



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"

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Year C – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two

April 23 and 24, 2016

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

Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)

The Collect of the Day:

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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not

to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *praise him in the heights.
2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon; *praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *and you waters above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *for he commanded, and they were created.
6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9 Mountains and all hills, *fruit trees and all cedars;
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *creeping things and winged birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, *old and young together.
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:31-35)

ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD CHRIST!

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday: Father Albert R. Cutié

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)

All baptized Christians who affirm the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.

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.***

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

****ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES – ONGOING FAITH FORMATION***

****BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM.*** Our "Keep the Faith Nights" are a great way to deepen our faith and to reflect in community. Healing Eucharist at 7:00 PM, followed by our in-depth study and reflections on the Word of God. We are studying the Gospel of John.

****What is the Ascension?*** What really happened? What is its meaning for us today? Come Monday to the chapel at 7:00PM to participate in an amazing and enlightening discussion that will introduce you to heavenly glory.

****Faith in Music Ministry:*** Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be studying Händel's Saul for the next two weeks.

****Bible Study on Fridays:*** Having completed the Beatitudes, we will take a short break and continue our study of Jesus' **Sermon on the Mount** on May 6. The kind of Christians who actually live the Beatitudes are salt and light to the world. Genuine Christians will have an influence on people around them. D. L. Moody once said, "A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine." Please call 954-530-0901 if interested.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS: Tyler Benting, Gerald Burkakoff, Michael Cano, Leslie Dengler, Remington Fiore, Sullivan Fiore, Monique LaFrance, David Mawhinney and Deondre Williams and to Joseph Cortese who is being Received into the Episcopal Church.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AT ST. BENEDICT'S: We will celebrate First Holy Communion May 1st, 2016, for our children who have been baptized. All children 5-13 are welcomed to participate. There will be a mandatory orientation session given by Father Albert for all children and their parents on April 26, 2016 at 7pm in the Deshaies Hall. Applications will be in the back of the church. If you are interested, please contact Donna Carty via phone 954 801 3814, or email stbennyouth@gmail.com or the office.

We will be honoring and praying for all of our graduates from elementary school through college/university on June 4th and 5th. If you have not already sent your information to the office, please do so by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st. Forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

Save the date!!! Vacation Bible School starts August 8, 2016. We have half days and full days. We need volunteers, donations and your children. Any questions please see Marilyn Benting or contact her at 954-643-2169.

Scholarship applications for the ECW Scholarship, the Chang Family Scholarship and the St. Benedict's Church High School Graduate Scholarship are now available for all graduating Seniors. Please see Cheryl Burley for applications for all scholarships, or individually see Carla Holness (ECW), Jennifer Chang (Chang Family) and Cheryl Burley (St. Benedict's). All applications must be filled out as directed and returned by Sunday, May 8, 2016. Unfortunately, late applications will not be accepted.

Reminder Sandwich Sunday is the LAST SUNDAY of each month. This month it will be on April 24th.

Mission of the Month: God's Little Lambs is a Christian nursery and pre-school in Broward County. They are dedicated to those underprivileged and homeless families, with sponsorship from various churches and organizations in the Fort Lauderdale area. St. Benedict's has been providing an arts and crafts program for them for the past 14 years. Through your generous donations and God's help, we hope to continue this service.

St. Benedicts Luncheon Group will be dining at Brio Tuscan Grille on Thursday April 28, 2016, \$25.00. The Spring Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Reservations by April 24th and there is a meal selection required. Seating is limited so make your reservation early. Call Connie Desko at 954-370-9778.

Lifetouch has offered to do portraits for our new members and all who were not able to have their portraits taken last fall for the new church directory. Portrait sessions will be offered on Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th. Please visit the St. Benedict's website to sign up. You will need to create your own username and password. We will also have someone after each service to sign you up for your portrait session. Each family or individual will receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait. You do not have to purchase any additional portraits. **THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!**



If you would like to become a member of the Daughters to the King, Ann Saunders Chapter, a training session will begin on Friday, May 6 at 7:00pm in the Book Store. The training will be conducted by Dawn McGibbon. Please contact Dawn at 954 494 0538 if you have any questions or are in need of additional information.

Blood Drive: St. Benedict's is having a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 8th from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Please mark your calendar. Appointments can be made online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #591.

Spiritual Thought for the week: *"The will of God, to which the Lord gives expression, is that men should defeat their enemies by loving them" - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Our offerings to God for April 16 and 17, 2016

Operating Fund: \$7,163.75

Building Fund: \$2,952.50

Total: \$10,116.25

Weekly Stewardship Update: Thanks to you, we met our budget last week... Thanks for your generosity!