



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two

APRIL 28 AND 29, 2018

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

Evening Prayer Daily (Monday-Thursday) – 6:30 PM

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalms 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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)

The Vine of All Vines

Jesus describes our relationship to him and him to us as a vine. Together, all of us comprise the vine which is Christ. Jesus employs this metaphor (as Paul uses the body of Christ and Mark, the cornerstone) to illustrate the ultra-intimate union of him and us. This union consists of the same Spirit of God abiding and energizing both. Jesus, however, accepts the holy Spirit of God fully while we often waver in our acceptance. Just as the life journey of a vine is to grow into floral maturity, so ours is to grow into the spiritual fullness of our humanity which is Christ. So, the poet writes, "To live is to love which is why we love to live." - *Norm Carroll* spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Are you an Anglican? Have you been to Canterbury? The town of Canterbury is quaint and beautiful. It is also the seat of a grand, historic cathedral, the Mother church of the Anglican Communion. In addition to all the major holy sites, we will visit Leeds Castle and Gardens, Great Dixter House and Gardens, Wilton House, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace and enjoy a Thames Cruise... Call and reserve your spot today: **954-848-4998. www.magnotoursinc.com**

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Kirk Lyttleton's mother, Nelzena Beverly Shirley, May 17, 1948 – April 25, 2016,

Flowers will be given out after the 10:00 am service to the ladies of St. Benedict's by the Brotherhood of St. Benedict's to celebrate the life of Kirk Lyttleton's mother, Ms. Nelzena Beverley Shirley.

The Holy Spirit Returns! Meet the Holy Spirit Monday April 30 at 7:00 pm in the chapel as we explore the Spirit of God and our spirit in dynamic discussion.

Sunday, 9:30 am: Come to Our Lady's Chapel to probe the real meaning of Sunday's proclamations at Eucharist.

New Weekday Service! Join us for Evening Prayer from Monday-Thursday at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. There will be no Evening Prayer on Fridays.

Wednesday Night Study of the Prophet Isaiah: Please join us as we study the Book of Isaiah on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, following the Healing Service.

The Mothers' Union High Tea will be on Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 pm in the Deshaies Hall. Please see Blossie Lewis for information.

Car Wash Fundraiser for Boy Scout Eagle Project: Zachary Walford, one of the members of our church, has proposed as his Eagle Project to build a Fountain Entrance Feature by the East Entrance to the church building. To help raise funds for the project, he will be having a car on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm after the service. A clean car would make a great Mother's Day present!!! Please help out this potential Eagle Scout and his project for the church. See Kevin Walford for more details.

Attention 6:00 pm Mass. First Saturday Fellowship is April 5. Bring your finger food and wine and enjoy.

NextGen Young Adult Ministry presents A Lip Sync Battle Showdown! We will be hosting a Lip Sync Battle in July! Have you always wanted to show off your lip sync abilities and those crazy dance moves? Sign up with us today! You can email us at nextgenyoungadults@gmail.com or sign up in the bookstore. Auditions will be held June 24. You could be the champion and go home with the ultimate prize! It's going to be Epic!

Several scholarships are available for St. Benedict's High School Graduates: Scholarship deadline is April 30th, 2018 **Requirements:** *Member of St. Benedict's *Active participation in St. Benedict's ministry
*List activities/ ministries in St. Benedict's, Diocese, school and/or community
*Graduation date, future plans (college/university, vocational school, military)
*Essay (minimum 1 page, single spaced, maximum 2 pages per essay) on "Life at St. Benedict's"; additional essay on "Cultural Diversity" for Chang-Young Scholarship
Essays will be evaluated on the following: Content, grammar, punctuation, organization and paraphrasing.
Please send to: scholarship7801@gmail.com

ECW 7th Annual Faith Walk: Put on your walking sneakers and please join the women of the ECW on *Saturday, May 5* at 8:30 am for our Annual Faith Walk to Liberty Park. Please see members of our fundraising committee for a sponsor sheet. If you are unable to walk, please make a donation. Proceeds of the Faith Walk go towards our continued support of our 2018 high school graduates. We look forward to seeing you!

The shelves at the Jubilee Center of South Broward are bare and the pantry boxes are becoming lighter and lighter! Please take a moment to consider donating food items such as soup, canned corn, canned carrots, tuna fish, canned tomato sauce, canned ravioli, canned fruit, canned or dried beans, rice, instant potatoes, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars, peanut butter and jelly. Bring your donations Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to the Jubilee Center, which is located at 2020 Scott Street, Hollywood, FL 33020. Telephone 954-920-0106.

MISSION OF THE MONTH is God's Little Lambs: God's Little Lambs is a Christian nursery and pre-school right here in Broward County. They are dedicated to homeless and low-income families, with sponsorship from various Churches and organizations in the Ft. Lauderdale area. St Benedict's has been providing an arts and crafts program for them for the past 13 years. Through your generous donations and God's help, we hope to continue this service.

Thought for the Week: *"God's strength behind you, His concern for you, His love within you, and His arms beneath you are more than sufficient for the job ahead of you."* -William Arthur Ward

Our offerings to God for April 21 and 22 – May God bless you for your generosity!

Operating:	6,448.00
Building Fund:	659.00
Total:	7,107.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Shortfall for the week:	2,793.00

Your committed tithing and consistency in giving is a blessing to us. Thank you!

**We Need You involved with the
Media and Communications Ministry**



Help in all aspects of **Media and Communications** including:

- Creating and Running slides for Church Service
- Learn about the Church Sound System
- Get involve in all aspects of Church communications, Twitter, Facebook, Church App, Video Recording and Editing etc.

If you are interested, Contact Jerry Sehi or Humphrey Braaf
braafcommunications@gmail.com or Call 954 494-5387

