

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"

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
FEBRUARY 29 AND MARCH 1, 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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 32 Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *and whose sin is put away!
2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *and in whose spirit there is no guile!
3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *because of my groaning all day long.
4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *and did not conceal my guilt.
6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *I will guide you with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. **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.**

Victory Is Ours

Often, we are tempted, become discouraged and fail. This reminds one of the 40 years of desert during which the Hebrews suffered the terrors of desolation with only the visionary hope of a vague promised land. However, they were also a people of faith. In today's gospel, Jesus endures his 40 days in faith and hope; only he does not fail. He overcomes the threats of self and power-seeking. Now, it's our turn to struggle with self; except that, because of Jesus, we know we can also prevail. Actually, the 40 days symbolize all our days, for we are constantly challenged. Each of us can become a new person this Lent -- a Christ, who has endured and risen above the self-serving tentacles of desert-living.

- Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

Coming Up @ St. Benedict's

Lenten Bible Study/Rector's Forum

Please join Father Albert to study the book of Psalms every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross in the church on Fridays at noon.

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 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.

Sunday Scripture: Probe with us Sunday at 9:30 am in the chapel the profound depths of our Eucharist proclamations.

Adult Formation: Join us this lent each Monday at 7:00 pm in the chapel as we search the great insightful books of our Christian tradition.

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8, immediately following the 10 am service in St. Elizabeth's room. Jacky Lowe, who performs Mission work in Madagascar, will be at our meeting to give us an update on her travels. Please plan to attend. Refreshment will be served. Those walking for Jubilee Center are reminded to bring your walking gear and \$10 as we will leave immediately after for the walk.

ECW would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our ECW Scholarship Raffle. We appreciate everyone's assistance with helping our Seniors with their post-secondary plans.

It is time to renew CPR certification: If you have not taken a class in several years, CPR class will be held on March 22 following the 10:00 am service in the Hall. This class is open to everyone. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

Mark your calendars!!! The Forever Young March Luncheon will be on March 24 at 12:30 pm at Las Vegas Restaurant (Cuban Cuisine), 7015 W. Broward Blvd. Plantation 33317. Lunch specials from \$7.95 to \$14.95. All are invited!!! Please call Carol Weller at 954-572-4075 to RSVP by March 19.

The Special Events Ministry is hosting a trip to the Holy Land in Orlando, FL on **March 28th**. There is one bus with 55 seats available. Contact Pauletta Superville at 754-366-8394 or Tanya Holmes at 954-850-9386 for more info. Price \$74.00 for adults and \$59.00 for children 5-17 years old.

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!

Relay for Life: Our participation is crucial in the fight against cancer! We need volunteers to walk during the event and

to help with the set-up. Relay for Life is scheduled for April 17, 2020, from 6pm to 9am the next day – in recognition of the fact that cancer never sleeps. You can walk for as long (or as short) as you like. It will be held at Central Park in Plantation, on the track by the football field. Please register online at RelayForLife.org or by calling 1-800-227-2345; be sure to register under St. Benedict's. For more information, contact Cheryl Hill at 954-292-8700.

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.

Walk or Sponsor a walker 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.** Non-perishable **Food Donations** appreciated. Our own **St. Benedict's Liturgical Dance Team** will be there to entertain you!!! **Registration Fee for Walkers:** \$10/ adult, \$5/child (includes t-shirt and lunch). **Walk Sheets** in the narthex or Contact **Jubilee Center** Board Member Deacon Deb at 954-478-1091 or Executive Director Rene Yacinthe at 954-920-0106. Thank you for your continued support!

Are you 18-35 years old and looking for a group to join in church? Please join NextGen our young adult ministry for a meeting Sunday March 1 at 7pm In the parish hall. We will have a light bite and good conversation as well as map out this year for our ministry. If you or anyone you know is looking for a young adult group to be a part of, come check us out. Text Ashley Vaz the President at 9545910647 or Nayomi Braaf the VP at 9548029272 for more info. We'd love for you to join us.

Abandoned Dogs' Rescue Home: Sincere thanks to all those Parishioners who donated towels for the Abandoned Dogs Home. They were much appreciated.

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: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." – Pope Francis

Our offerings to God for February 22 and 23, 2020

Operating Fund:	9,250.50
Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	1,589.00
Total	10,839.50
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Over Budget for the week:	939.50