held on April 17th at the Cathedral in Miami. Please see Hazel Mitchell as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

Good News Daily

March 28-April 3, 2010

Sunday, March 28

1 Timothy 6:12-16 *But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.* (vv.11-12 NIV)

This is one of those scripture passages that I should place by my coffee pot so that each morning I would be reminded of God's direction for me for that day. Unless I make it my intention for today, first thing in the morning, to pursue godliness instead of worldliness, I will not have the weapons with which to "fight the good fight of the faith." I was well into my journey with the Lord before I began to understand how the qualities Paul lists here are so much more effective (in our fight against evil and our efforts to bring others to Christ) than the opposites, i.e., deceitfulness, anger, impatience, self-centeredness, self-righteousness, etc. I had already seen these traits in the people who led me to the Lord, and I later learned of their endurance and persistence in praying for my heart to be opened to let Jesus come in. Fighting the good fight is a daily thing for all of us. We have to make the choice each and every morning to focus on the Lord and pursue his lifestyle if we don't want to lose that day's battle. God is faithful and he will equip us if we just take a moment to ask him.

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalms 24, 29; Luke 19:41-48

Birthday: Zachary Brinegar, Winston Norman, and Marcell Trotman

Anniversary: Willis and Leslie Brown, David and Paula Morris, and Leonard and Norma Pocock

Monday, March 29

2 Corinthians 1:1-7 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.* (vv.3-4)

God was such a wonderful comforter to me when I was dealing with my father's illness and eventual death. He didn't deliver me from my pain and suffering, but he held my hand and gave me strength, compassion, endurance, and even joy as I walked through the dark days. And when it was all past, and my grief had subsided, I was overcome with gratitude and love for our almighty Lord, as never before in my life. The Lord used other people, who had already lost their fathers, to minister to me during those months of watching my father suffer the effects of cancer, and seeing the toll it took on my dear mother. I learned a valuable lesson through this experience that is voiced so clearly in this scripture passage: once we have received the blessing of God's comfort in the midst of our trouble, we can then be used by God to minister his comfort to others who are facing the same situation. No one can truly understand your pain unless they have been through the

same type of pain. Before my dad died, I had no idea of what other people went through during the loss of a parent and, therefore, could be of no comfort to them. Praise be to our Lord, who loves us dearly and is the "Father of compassion and the God of all comfort."

Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12; Psalm 51; Mark 11:12-25

Birthday: Tristan Anderson, Norma McBean, Jennelle Sibblis, and Kandra Williams

Anniversary: Ainsworth and Portia Scott

Tuesday, March 30

Lamentations 1:17-22 *See, O LORD, how distressed I am! I am in torment within, and in my heart I am disturbed, for I have been most rebellious.* (v.20a)

Doesn't this verse describe what it's like when you have a guilty conscience? It does for me. When I have disobeyed any commandment of the Lord, be it consciously or sub consciously, it is an act of rebellion which will always bring consequences to my spirit. For example, let's say that another person is rude to me and slights me. My natural reaction is to be angry and resentful of that behavior. The longer I hold on to these hostile feelings, the more likely I am to bad-mouth that person to others. Unless I am focused on the Lord in that moment, I will seek out a sympathetic friend who will listen to my tale of woe. Later, I begin to feel guilty and my heart is disturbed because I *know* this is not godly behavior. Furthermore, I have not obeyed God's command to love others as he loves me! So what should I do at this point? Confess, repent, ask for and receive God's forgiveness. Then I must replace my resentful feelings with a forgiving and compassionate spirit and pray for that person and myself. When I follow through this way, the Lord removes my distress and torment and replaces it with his peace. Thank you, Father, for loving me even when I sin.

Psalms 6, 12; 2 Corinthians 1:8-22; Mark 11:27-33

Birthday: Samuel David McDaniel

Anniversary: Reginald and Racquel Husbands

Wednesday, March 31

Psalms 55 *Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.* (v.22)

God, in his infinite wisdom and mercy, knew when he created us that sin would enter our lives and that we would have troubles that would overwhelm us unless we asked him for help. If we think we are capable of handling all our problems in the power of our own intellect, wisdom, and determination, we are sadly mistaken. Sometimes we think we have handled a problem well and give ourselves a pat on the back. However, the self-sufficient person is limited in what he can do, but God, the creator of the universe, has no limits to his power, and his grace and compassion are boundless. In my lifetime I have found this to be quite true. When I have rushed ahead of God and tried to handle a problem without consulting God, sometimes things "seem" to have worked out okay, but once I learned to cast my cares on the Lord, I found not

only strength and endurance I didn't think possible before, but also the joy and peace that come from depending on Him. Working independently of God never brings a totally satisfying result; there is always some residual dust of anxiety and fear that requires us to spend a lot of energy trying to suppress or ignore. Merciful and awesome Lord God, thank you for your forgiveness when we ignore you; thank you for your unconditional love that brings us back to you and saves us from a fall.

Lamentations 2:1-9; 2 Corinthians 1:12—2:11; Mark 12:1-11

Birthday: Jessica Laban, Daphne Robertson, Kathleen Weise, and Jessica Whitelocke

Anniversary: None

Thursday, April 1

Psalm 102 *But you remain the same, and your years will never end.* (v.27)

Isn't it comforting to ponder the unchanging and eternal aspects of our God? These are attributes that apply only to our Creator, and not to us, his created beings. Of course, once we have received salvation, eternal life begins for us here on earth and continues on into heaven. But God has existed since before he created the world, and he has always been the same person, never changing, always loving and merciful. It is really hard to get my mortal brain wrapped around the concept of God's immortality, and his unchanging nature. But what I do understand is the immeasurable blessings I have by being in the care of a parent who is always good, always wise, always loving and accepting of me. When I have disappointed a friend or loved one, it makes me wish that I could be like God, always loving, caring, accepting, and forgiving... never lashing out at another in frustration, impatience, or anger. But sin is a part of everyone's nature and our only hope for dealing with it lies in Jesus, our unchanging and eternal Lord, who is the source of all love, hope, forgiveness, and peace. I look forward to meeting God in heaven and asking him what it's like to have always been around. Thinking of his eternal nature reminds me how brief my years here on earth are in his sight. I pray that in my remaining years I can please him more and more, and break his heart less and less.

Lamentations 2:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32; Mark 14:12-25

Birthday: John Barbes, Virginia Bennett, Victoria Moss, Cary Spillers, and Curt Wild

Anniversary: None

Friday, April 2

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33 *The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.* (v.25)

The longer we walk with the Lord, seeking him and placing all our hope in him, the longer will be the list of the many ways he has been good to us. We seekers are continually the recipients of his blessings, despite our imperfections and sinful nature. Even when our

circumstances seem bad, or when we are behaving badly, if we honestly are hoping and trusting in him, he will bring about good. A number of years ago, it became a regular occurrence at my church's weekly healing service that the worship leader would come to the microphone and say, "God is good!" This would be followed immediately and enthusiastically by the congregation's reply: "All the time!" What a joyful thought and happy pronouncement being made by people in need of healing, both physical and spiritual. God *is* good all the time, because he never changes and his great joy is to be good to those who believe in, hope in, and seek him. Thank you, Lord God, for your goodness and faithfulness, and especially for your love revealed in your blessed son, Jesus Christ, who died to bring us to you.

Psalm 22; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38

Birthday: Michela Gray, Nyamekye Johnson, and Zachary Spicer

Anniversary: None

Saturday, April 3

Hebrews 4:1-16 *For the word of God is living and active... it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* (v.12)

Ever since the first time I was in a Bible study, I have been amazed, enthralled, and excited by the power of God's word, the Bible. A number of years after my first encounter with Bible study, I became a women's Bible study leader at my church and continued doing so for 27 years. As a former high school teacher, I had been well trained to help others to learn. But only after becoming a born-again Christian could I be fully equipped to lead others in Bible study, as the primary goal in Bible study is transformation. One of the first and more important things my mentors taught me about the Bible was that God's word is alive, and it is the source of all truth. Over the ensuing years I have observed and personally experienced countless examples of the living nature of Scripture, and I find it no less exciting today than I did thirty-seven years ago! God's word is both piercing and peace-giving. When we meditate on Scripture, prayerfully asking God to open our hearts to it, we find that it is very convicting and thereby it "judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." I am wild about Bible study and ever so grateful for the beautiful ways it has both informed and transformed my life. Thank you, Father, that we are privileged to live in a place where your word is freely and readily available to so many.

Birthday: Tisha Gittens, and Paula Morris

Anniversary: Patrick and Geralda Pigeot Saint Fleur

Lamentations 3:37-58; Psalm 88

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