



# 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"*

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
September 23 and 24, 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: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am Rite II (BCP 355) – 8:00 am Rite I (BCP 323)**

### **The Collect**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of

the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino***

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*so the river ran in the dry places.
42. For God remembered his holy word \*and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

### **The Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:1-16)**

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into

the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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)**

### **Overcoming Life's Storms**

"I have no power!" "There's no fuel for the car!" "I've lost my home!" Truly, Irma, like so many of life's blustery storms savaged us violently, and seemed to unleash its fury unjustly. Jesus draws a similar lesson in today's gospel. Laborers toil mercilessly under the hot sun and the householder's absolute authority. But then, they receive no extra pay compared with those who worked shorter hours. It seems to violate our sense of fairness. Jesus, however, would have us remember that we are here to serve and love each other in his name - not to compete. This lesson seems foreign in our self-serving society, but our Lord teaches firmly that you are not my opponent but my beloved. - *Norm Carroll [spiritualsummit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)*

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

**Sunday school will begin October 1st**, due to the fact that our materials just arrived with somewhat of a delay after the Storm. Our volunteers will need another week to prepare. Spread the word in our community but we have the best Sunday school around...

**New Weekday Service!** Join us for Evening Prayer from Monday-Friday at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. Evening Prayer allows us to develop the daily habit of "praying in community" and it is one of the most ancient Christian customs. It is okay to come once or more times each week, as your schedule allows. Our hope is that opportunities like this will help develop a more prayerful and Jesus-centered daily life for each of our parish members. You are welcome to attend and bring a friend...

**The Sacramental Candle** is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Theresa Giorello on the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death on September 28 from Nickie and John Quinn.

**Thank You!** We thank you for the wondrous attendance and reception you gave our Prayer Service at 6:30 pm and Adult Formation at 7:00 pm last Monday, September 18. We invite you to bring a friend at the same time in the chapel Monday, September 25, for "moments of inspiration".

**Sunday Mornings:** Come to 10:00 am Eucharist at 9:30 am in the chapel and join our search into the deep meaning of our Eucharistic lessons.

**Evening Prayer and Labyrinth Walk:** On Tuesday Sept. 26 you are invited to join us for Evening Prayer in the Chapel followed by a Labyrinth walk in Deshaies Hall. With all the turmoil going on in the world; hurricanes, earthquakes, nuclear threats, and continued unrest in the Mideast, we need to use the power of prayer and the calm that comes from walking the Labyrinth, to cultivate a semblance of peace in our lives.

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 210-212 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**There will be an ECW Meeting on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:00 am Service in St. Elizabeth's Room. All women are encouraged to attend.

**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 see Cheryl Burley or email [ckburley@bellsouth.net](mailto:ckburley@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**We are looking for more volunteers for our Greeter's Ministry,** particularly for the Saturday 6:00 pm service and the Sunday 8:00 am service. These are the individuals that welcome new guests and attendees in the narthex prior to each service. For more information, please contact Cheryl Hill 954-292-8700.

**UTO 2017 Corner:** It is UTO time again! Kindly pick up your little blue boxes and envelopes in the church's hallway as you leave, and please whisper a prayer during the day and make a donation into your boxes until December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Your continued prayers for the United Thank Offering Ministry is greatly appreciated.

**The Mission of the month for September is LifeNet4Families:** LifeNet4Families has over 30 years of providing service to the hungry and homeless of Broward County. While reducing hunger is the primary goal of the organization, LifeNet4Families works to help clients regain or maintain stability by providing clients with access to on-site shower facilities, haircuts, clothing, counseling, referrals, job readiness preparation, emergency financial assistance, mailing address usage, and mail retrieval services.

**Sandwich Sunday** is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Spiritual Thought for the week: "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." – Proverbs 11:24*

**Our offerings to God for September 16 and 17, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating:	9,417.00
Building Fund:	2,143.00
Total:	11,560.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	1,660.00

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**Please remember St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament**

**THE SUMMER IS OVER...**

It's great to see most people back from vacation and summer rest. Our pews are beginning to fill-up again. Yet, there is a very important **someone** missing. That someone is a person that only YOU know. Maybe it's a co-worker or a neighbor. It could also be a family member who has grown spiritually lazy or indifferent and is convinced they do not "need" to come to church. This is the time to lovingly invite people back... Our Sunday School will begin in a few weeks and there are lots of families which have time for sports and other activities, but have not been invited to bring their children or youth to know the Word of God and to live the life of a Christian community. It's your mission as a baptized Christian to be an evangelist!

Take time to invite someone to church today.

In Christ,

*Father Albert*