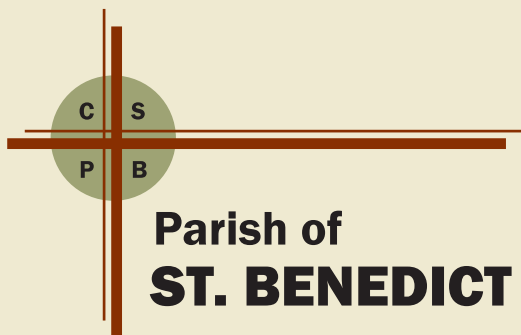


SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

“IT IS I, I, WHO WIPE OUT, FOR MY OWN SAKE,  
YOUR OFFENSES; YOUR SINS I  
REMEMBER NO MORE.”

- ISAIAH 43:25



*“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 2/19/2012

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22;  
 Mk 1:12-15

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5 pm - Fr. Gary, Homily - Deacon Jack

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9 am - Fr. Joe Hennessy, Homily - Deacon Jack  
 11 am - Fr. Gary, Homily - Deacon Doug  
 5 pm - Fr. Gary, Homily - Deacon Doug

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

*Please pray for Mark Zlotkowski who recently passed away. Our sympathies are extended to his family. Please pray for their healing and comfort. Please pray for Joseph Morris and Edna Ames who are home bound due to illness. We pray for their healing and comfort.*

Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to the home bound. Please notify Nicki in the parish office at 480.961.1610 or [nmyers@stbndict.org](mailto:nmyers@stbndict.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 2/19 • 9 am • Carol & Thomas Yokovich †  
 11 am • People of the Parish  
 5 pm • Sheila Cheevers †

Monday, 2/20 • 8:15 am • Emma Fulton †

Tuesday, 2/21 • 8:15 am • Ray Casias †

Wednesday, 2/22 • 7 am • Patricia Anaya †  
 9 am • Teresa Godorecci †  
 12 pm • People of the Parish  
 6:30 pm • People of the Parish

Friday, 2/24 • 8:15 am • Mark Zlotkowski †

Saturday, 2/25 • 5 pm • Denise Dias

Sun., 2/26 • 9 am • Marie & Andrew Korczyk †  
 11 am • Tami Rhodes †  
 1 pm (Spanish) • Francisco & Maria Nunez †  
 5 pm • People of the Parish

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Regular Contributions for February:

Current Week	\$17,146
Total for the Month	\$33,469

### Debt Reduction for February:

Current Week	\$1,096
Total for the Month	\$2,301

Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$23,005
Loan Balance:	\$1,966,872

## A Message from the Pastor



Hey now,

A few weeks ago I received an email that I thought contained a perfect message for the upcoming Lenten season. Granted, there are many sources that are available to give us inspiration as we seek to deepen ourselves spiritually. Some of the offerings challenge us to the depths of our being, calling us to change for our betterment and that of others. People use pictures or the printed or spoken word to be a part of their journey into and through Lent. Instead of trying to describe this wonderful reminder that was passed along to me, I thought it would be easier to use the technological advances of our time and print it for you and for all to see.



While going vegan was probably not the first thing on someone's list of how to celebrate Lent (I am sure that for most people it didn't even make it into the top 500), it provides us an opportunity to think about the upcoming season. It may seem strange coming from me, but Lent is not about anyone going vegan (although you will reap the benefits from such a choice spiritually and physically); rather, it is time set aside that reminds us to focus. We are called to focus on the other, our neighbors as defined by Christ himself, and most importantly we are invited to focus on our relationship with Christ.

Even though it seems that the church's focus in Lent is penitential it does not mean it is a grim or dour time. Penitence is a good thing as it brings us into a deeper relationship with the love of God. Despite all that we may have done, when we turn to God and seek forgiveness we are reminded of how much we are loved by the outpouring of mercy through Jesus the Christ. While we are creatures whenever we cry out to the Creator an outpouring of grace embraces us and sustains us on our journey. This season, as with all seasons of the liturgical calendar, is simply about love.

Time certainly seems to slip away from us and we may or may not have taken a few moments praying and thinking about what we will 'give up' this Lent, but I would ask you to see it in a different manner. Why don't you figure out how you can add more love into your life and the lives of others? I know this may seem somewhat redundant especially since last week's bulletin article talked about love. However, when one talks, writes or in some way tries to share about God it is hard not to encounter the word love.

In just a few days we will gather again on Ash Wednesday and throughout that day we will bear a mark of our humanity for all to see. As that symbol lessens and is washed off we will not have anything that distinguishes us one from the other. No one will be able to tell by a passing glance if we are going vegan, giving up sweets, coffee or something else; however, one thing will be evident: are we people of love? Will our words always be heard as supportive and nurturing? As we reach out, will it be with an open hand of friendship or a closed fist of judgment? If a great Lent were as far away as simply going vegan, I would hope everyone would willingly embrace that discipline. However, we all know Lent is not really focused on what we do or don't put into our bodies, but on what comes out from within.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Gary



## PREPARING FOR LENT

As we approach the season of Lent now is a good time to start thinking about how you can better prepare. Do you need to increase your Eucharistic life, give more discipline to your personal prayer time, include family prayer time, go on a retreat? Here are some opportunities within the parish and elsewhere for you to have a more reflective Lenten season.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

*Mass with Distribution of Ashes:*

7 am, 9 am, 12 pm and 6:30 pm

*Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes:*

5 pm

### LECTIO DIVINA

Adults please join us for Journey of Faith Adult sessions "Lectio Divina" on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 pm in the SJB MPR.

- February 28
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- March 27
- April 3

Come and learn the art of Scriptural reflection and interpretation made popular by none other than our very own St. Benedict.

### LENT AT HOME

40 is a web-based "post-apocalyptic drama" that begins airing Ash Wednesday. Each episode is accompanied by reflection questions tied to the weekly Scripture readings. To learn more view the trailer at [www.40theseries.com](http://www.40theseries.com).

### STATIONS & SOUP

Please join us for one or all of our Stations and Soup gatherings. Each Friday during Lent a different ministry or group will lead us through the stations of the cross in a different way. Each session begins at 6 pm.

**February 24**

*Women's Spirituality*

**March 16**

*Youth Ministry @ SJB*

**March 2**

*St. John Bosco*

**March 23**

*Men's Spirituality*

**March 9**

*Altar Servers*

**March 30**

*Knights of Columbus*

### YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Join Deacon Doug on **Thursday, February 23** for the first session of Fr. Robert Barron's Program, "Catholicism". Each Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm at SJB in room A118 we will view and discuss his DVD's. Fr. Robert Barron created this ground breaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

### AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT

**March 6**

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

**March 21**

*Parish of St. Benedict*

**March 27**

*Holy Spirit*

**March 19**

*St. Andrew the Apostle*

**March 26**

*St. Mary's (Chandler)*

**March 28**

*St. Steven's*

*All services will begin at 7 pm.*



## FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Colleen Braun • *Director*

Diane Orban • *Sacraments*

Patrick Mooney • *Youth Ministry*

Mary Ziebell • *Administrative Assistant*



## XLT PHOENIX

High school teens join us on **Wednesday, February 22** (Ash Wednesday) from 6:30-8:30 pm for a night of music with Matt Maher, host Matt Smith, special guest speaker Fr. John Parks and adoration at the Tempe Center for the Arts. And of course we will be distributing ashes.

We will be leaving the parking lot of St. Benedict at 5:30 pm and carpooling/ caravanning to Tempe. If you would like to go, please contact Patrick Mooney at [pmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:pmooney@stbenedict.org).

## CATHOLICS COME HOME

If you or someone you know has been away from the church and would like to explore the possibility of coming back feel free to contact Sr. Colleen at [srcolleen@stbenedict.org](mailto:srcolleen@stbenedict.org) or 480.961.1610 ext. 302 or to explore other resources you can visit [catholicscomehome.org](http://catholicscomehome.org).



## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next set of baptism preparation classes will be held **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](mailto:dorban@stbenedict.org).



## BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GARY

Our last bible study of the spring semester will be on **Monday, March 5** at 6:45-7:45 pm in the worship space. All are welcome to attend whether or not you have made it to previous sessions.

## HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN YOUTH MINISTRY

**February 19**

*Breaking Open the Word*

**February 22**

*Ash Wednesday/XLT*

**February 26**

*Encountering Spirituality - The Rosary*

**March 3**

*Service Outreach*

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The monastic practice of Lectio Divina was first established in the 6th century by Saint Benedict. Come and learn the art of Scriptural reflection and interpretation.



## 10 REASONS TO GIVE GREEN

St. Benedict would like to ask you to consider going green with your offertory giving. Here are 10 reasons to think about going green:

1. It is a testament of faith...deciding in advance to give faithfully.
2. It helps simplify your life eliminating the need to write weekly checks or remember your envelopes.
3. It helps you to better budget your financial resources.
4. You have the choice of giving via your credit or debit card or from your checking or savings account.
5. You have the peace of mind knowing you'll be able to support St. Benedict each week, even when you are unable to attend mass.
6. Our process is secure and meets the highest standards of compliance.
7. You have the knowledge that you are helping St. Benedict be more efficient and reducing the costs with staff processing.
8. Your regular giving provides steady, predictable cash flow to support the works of the parish.
9. You have the ability to designate your giving.
10. You have satisfaction in knowing that your parish continues to find ways to preserve the natural resources God has given us.

Please consider using green giving if:

1. You currently give cash. Giving online will enable you to take the tax benefits of giving.
2. You give using envelopes. Giving online eliminates a few steps in the accounting process, thus saving the community in personnel costs.
3. You have your bank send payments directly to St. Benedict. You may not be aware of this, but gifts of this nature require a more detailed process and more staff time to reconcile than even checks given in envelopes.
4. You give via Surepay. Our new system offers an Electronic Fund Transfer option as well and it ties directly into our parishioner records.

You can sign up for online giving at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org). There is a Quick Link on our home page.

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## SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 17

Five Wishes helps you express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself. It is unique among all other living will and health agent forms because it speaks to all a person's needs: medical, personal, emotional and spiritual. Five Wishes also helps structure discussions with your family and physician. Five Wishes is an easy to use legal document written in everyday language that lets adults of all ages plan how they want to be cared for in case they become seriously ill.

Please join us **Saturday, March 17** at 9 am in the worship space for the Five Wishes program. We will go through all 5 Wishes together, sending you home with a legal document you can use. Because it is necessary to purchase materials for this, please RSVP for this event to Suzanne Percy at [spercy@stbenedict.org](mailto:spercy@stbenedict.org) or 480.961.1610 ext. 308 this will ensure we have enough for all. Thank you!

## SAVE THE DATE & YOUR STUFF

The Parish Rummage Sale is coming up **Saturday, March 10**. If you are considering a Spring Clean, please save the good stuff for us! Here are some details on how to donate your stuff!

1. Bring your items to church the weekend of March 3-4.
2. Email us to request a pick up at [gfsiewer@cox.net](mailto:gfsiewer@cox.net).
3. Call for a pick up at 480.773.5300.
4. Bring your items to SJB on March 9, from 2-6 pm

We will gladly accept your clothes, furniture, small appliances, books, CD's, DVD's, electronics, housewares, bedding, games, tools and toys. We cannot, however, accept anything that may be considered hazardous. If you are interested in helping with this project you can email Gayle at [gfsiewer@cox.net](mailto:gfsiewer@cox.net).



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Once again thank you for all of your generous donations. Our pantry is a source of help for many people in need. We still have a need for:

**Juice (boxes or pouches), Dish Soap and Laundry Detergent**



### PAX CHRISTI

Due to Ash Wednesday the Parish of St. Benedict Pax Christi group will meet on **Wednesday, February 29**. We meet at the church at 7 pm. All are welcome to come and explore the tradition of Christian nonviolence. Each meeting consists of prayer, study, and a plan for action. For more information call Dave at 480.889.4676 or visit [paxchristiusa.org](http://paxchristiusa.org).



### ROCKIN' WESTERN BBQ

Save the date! Join us **Saturday, April 21** from 6-9 pm for a fun evening of delicious BBQ, Country Western music by the popular Arizona band "Desert Dixie", line dancing, raffle prizes, and much more! Tickets will go on sale beginning **March 24** after all masses.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Next Knights Meeting** – The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Thursday, March 8** 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** - The Knights will be holding their third annual Charity Golf Tournament on **April 14** at 7 am at the Foothills Golf Course. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities, particularly St. Vincent de Paul. For more information contact James Felix at 602.295.0464 or [jfelix9@yahoo.com](mailto:jfelix9@yahoo.com).

## CHARITY & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

This past weekend was the start of the Phoenix Diocesan Appeal. We understand that in these times it may be difficult for some to participate, please consider offering a gift of prayer. For those whose lives continue to be blessed, please prayerfully consider the Bishop's request for your support. Our parish goal this year is \$75,000 and 100% participation. For more information about what your gift can do visit [www.phoenixstewardship.org/cda/](http://www.phoenixstewardship.org/cda/). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

- Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
  - Lector Training - 12:30 pm
- Jr. High Youth Ministry - 3:30 pm (SJB MPR)
- High School Youth Ministry - 6:15 pm (SJB MPR)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011

- President's Day - Office Closed
- Bereavement Outreach Ministry - 5 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul - 6:30 pm (SJB Art room)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011

- Journey of Faith with Families - 6:15 pm
  - Finance Council Meeting - 7 pm
  - Men's Spirituality Meeting - 7 pm

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

- Ash Wednesday - (See page 2 for mass times)
- Adult Confirmation Meeting - 6:30 pm (SJB Art Room)
- Development Meeting/Planned Giving - 6:30 pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

- School Mass - 11:40 pm
- Stations & Soup - 6 pm

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011

- Blood Pressure Checks After All Masses
- Morning of Reflection - 9 am (SJB Conference Room)
  - Holy Yoga - 2 pm (SJB Chapel)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

- Blood Pressure Checks After All Masses
  - Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
- New Parishioner Welcome Coffee - 12:30 pm
  - Spanish Mass - 1 pm
- Jr. High Youth Ministry - 3:30 pm (SJB MPR)
- High School Youth Ministry - 6:15 pm (SJB v)

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The submission deadline for bulletin articles is **9 am on Fridays two weeks prior to the print date**. Articles can be emailed to Nicki at [nmyers@st.benedict.org](mailto:nmyers@st.benedict.org).

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