



# ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*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"*

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
JULY 1 AND 2, 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

*If you wish to follow along, please use the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book) in your pews...*

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

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14**

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but

where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Psalm 13 *Usquequo, Domine?***

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?  
2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?  
3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.  
5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

### **The Epistle: Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10:40-42)**

#### **All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's

reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

**Sermon/Homily: Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

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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)**

### **Unconditional Faith**

Like any celebration, every Eucharist presents a central theme. This theme flows usually from the gospel and the first proclamation (lesson). Today's first proclamation tells that outrageous story of God ordering Abraham to slay in sacrifice his own beloved son which God then prevents at the last moment. Would God really order Abraham to murder his son? Could Abraham accept such an order? Would God suddenly change his mind? The real meaning of the story? We all experience fearful challenges that seem to threaten our very lives. God inspires this ancient author to call us through the ages to remain faithful to justice, compassion, and courage whatever the price, for these are of God. Am I, are you, willing to accept this challenge, and stand with our God of love? - *Norm Carroll* [spiritual summit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)

### **COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S**

***Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success!*** Thanks to Marilyn Benting and our many volunteers, especially our dedicated youth, young adults and the many adults who helped feed, care for and inspire our kids. Thanks to everyone in the community who came together for our kids. It was a truly blessed week! Thank you all!

**Study the Gospel of Mark with Father Albert!** Our Rector's Forum is every Wednesday at 7:30 pm following our healing mass. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come for a reflective and prayerful reading of Scripture. We are almost getting ready to finish Mark... Join us for the last few chapters.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Tom and Helen Quinn on the Anniversary of their Marriage. From their daughter, Marie Robinson.

**The Bread and Wine** are given to the greater Glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Retinella Ricketts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of her death. From Janet Findlay and Satnarine Ricketts-Weller.

**CPC Facts:** Did you know.....The National Book Fund has limited itself primarily to books and related materials for adults who cannot otherwise afford them. Granting is made annually either in the summer or fall. In 2016, 10 seminaries received grants for \$800 each for a total of \$8,000. In 2016 St. Andrew's Secondary School, Uganda provided braille text books for students. They needed 10 sets costing \$20,000 and the National Book Fund gave a grant of \$2,000. Please bring your pennies until August 20th, 2017.

**Adult Spiritual Formation:** Join the crowd Monday, July 3 at 7:00 pm in the chapel to learn and embrace more deeply our beloved church.

**Sunday Feast:** Join us Sunday at 9:30 am in the chapel to feast on the deep meaning of today's proclamations at Eucharist.

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 199-200 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**Youth Group:** Our middle and high school youth meet each Wednesday evening in the Teen Room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We invite all Youth to attend youth group.

**Nursery Volunteers needed** for one Sunday a month. Please Contact Sharlene Lacey (754)-234-2214 for further details.

**Mothers' Union Meeting:** The meeting scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> has been postponed. The next Mothers' Union Meeting will be on July 16<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am service in St. Luke's Room.

**The Mission of the month for July is Friends of the Good Shepherd:** Friends of the Good Shepherd Mission provides financial physical and moral support to help the educational and healthcare needs of the disadvantaged of Western Jamaica. It's CHRISTMAS IN JULY as we try to gather small toys, puzzles, books, games, dolls and stuffed animals to help this Mission provide Christmas for their kids. These gifts must be shipped via Food for the Poor in September or early October to ensure Christmas delivery.

**In fulfilling our vow of The Rule of Service, The Daughters of the King** are having The Traveling Bassinet at St. Benedict's during the month of July. Each Daughter is being asked to donate new baby items, such as clothing, towels, bibs, diapers, shampoo, blankets, lotions, baby bottles or toys, etc. **Donations from the congregation will be greatly appreciated.** All items donated will benefit the clients of "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies." Please contact Jennifer Chang or Norma Tate if there are any questions.

**St. Laurence Chapel Food Run:** If anyone is interested in making a few food deliveries to St. Lawrence Chapel please contact Alice and/or Jerry at 954-530-0901. You would need (at least) a small SUV and the deliveries would be made around noon on Monday, July 3rd and 10th.

**Spiritual Thought for the week:** *"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."* - George Washington, 1st U.S. President

**Our offerings to God for June 24 AND 25, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating:	\$6,436.50
Building Fund:	\$ 335.00
Total:	\$6,771.50
Operational Costs:	\$9,900.00
<i>Shortage for the week:</i>	<i>\$3,128.50</i>