



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"

THE HOLY NAME of JESUS

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
December 31, 2016 and January 1, 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

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

1 O LORD our Governor, *how exalted is your Name in all the world!
2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *your majesty is praised above the heavens.
3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *the son of man that you should seek him out?
6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *you adorn him with glory and honor;
7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *you put all things under his feet:
8 All sheep and oxen, *even the wild beasts of the field,
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
10 O LORD our Governor, *how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:15-21)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Sermon/Homily: 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.***

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

Joseph, 1 of the 12 sons of Jacob a patriarch of Israel, saved his brothers and all Israel because he interpreted successfully the dreams of the Egyptian pharaoh. Today's gospel records that centuries later Joseph, the father of Jesus, had 3 dreams by which he guided his family safely to Egypt. He also dreamed of their return to Israel. Finally, Joseph dreamt of danger in Israel from the murdering Herod Archelaus and that he must go northward to Galilee to save the lives of Jesus and Mary. Once again, through dreams, another Joseph had saved; this time the new Israel. What's your dream? Is it to save the people you touch in your life? Is it to have the courage to change your lifestyle now in some way so as to bring hope to another? It's a new year. Time for us to dream! Time for each of us to help lead someone safely to Christ. Whom do you choose? - *Norm Carroll*

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Pledge Envelopes for 2017 will be available on Sunday, January 7th. The envelopes are back-ordered due to delays in the envelope company. For today, please use the blank envelope in the pew with your name and your 2016 envelope number, or put your check directly in the plate.

God calls us to generosity... Don't forget to fill out your Pledge Cards for your annual PLEDGE to the parish. Everyone is being asked to "step up in faith" and increase their generous giving... Nothing is impossible with God and we are certain all will respond with faith and love to this appeal. Your church really needs you!

First Communion and Confirmation Classes:

All our children 4 and up will be welcome to celebrate First Communion in the Spring. We also invite our teenagers in High School and all Adults wanting to receive Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church to sign up for these special programs. Children and Youth will complete necessary preparation on Sundays with Deacon Debra. Adults are asked to attend our Wednesday Night Rector's Forum beginning on January 11th at 7:30 PM and ending April 12th.

Thank you, St. Benedict's Luncheon Group, for your donations of \$130.00 to the amazing Church Dance Team towards their costumes and \$100.00 for a Church Leaf "In Loving Memory of Robert Brandon Deshaies."

Adult Ed and Theological Reflection: Experience the Bible! Our wonderful group will not meet this Monday, January 2. We resume Monday, January 9 at 7 PM in the chapel to begin discussion of JESUS, His Life and Mine. Get ready for an amazing encounter with our Savior.

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. On January 13, we will begin our Friday morning 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)

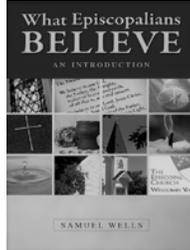
Faith in Music Ministry: *Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be studying music from the Baroque.*

The Mothers' Union will meet on the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 15th following the 10:00 am Mass in St. Luke's Room.

If you are interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer or wish to know more about what we do, there will be a meeting on Sunday January the 8th after the 10 am service for 1 hour. Chalice Bearers help serve the holy sacraments at communion. They also help with the service. You must be 16 and confirmed to be a Chalice Bearer. Acolytes can come if they are 15, but cannot serve until they are 16 and confirmed. If you have any other questions about serving, you can ask Jon Farley; as well as, Dennis Kelly at 6 pm, Christine Clifford at 8 am, Winston Plummer at 10 am, and Hazel Mitchell at 10 am. They are the Masters of Ceremonies of each service. Also, if you have any questions about acolytes, you can ask, Hazel Mitchell or me. If you have any questions about the Chalice Bearer workshop, please call or email me at Joncandy@comcast.net or 954-474-4730. Jon Farley, Head of Altar Ministries.

Join us every Wednesday, starting on January 11th at 7:30 PM, for an all new RECTOR'S FORUM...

Father Albert will be conducting Anglican/Episcopal Theological reflections on what we believe as Anglicans. What do we believe, where does it come from, and what makes us unique? Get the book "What Episcopalians Believe" at our Book Stall and join us for a lively and prayerful discussion...



MISSION OF THE MONTH is the Jubilee Center: Jubilee Center is a daily soup kitchen and counselling center, located in Hollywood. Their goal is to provide meals to the hungry and social services to the neediest in the community, as well as clothing, food and emergency aid.

Spiritual Thought for the Week: "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man" -Benjamin Franklin

Our offerings to God for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, 2016

Thank you for your generosity!

Operating Fund: \$16,436.46
Building Fund: \$ 1,300.00
Total: \$17,736.00

Time to turn in our PLEDGE CARDS for 2017: We need every pledge to come in so we can do God's work!

SAILING INTO THE NEW YEAR

God built and launched this year for you;
Upon the bridge you stand;
It's your ship, aye, your own ship,
And you are mostly in command.
Just what the twelve months' trip will do
Rests wholly, solely, friend, with you.

Your logbook kept from day to day
My friend, what will it show?
Have you on your appointed way
Made progress, yes or no?
The log will tell, like a guiding star,
The sort of captain that you are.

For weal or woe this year is yours;
Your ship is on life's sea
Your acts, as captain, must decide
Whichever it shall be;
So now in starting on your trip,
Ask God to help you sail your ship.

~ Author Unknown ~

I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and, overall, blessed new year 2017!

Father Albert