

2nd St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

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 it known"

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
FEBRUARY 1 AND 2, 2020

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

Book of Common Prayer

Order of Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355)

Holy Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 am (BCP 323)

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:22-40)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by

the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 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.**

Now I See!

Joseph and Mary follow the Judaic Law by bringing their child Jesus to Jerusalem to dedicate him to the Lord. Luke then journeys beyond the law to tell a grand story with a mighty message. He describes 2 older people, Simeon and Anna, symbols of wisdom, who recognize this child as the seat of wisdom. Simeon was certain he would not die before seeing the Messiah, and would then die in peace. Simeon cradles the baby in his arms, and exclaims, "My eyes have seen the salvation of the Lord". As for us, with our own third eye, we behold Christ in our families, friends, and yes, even strangers and so-called enemies. With Simeon, we can now embrace our savior fearless of sister death. - norm Carroll
spiritualsummit.net

Coming Up @ St. Benedict's

Pledge Envelopes for 2020 are available on a table in the Narthex arranged in alphabetical order. Please remember that **separate checks** need to be written for the Operating and Maintenance/Improvement Funds as these are **two different bank accounts**. You can also sign-up ONLINE and never have to write another check again.
www.saintbenedicts.org.

Please remember that PLEDGE CARDS must be completed each year. If you are contributing in the plate or online and have not completed pledge cards for 2020, we are **unable to record your contributions** or provide a statement. Please complete a card as soon as possible and put it into the Arc (box), or the collection plate. Thank you!

Pledge statements for 2019 are on the table in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of our mother Retinella Ricketts on what would have been her 90th birthday. Forever in our hearts - Janet Findlay & Satnarine Ricketts-Weller.

Our Nursery is open every Sunday during the 10:00 am service for infants and toddlers ages 6 months to 3 years. Please see Cheryl Burley or Yvette Dawson for more information, or to volunteer.

The Sunday School is in need of volunteers for teachers. Please contact Keisha Goodison if you are called to share the word of God with children.

Learn of Me! Do you attend any class; read any book; or search out otherwise the meaning of Jesus? Come Monday at 7:00 pm to the chapel for an adult discussion of our savior. Also, don't forget our unique time of contemplation at 6:30 pm.

Sunday Savvy! Join us at 9:30 am every Sunday in the chapel explore the marvelous richness of our Sunday readings.

Faith in Music Ministry will be a combination of Spiritual Music with Spiritual text on Wednesdays from 6:15 pm until 6:45 pm.

Blood Drive: The Blood Mobile will be at St. Benedict's this Sunday, February 2nd from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. All donors will receive a free Long sleeve T-shirt, as well as a wellness checkup including blood pressure, iron count, pulse

and cholesterol screening.

Mark Your Calendars: The Annual Mothers' Union International Cuisine will be on February 16th. Tickets and information available after today's service.

Come and join us for the St. Benedict's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 am-12:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Alicia Kelly at the 6:00 pm service, Merline Antoine-Archer at the 8:00 am service and Barbara McKenzie at the 10:00 am service.

ECW has been given 2 round trip vouchers on Jet Blue - from any city to any city! We will raffle these off separately from the Gift Baskets. Price for tickets is \$10.00. Drawing will be held on February 23, 2020. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to receive 2 round trip vouchers to a destination of your choice!

ECW 5 FABULOUS GIFT BASKET RAFFLE! Purchase raffle tickets to win one or more wonderful gift baskets from local vendors. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Drawing to be held on February 23rd. Please help support our scholarship fundraising effort. Tickets available at each service or by contacting any ECW member. For more information, please call Karen Froniewski at 954-292-0068 or Carla Holness at 954-309-3298. Thank you and God bless.

St. Ambrose is having "An Evening in Italy" Italian Dinner (A 5 Course Italian Dinner) on Saturday, February 15 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 presale until February 12th. \$30.00 at the door. Children 12 and under \$10. Tickets can be purchased by using Zelle: StAmbroseFL@outlook.com and add "for Italian Dinner" in the memo line along with the names of guests, or call 954-439-3160 for information.

Relay for Life. Yes, it's that time of year again – time to start gearing up for the 2020 Relay for Life in Plantation. This year, the relay is scheduled for Friday, April 17 through Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Plantation Central Park. The first organizational meeting for individuals from St. Benedict's who are interested in participating will be Sunday, February 2nd after the 10 am service. We can use all kinds of help, from food planning, decorations, fundraising, and walker organization, so if you are interested, please join us. For more information, call Cheryl Hill at 954-292-8700 or email at cheryl.novavillage@gmail.com.

Abandoned Dogs' Rescue Home: Peter Furzer is collecting old, but gently used towels for the Abandoned Dog's Rescue Home. Please see Peter if you can help.

The Mission of the Month of February is Hope South Florida: Through the Faith In Action program HOPE South Florida provides emergency overnight housing for families & veterans at a local church or hotel, so they are not forced to sleep on the streets while they wait for permanent housing to become available. HSF provides transportation, meals, showers, and other support services to homeless families & veterans recovering from homelessness.

Spiritual Thought: "Fearlessness presupposes calmness and peace of mind." - Mahatma Gandhi

Our offerings to God for January 25 and 26, 2020

Operating Fund:	9,411.50
Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	2,270.00
Total	11,681.50
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Over Budget for the week:	1,781.50