



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"

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/CHRIST THE KING

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
November 25 and 26, 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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no

longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46)

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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:

The Reverend Robert Deshaies (Food For The Poor)

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)

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.

Reign of Christ Sunday

The liturgical year reaches its climax on this, its final Sunday. Jesus proclaims in today's challenging gospel a vivid parable defining our salvation. It depends not on our fortune, fame or piety but on the help we give the marginalized. And the reason is astounding: that Christ identifies with these oppressed and forgotten ones. Thus, by ignoring the desperate, we ignore the Christ. To emphasize this further, Matthew lists 4 times the specific help Jesus urges us to provide his beloved. As the year ends, our sisters and brothers cry for help. Loving them manifests your love for him. Then, will you hear in your heart our Lord's words, "Come, blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world." - Norm Carroll www.spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

That Call that only YOU can make... Sometimes we have parishioners we see and hear from regularly, but there are others who we miss for several weeks and do not really know where they went. As we begin a new Church Year – First Sunday of Advent is next Sunday – Why not pick up the phone and call that person you have not seen in a while and say, "Hey, we miss you at church"? Sometimes we have no way of knowing what is really happening in people's lives. Many times, people do not call the church when there has been an illness or a problem... or even the decision to move. Let's reach out to each other with love and concern. Peace, Fr. Albert

Prayers for the Diocese of Puerto Rico - Our Rector, Father Albert, is preaching the Clergy Retreat for the Diocese of Puerto Rico this week, at the invitation of their bishop. Please pray for Father Albert and those attending the retreat, that the Holy Spirit will guide all those participating and that all recovery efforts and relief may continue to restore life on the Island.

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 needs you!

Food For the Poor: Please help to feed hundreds of thousands of people every day primarily in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, by placing your contribution into the enclosed envelope. Please make checks payable to: FOOD FOR THE POOR.

Sunday School takes place every Sunday during the 10:00 am Service. Spread the word in our community that we have the best Sunday School around.

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.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved husband, Owen D. Lewis from Blossie Lewis.

Nursery Volunteers needed for one Sunday a month. Please see Cheryl Burley or email ckburley@bellsouth.net for more information.

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.

Unique Prayer and Lesson: We invite you to join us Monday at 6:30 pm for prayer and learning about Paul at 7:00 pm in the chapel.

Sunday Service: Come at 9:30 am to the chapel for a dynamic discussion of the day's readings.

Faith in Music Ministry: We will be listening and studying sacred classical music this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Please take note that the Labyrinth Walk will be at 7:00pm in Deshaies Hall on November 28. "Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to stumble." Psalm 55:24. We all have burdens that we could rid ourselves of and walking the labyrinth is an excellent way to cast your burdens upon the Lord.

Bible Study: Fridays from 9:30 am-11:00 am Paul's letters to the Corinthians mirror the problems and issues that we encounter in the church today simply because Corinth was a city that mirrors the world we live in today. Paul gives us answers to the questions we have living in a world dominated by secularism. Join us in the study of 1 Corinthians. Call 954-530-0901.

We thank all of our St. Benedict's family and friends for the great outpouring of love and generous donations for the Braaf family!

Blood Drive: This holiday season please give the gift of life. The Blood Mobile will be at St. Benedict's on Sunday, December 3rd from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. All donors will receive a fleece blanket and a wellness checkup.

Life Line Screening will be at St. Benedict's on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Pre-Registration is required. To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450.

Relay for Life: It's time for the Relay for Life! We are in need of a new Team Captain for 2018. Relay is a team fundraising event where teams take turns walking around a track to "Walk Out Cancer." Plantation Relay is 16 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that CANCER never SLEEPS. Please see or call Donna Carty at 954-801-3814. Relay for life will be April 20-21, 2018 at Central Park, Plantation, FL.

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: Please pray for the continued restoration of our communities and our Caribbean brothers and sisters. We thank the Lord for all he has done for us here at home. Please continue to make a donation into your little blue boxes until December 3, 2017.

Father Bob and Deborah invite you to join them on a 15 day cruise aboard Princess Star on March 4, 2018. Prices starting at \$1,649.99. Please see information sheet, pricing and itinerary on the back table. Call Father Bob for more information at 954-591-6800.

The Mission of the month for November is Seafarers' House: Seafarer's House at Port Everglades, USA is open every day of the year as a safe, friendly place where mariners can connect to their families, relax, and ask questions about the community, and get emergency help if needed. St. Benedict's is a participant in their Mariner Friendly Congregation Program and provides donations for their Shoebox Christmas program each year.

Stewardship Thought for the Week: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."— Sir Winston Churchill

Our offerings to God for November 18 and 19, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating:	7,153.00
Building Fund	925.00
Total	8,078.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Shortfall for the week:	1,822.00

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