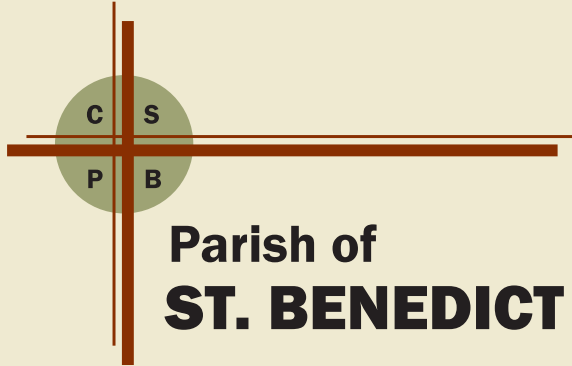


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 29, 2012

“IF TODAY YOU HEAR GOD’S VOICE
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS”

- PSALM 95



**Parish of
ST. BENEDICT**

“where all are welcome”

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Monday- Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Schedule of Masses:

Weekends:

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

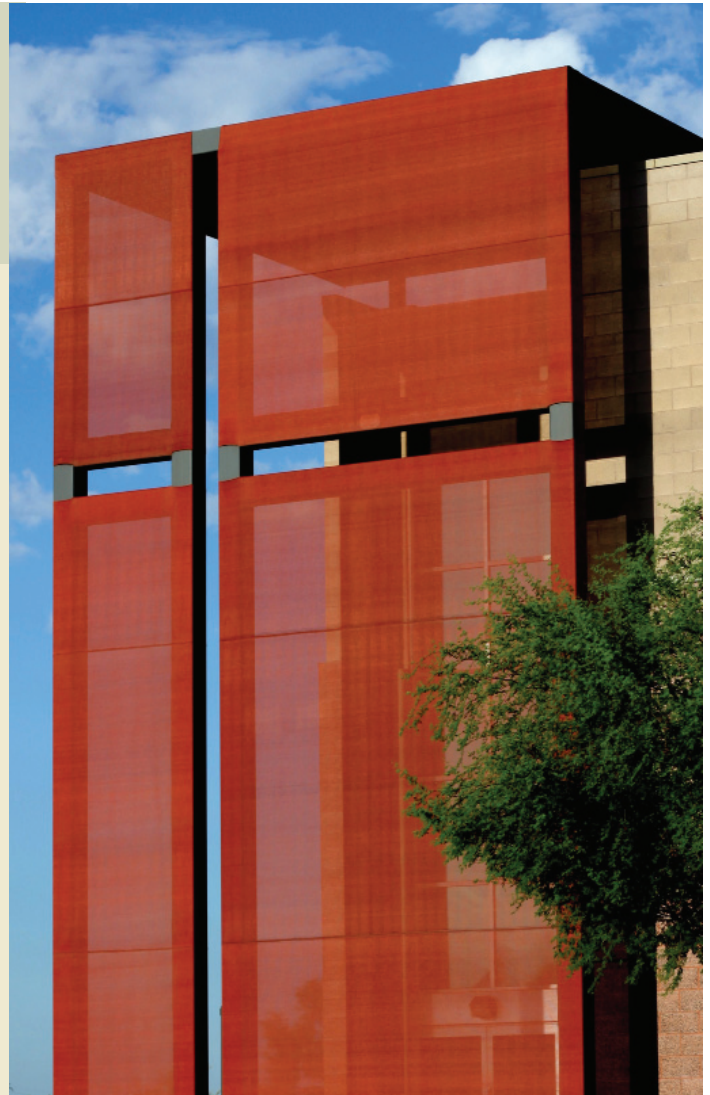
Spanish 1 pm (last Sunday of the month)

Weekdays:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8:15 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment



Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic faith community that recognizes God’s presence in all and we respond with our lives.

Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- *the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments*
- *prayer and lifelong Catholic formation*
- *service with and for one another and the greater community*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/29/2012

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 [22-32]
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5 pm - Fr. Joe Hennessy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9 am - Fr. Gary

11 am - Fr. Gary

5 pm - Fr. Gary

Pastoral Care Minsitry

Please pray for Ray Casias who recently passed away. Our sympathies are extended to his family. Please pray for their healing and comfort.

Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to the homebound. Please notify Nicki in the parish office at 480.961.1610 or nmyers@stbndict.org.

ADORATION

The next First Friday Adoration will be held on **February 3 and 4**. All are welcome to participate. Adoration begins at 2 pm on Friday and runs through the night until 9 am on Saturday morning. All are welcome to participate.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 1/29 • 9 am • Fr. Chester Janiga †
 11 am • Angie & Virgil Spini †
 1 pm (Spanish) • Carlos & Ramon Nunez †
 5 pm • People of the Parish

Monday, 1/30 • 8:15 am • Clarence Vlchek †

Tuesday, 1/31 • 8:15 am • George Doran †

Wednesday, 2/1 • 8:15 am • Mary Curtin †

Friday, 2/3 • 8:15 am • Celia Gomez †

Saturday, 2/4 • 5 pm • Sheila Cheevers †

Sunday, 2/5 • 9 am • Sister Lucidia Wilk †
 11 am • James Orzel †
 5 pm • People of the Parish

CONTRIBUTIONS

January Collection (Excludes online):

1/22/2012 - Weekly	\$15,313
- Monthly	\$69,915

Debt Reduction:

1/22/2012 - Weekly	\$2,615
- Monthly	\$6,879

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$23,005

Loan Balance: \$1,966,872



A Message from the Pastor



Hey now,

This past week I had the pleasure of attending not merely one, but two financial planning meetings. And while the time (over three hours) in which these groups met seemed to fly by (can you detect just a little sarcasm), I was looking forward to a little mindless diversion when I returned to the rectory that evening. The perfect place for something like that to occur was to turn on the television, and after my ritual of watching the 'Local on the 8's' I went in search of something less intense. So off I went to PBS hoping for one of the British comedies that they at times show. (If you are thinking that British humor is dry I refer you to the first sentence of this letter to let you know what dry is.)

Well instead of the comedic vein that I was hoping for I found a mini-documentary on Geronimo and the Chiricahua Apache tribe. While I had heard of this famous Native American many times before, this presentation was different. In the past much of what I had learned was from an American perspective; however, this broadcast provided a Native American glance at this man that has become legendary. It intrigued me so much that I will be searching out some material to not only understand this man and the tribe he belonged to, but also some other aspects of Arizona history. You would think that in living here for this long already I would have sought this out before. However, as I write this on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul who saw a bright light, this documentary was the blazing invitation in front of me to learn more.

Being so close to February it also made me think how this upcoming month is dedicated to African-American History Month (this term has become commonplace here in the United States while in Canada and the United Kingdom they still refer to it as Black History Month). This dedication while fairly recent (1976) has its roots in the early part of the twentieth century. Even though there are still contentions about focusing on one particular race, it should ring out loud and clear as an invitation to all that we need to learn more about our sisters and brothers. In that light maybe we can make this coming year: 2012 in the Gregorian calendar, 5772 in the Jewish calendar, and the Year of the Dragon in the Chinese calendar that light that instills in us the desire to learn more.

We don't have to focus on a particular topic because of what someone else tells us, as we go through so many things in our daily lives that we can gain a greater understanding about. Unless we grew up in Arizona we have a different type of flora and fauna that we encounter. We can possibly learn their names and discover why they drop their leaves in December only to immediately bud with the newness of life in January. A good portion of this state is carved out as reservation land for the Native Americans. Do we even know how to say the names of the tribes properly or can we learn a word in Diné? There are a number of people from history, both distant and recent, that book upon book has been written and we may know nothing more than their name. We can spend a little time learning the period of history or the lifestyle of the people.

Yes history is more than a class in which we had to remember countless names and dates to simply regurgitate them on a test. If history doesn't 'tickle your fancy' as they say there is science, mathematics and a plethora of other topics that are a part of our daily lives and which can provide a look into a different world. Let's spend some time learning something new as wisdom serves to build bridges instead of the walls that ignorance constructs.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Gary

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thousands of students, families and educators who make up the 43 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Phoenix are taking part in the national Catholic Schools Week event Jan. 29-Feb. 4, an annual celebration of high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values. We are blessed at the Parish of St. Benedict that we are connected to St. John Bosco, read below to see what SJB and parishioners at local catholic high schools are up to.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION ARIZONA

Giving the gift of a Catholic education to students at St. John Bosco couldn't be any easier and it will cost you nothing. By re-directing a portion of your Arizona state taxes to CEA and designating St. John Bosco Catholic School (school code 211) on, or before, April 15, your tax dollars will have a direct and positive impact on the students and families at St. John Bosco in the form of scholarships.

You can make your contribution online at catholiceducationarizona.org or by phone at 602.218.6542. For additional information or questions contact Lisa Watson by email at lwatson@sjbosco.org or at 480.219.4855.

HONOR ROLL

First Honors

Megan Burke - Seton
 Ryan Burke - Seton
 Connor Companik - Seton
 Gabrielle Debbins - Xavier
 Tyler Golembiewski - Seton
 Aeliana Kistner - Xavier
 Ariana Macioce - Xavier
 Tom Mager - Seton
 Jessica Sallurday - Xavier
 Stephanie Silva - Xavier
 Nate Skotak - Seton
 Sedona Wilson - Seton



CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to Kacee R. as our newest Christian Service Award recipient from the Diocese of Phoenix. Each year, 8th graders from across the Diocese document their commitment of service to their parish, school and community and apply for this \$8,000 tuition scholarship toward any of the Catholic High Schools. They collect letters of recommendation from their pastor and a teacher, write an essay and participate in a face-to-face interview with a member of the Service To Learn Committee. Previous awardees from St. John Bosco include Adriana Amato (University of Missouri), Kevin Burton (ASU), Camille Adams (Seton), David Gieseki (Seton), Erika Zanoti (Xavier), Garret Rupp (Brophy), Taylor Long (Xavier), and Konrad Eze (Seton). Applications are due in October of the students' 8th grade year, and service reaches back into 6th grade. For more information visit their website at www.ccfphx.org.

O Christ, our Teacher, You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where The message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed, christian community is experienced, service to our brothers and sisters is modeled, and worship of You is cultivated. Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation. *Amen*



FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Colleen Braun • *Director*
 Diane Orban • *Sacraments*
 Patrick Mooney • *Youth Ministry*
 Mary Ziebell • *Administrative Assistant*

TEACHING MASS

You are invited to a Teaching Mass lead by Fr. Gary on **Tuesday, January 31** at 6:15 pm in the worship space. Learn new things about the mass we celebrate every day, ask questions along the way and gain a new perspective on what really takes place during the Holy Sacrifice of the mass. For questions or more information please contact Sr. Colleen at srcolleen@stbenedict.org or 480.961.1610 ext. 302. All are welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a practicing Catholic age 18 or older who somewhere along the way, missed celebrating Confirmation and/or First Communion? Are you interested in completing these sacraments of initiation? Preparation sessions will on **Wednesday, February 8** at 6:30 pm in room 2 for those who are practicing their faith. For more information please contact Diane Orban at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or dorban@stbenedict.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Just a reminder that we offer "Little Church" and Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9 am mass. "Little Church" is for 3 and 4 year olds who would benefit from a different experience of Church. Parents drop their child/ren off before they go to the 9 am mass and pick them up right after mass. The children experience prayer, play and the gospel in a way they can understand. You can register for this by calling Mary in advance at 480.961.1610 ext. 309 or by email at mziebell@stbenedict.org.

Liturgy of the Word with Children is a ministry for children, ages 4-8 years old, or until First Communion. During mass they are called forward and are sent to experience the readings in an age appropriate way. They then return to their families to celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration is required.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: If you have children in the process please plan to attend this important Family Gathering on **February 5** at 12:30 pm in the MPR. If you have any questions regarding Confirmation or First Holy Communion please contact Diane at 480.961.1610 ext. 303.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next set of baptism preparation classes will be held today, **March 11 and 18** from 12:30-2 pm. Please register for these sessions prior to attending by contacting Diane at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or dorban@stbenedict.org.

HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN YOUTH MINISTRY

January 29

Breaking Open the Word

February 5

No Meeting

February 11

Service/Outreach

February 12

Service/Outreach Reflection



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Knights Meeting – The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Thursday, February 9** at 7:30 pm in room 2. Men of the parish please join us to learn more about what it means to be a Knight.

Golf Tournament - Save the date! The Knights will be holding their third annual Charity Golf Tournament on **April 14**, proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities, particularly St. Vincent de Paul. Stay tuned for more information.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Phoenix requires that all volunteers must complete a session of the Called to Protect youth protection program, at least every two years – or every year if the ministry involves regular contact with youth. In the case of Scouting parent volunteers, the BSA Youth Protection program and the Called to Protect program are both required.

At the next session on **Sunday, February 5**, St. Benedict will be offering two different classes: First, from 12:30 to 1:10 pm, the parish will present a Renewal Certification session. The second session will be Called To Protect for Ministries, which is the session for those who have never gone through the Diocese abuse protection training. This session will begin at 1:30 pm and will last approximately two and a half hours. These trainings are important information for all, because everyone needs to know what to look for, what to do or not do in child protection situations. Register online at diocesephoenix.org, or call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Child care will not be available at this session, and the Diocese mandates that this program is only for adults. If you have questions regarding these requirements, please contact our Parish Called to Protect Coordinators, Camille or Jim at 480.759.2188 or at cabom44@cox.net.



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GARY

Come join us as we continue the journey through the book of Acts. Mark your calendar now for the following Monday evenings at 6:45-7:45 pm in the worship space.

- February 6
- March 5
- March 19

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us **Saturday, February 4** at 9 am in the worship space for a presentation on End-of-life Issues for Catholics presented by Fr. Gary.

WE WANT YOUR PALMS

We need your palms from last year's Palm Sunday Mass to create this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be collection baskets in the lobby of the church.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Your wonderful generosity makes it possible for our ministry to lend a helping hand to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Your donations of time, money, food and personal care items for the pantry give our ministry life and our clients hope. God bless you all.

Below is a list of the few items still needed in our pantry:

Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Kleenex, Shaving Supplies, Tooth Brushes, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent and Shampoo

THE PARISH OF ST. BENEDICT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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St.
VALENTINE'S
Dinner & Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 6:30 PM

HOSTED AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

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TICKETS FOR SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

\$55 PER
COUPLE

\$20 UNLIMITED
DRINKS/COUPLE

\$2 BEER
& WINE

\$3 MIXED
DRINKS

ITALIAN DINNER

DJ MIKE & MIX MASTER "O"

50/50 RAFFLE

DOOR PRIZES

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

- Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
- New Parishioner Welcome Coffee - 9 am
 - Spanish Mass - 1 pm
- Jr. High Ministry - 3:30 pm
- High School Ministry - 6:30 pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011

- Bereavement Outreach Ministry - 5 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul - 6:30 pm (SJB Art room)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

- Journey of Faith for Families - 6:15 pm (Worship Space)
 - Teaching Mass - 6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (II) - 3:30 pm (SJB)
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (I) - 3:45 pm
- Rummage Sale Meeting - 6 pm (SJB Art Room)
 - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

- School Mass - 11:40 pm
- First Friday Adoration Begins - 2 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

- First Friday Adoration Ends - 9 am
- End of Life Presentation w/Fr. Gary - 9 am
 - Women's Spirituality Meeting - 9 am
 - Holy Yoga - 2 pm (SJB Chapel)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

- Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
 - Inquiry - 10 am
- Safe Environment Training Renewal - 12:30 pm
 - Art & Environment Meeting - 12:30 pm
 - Safe Environment Training - 1 pm
 - Adult Confirmation Meeting - 6 pm

The submission deadline for bulletin articles is
9 am on Fridays two weeks prior to the print date.

Articles can be emailed to Nicki Myers at
nmyers@st.benedict.org.

All articles submitted are subject to edits and are
used at the discretion of St. Benedict staff.