

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"

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 119:1-8 Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!
2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:21-37)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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.**

Coming Up @ St. Benedict's

Join us for special services on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 am for Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of ashes (approx. 25 minutes) - 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist (approx. 25 minutes) with the imposition of ashes and 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with music. We will also have "Ashes to Go" for all in our community on NW 5th Street. All are welcome!

Come and join us for the St. Benedict's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 am-12:00pm.

We Are Family! 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. Sign-up ONLINE and set up your "automatic giving" - never write another check again. www.saintbenedicts.org.

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

The Sacramental Candle is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Williams on the anniversary of her death on February 16th, 2017. From her mother, Nella Wallace and Family.

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. **Our Nursery is also 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.

Mining Gold: Calling all adults! Discover as never before the wisdom of Jesus as we search out this Sunday's readings at 9:00 am in the chapel.

20th Century Church: Come to the chapel Monday at 7:00 pm as members from 6 different denominations discuss the place and role of church in the 20th century.

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

Military Ministry: There will be a meeting of committee members and all who are interested in supporting the Military Ministry Program after the 10 a.m. service on Feb 23rd in the Chapel. We will be planning our activities for 2020 and all are welcome to attend.

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.

Attention all men! You are invited to be part of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 23rd in the St. Elizabeth's Room promptly following the 10:00 am Mass. Through the disciplines of Prayer, Study and Service, the Brotherhood aims to always bring men and youth closer to Christ. The Brotherhood also maintains the Brotherhood Corner located in Deshaies Hall where members of the St. Benedict's community who need assistance with various projects around their homes are able to reach out. We invite all men of the church to come and join us for fellowship. Refreshments are generally provided. For information please contact Kevin Walford at: AguaOrangeGreen@gmail.com.

LifeNet4Families sandwich donations - last Sunday of each month: We hit a record month in pounds donated to the program in 2019 and would like to keep the momentum in 2020. Please continue your service and commitment to the program and bring items **separately** - bread/meat/cheese. This program is a critical service to the community and serves hundreds of meals daily. THANK YOU for your generosity!

St. Benedict's Quilt Group will be updating the flag quilt located on the east wall of our sanctuary; if your country flag is not represented, please e-mail either Juli Reid (julireid@comcast.net) or Josette Thomas (jmother15@bellsouth.net) with the name of your country.

Sponsor a walker or recruit sponsors for Jubilee Center's **Walk 2 Stop Hunger** on **Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church**, located at 1704 Buchanan St., Hollywood, FL, 33020 (just east of US1.) Jubilee Center is a soup kitchen, food pantry, and social services agency that has met the needs of the hungry for more than 25 years **and serves 100-120 hot meals every day, (that's 30,000 a year) and provides food and emergency services to individuals and families in need. The need continues to be great.**

Registration Fee for Walkers: \$10/adult, \$5/child (includes t-shirt and lunch). Non-perishable **Food Donations** appreciated. Our own **St. Benedict's Liturgical Dance Team** will be there to entertain you!!!

Sponsorships: Gain valuable visibility for your product and/or services: \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000 opportunities available. Organize a team of walkers to raise money – great for team building and community relations.

Contact **Jubilee Center** Board Member Deacon Deb at 954-478-1091 or Executive Director Rene Yacinthe at 954-920-0106 or email us at jubileehwd@hotmail.com, or visit our website at www.jubileecenterbroward.org. Thank you for your continued support!

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: "Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." - C. S. Lewis

Our offerings to God for February 8 and 9, 2020

Operating Fund:	11,384.50
Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	2,236.00
Total	13,620.50
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Over Budget for the week:	3,720.50