



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL
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CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
February 18 AND 19, 2017

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

Sunday: Morning Prayer - 7:45 am
Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am
Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am
(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)

Weekday Eucharist/Prayer in Community

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am
Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am
Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm
Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)

The Collect

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not

profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees *and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:38-48)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Homily (Sermon): 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday:

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Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)

Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing

The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)

Post Communion Prayer: BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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

People: May you carry the prayers 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. **People: Amen.**

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES?

The Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, and finally the Romans had conquered, and had occupied the Judeans' treasured home, their sacred "promised land" given them by God himself. The Romans wielded particular cruelty and taxation. No wonder the Judeans hated them with vicious vengeance. Now, along comes Jesus who objects: "No! Love your enemies!" It's no wonder they plot to murder him. Then, he forgives even that! Finally, he orders us to do the same in our families and toward those who have hurt us. Following Jesus is no bargain unless, like Jesus, we truly and finally commit ourselves to God's Spirit of love. That means embracing all God's beloved (even so-called enemies) with divine decision.

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COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Pledge envelopes for 2017 are on the table at the back of the church for those members who have *completed and submitted* pledge cards for 2017. If you give your offerings online, you do not need envelopes – and it saves the church money, too. However, we still do need completed pledge cards. **2016 Pledge Statements** are in the narthex. Please pick yours up today to save the church postage costs.

Following the footsteps of Jesus: HOLY LAND 2017 – Father Albert is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be a truly spiritual "once-in-a-lifetime" experience and a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Bible and the homeland of Jesus. For more information, please contact Father Albert or the Church Office.

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, for our "all new" RECTOR'S FORUM... Father Albert is conducting Anglican/Episcopal Theological reflections and Q & A sessions. We are using the book "What Episcopalians Believe" by Fr. Sam Wells as our guide.

Adult Ed and Theological Reflection: Our Lord invites you to *Eucharist More Than Meets The Eye*. We will discuss what Jesus meant by Eucharist and we will receive Eucharist with wonderful prayer Monday at 7: pm in the chapel.

Sunday Scripture: Don't miss a Sunday morning plunge into the meaning of our Sunday readings. We meet in the chapel before 10:00 Eucharist at 9:30.

Faith in Music Ministry: Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be finishing Händel's Judas Maccabäus.

Mothers' Union International Cuisine will take place on February 19th after the 10:00 am service.

Attention Cursillistas we are having our First Cursillo meeting for the year on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10:00am in Steven's Hall.

Lectors' Workshop! We invite all lectors and those who wish to be lectors to meet in church on Saturday, March 4, from 10 AM- 12 noon.

Without faith, without works, we too quickly become that man in the mirror staring at his face but then forgets the way he looks as soon as he turns away. (James 1:23-24) Christ came down from His throne to dwell among us not only for the forgiveness of our sins and our reconciliation with God the Father, but also to model for us what it is like to live as a Christian. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30 am for Bible Study on the Book of James. The book of James is filled with practical wisdom for Christians, calling us to live out genuine faith through good works. If you have any questions call (954-530-0901)

Spaghetti Dinner, Movie Screening and raffle to support St. Benedict's UN delegate, Katie Gould on Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 pm. We will be screening *Girl Rising* and discussing the church's priorities for the upcoming UN Commission on

the Status of Women. Each ticket will be entered into the raffle for the Director's VIP Tour of Jungle Island for four (\$2800 value). Tickets on sale after service, suggested donation \$15.

ATTENTION SENIORS: The Catherine M. Brown Scholarship is now open for you to apply for. This is an ECW Diocese Scholarship that is awarded every year to students. Applicants may be attending or planning to attend any level of education beyond high school, i.e. trade or professional school, junior college, four-year college, graduate school or seminary. The scholarship may be applied to tuition, fees or books at the winner's discretion. Applications may also be submitted by persons needing a scholarship to attend a church conference. The Application Package must include: Applicant Essay (must not exceed one (1) page, one character reference, Letter of Recommendation from an ECW member, Letter of Recommendation from Rector. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered and deadline to apply is Sunday, March 12 by midnight. No late applications will be accepted. Please contact Carla Holness, Lorna Edwards, Susan Brillinger or Cynthia Braaf with any questions.

Hope South Florida: Looking forward to the week of February 20th when St Benedict's will partner with Hope South Florida in providing food, fellowship & a safe place to sleep to homeless moms and children, a ministry that is totally funded by volunteer contributions. Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful week. We provide home cooked dinners supplied by different parish ministries, arts & crafts volunteers, child care helpers and adult volunteers to sleep overnight. To help defray the cost we have a Generosity Tree set up in the Narthex. The tags decorating it indicate supplies needed for the week. If you would like to help by donating an item and/or Walmart/Publix/Target gift card, please take the tag, make your purchase and leave it under the tree prior to Feb 20th. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation. Any questions can be directed to Candy Farley 954-328-1545, Sonia Persico 954-383-4948, Cierra Braaf 954-240-5016 or Sharon Smith 954-389-5398.

Are you ready to "Tee Off"? The Golf Tournament committees needs your ideas, suggestions, and help. Join a committee and be part of this upcoming Fall event. We need your participation in gaining sponsors, promoting the event, and event activities. Be part of the decisions for this special event. Have a conversation with Kirk at 954-649-3014 where you can best assist the Golf Tournament team.

ITS' TIME AGAIN TO RELAY:

**We are going Purple with Plantation Relay For Life event
As a Church Community, we are in the fight to end Cancer.
FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22, 2017 6:00 p.m.-9 a.m.
PLANTATION CENTRAL PARK - 9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, FL
Sign up at
<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Benedicts>
Next sign up day is Feb 25th and 26th, 2017 at church
Any question please contact Donna Carty 954-801-3814**

MISSION OF THE MONTH is Little Roses of Honduras: Our Little Roses Ministries works to rescue and transform the lives of homeless girls and has expanded to encompass several interrelated ministries within the larger community. These extended ministries include health and dental clinics, a housing project for poor single mothers with a literacy program, a community bilingual school, retreat center, Jubilee Center for justice issues, a bed and breakfast hostel and hospitality house. This ministry is located in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Spiritual Thought for the Week: *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."*
Ephesians 4:2

Our offerings to God for February 11 and 12, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating Fund: \$7,437.04
Building Fund: \$1,604.00
Weekly Total Operating: \$9,041.04
Costs/Budget: \$9,900.00
Shortfall for the week: \$858.96