

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023



*Congratulations to our First Communicants of 2023.  
May the blessings of Christ be upon them always.*

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# THE STEWARD

The Ascension of the Lord  
MAY 21, 2023

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Rachel Metz,  
Head of Lower School

## May Celebrations

This weekend brings about many wonderful events in the Catholic Church at St. Ben's. This is the 7th Sunday of Easter and also the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The commemoration of Jesus leaving the earthly world 40 days after his Resurrection and entering into Heaven, to sit at His Father's right hand, just as we profess each time we say the Nicene Creed. It's important to think of this Solemnity not as Jesus leaving us behind, but the link between His earthly life to that of the church.

Here at St. Benedict, we have also been celebrating something that brings great joy to our students, their teachers and administrators, as well. Over the last two weekends, we have celebrated four First Communion Masses for our second graders.

Though it's been some time, I can remember my excitement as my First Communion approached. I got to wear the same First Communion dress as mom and her three sisters, my whole family came together to church to celebrate, and of course, there was a party afterward! (who doesn't love a party?!?).

Each Spring as our students prepare for this wonderful day, I also get excited for them, all over again! I love watching their excitement (and sometimes trepidation) grow, hearing from them what they are looking forward to and having the privilege to be a part of Masses. This year, I sat in some of the classes as Fr. Steve stopped by to go over everything they had learned and to answer any lingering questions they still had. Some were very curious about how they would walk into the church – was it a single-file line, is it in two lines? What prayer should we say after we receive the Eucharist? Who is allowed to come to the First Communion Mass and would they have a place to sit? If you're not making your First Communion, are you allowed to come and watch your friends? These were some the great questions the kids came up with, among many (many) others.

Fr. Steve also reviewed with the students how they should receive the Blessed Sacrament – making a throne for Jesus with their hands – one on top of the other. They students also got to practice the entire ritual, including bowing, creating the throne with their hands, responding to the Eucharist Minister when he/she says "Body of Christ" and making the Sign of the Cross afterward. It's a lot of



RACHEL METZ, FIRST COMMUNION DAY, 2ND GRADE, 1989

things to remember, particularly when you're also trying not drop the Eucharist or trip over your own feet!

This upcoming week we will celebrate May Crowning Mass on Tuesday at 8:30 with our Kindergarten through 8th graders, bringing our First Communion season to a close. Our Second Graders will get to wear their special First Communion clothes to the Mass to form our honor guard for Mary. Some of the Fifth Graders will be a part of the court, carrying Mary into the Church and then having the honor of crowning Mary. This is often our Second Graders first time to receive the Eucharist at a school Mass. Being a Eucharistic Minister, I enjoy watching them take so much pride in themselves for remembering all of the steps to receive the Body of Christ and return to their seats. Every now and then a few of them look a little scared or concerned that they will be able to get it right, but with a little assistance are able to readily recall the steps and continue to move through the sacrament with ease. I'm not sure if it's all of the Marian hymns, the (usually) spring-like weather, the excitement for the second graders and fond memories of my own May Crowning Mass at St. Anthony School in Columbus, OH, but this day is truly one of my very favorite days of our school year and our school Mass celebrations. If you've never experience the SBPS May Crowning Mass, I invite you join us this week and partake in the beautiful Mass. If you are not able to join us, know that you'll all be in our prayers this week, and I ask that you keep our students, faculty and staff in your prayers, as well.



## ST. BENEDICT GALA COMMITTEE PRESENTS THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY COOKBOOK!

This wonderful cookbook with submissions from parishioners, alumni, school families, faculty and staff has a tremendous assortment of family favorites including 10 appetizer recipes, 8 soup and salad recipes, 10 breakfast recipes, 6 side dish recipes, 4 pasta recipes, 17 main dish recipes, and 17 cookie and dessert recipes. This hardcover cookbook includes color photos of our contributing families, dish close-ups, and student artwork. You can order one or more today online by scanning the QR code, or send in cash or check in an envelope marked Gala cookbook with your contact information on the envelope. The envelope can be dropped in the collection or at the rectory or school offices during regular business hours. Cost: \$50.

COOKBOOK COVER ART BY MOLLY MASSICK, 7TH GRADE



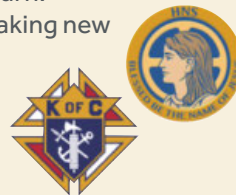
# A DONUT SUNDAY THANK YOU!

## FROM THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Holy Name Society in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council wish to thank all who participated in DONUT SUNDAY on May 7th.

We are grateful for all those who expressed their appreciation for our return! While it is a large amount of work, the renewing of old friendships and the making new friends makes it well worth the effort.

Hopefully we will be able to continue with our usual schedule of having 3 per year, fall, winter and spring. If anyone has any suggestions of how to improve let Deacon Dave or HNS president Don Johnson know.



# SHINE JESUS' LIGHT VACATION BIBLE CAMP

HOSTED BY ST. BEN'S YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. BEN'S

**July 17-21**  
**9am-12:30pm**

Rising K-4th Grade  
\$150 per family  
\$80 per astronaut

Bible stories, songs, crafts.  
JESUS, and out of this world Fun!

A cartoon illustration of a tiger wearing a white space suit and a clear helmet, riding a red and white rocket. The background features a blue and yellow globe and a blue planet with rings.

May 21, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mt 28: 16-20

**GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

*Actions speak louder than words.* How many of us have heard or said this exact phrase? I suspect most, if not all of us are quite familiar with this old adage. In fact, this is exactly what we are being told by Jesus himself in today's Gospel when he says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Jesus continues his direction of *action* by telling us to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are not directed to simply speak about Jesus with our families and church communities, we are told to GO among all nations and add to Jesus' flock. We continue Christ's mission when we seek to spread his love. Before Jesus joined his Father in heaven, his instructions were very clear. This is an opportunity to think about the commission we were given as part of the baptized community, and how Jesus is asking us to take action in his name.

**GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

*Easier said than done.* We've all heard that one as well. It's hard to feel equipped to spread the word and the will of God. We worry our words will fail us and we will look foolish. We know we are not perfect, and wonder if that means we cannot possibly be Christ's hands and feet on this earth. However, today's reading from Ephesians provides us with the perfect prayer to give us hope and faith in the Holy Spirit as we set out to fulfill the Great Commission given to us in this week's Gospel: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him." We are challenged to act for God, but not without being given the tools to do so with confidence.

**PRAY** Meditate on today's second reading from Ephesians. Read it as if your priest was giving you a blessing before you head out of your house each morning. Let it fill your soul with love and awe for our Father, and let it give you the confidence you need to play an active role in building his kingdom until he comes again.



“  
Go, therefore,  
and make  
disciples of  
all nations.”

(Mt 28: 19)

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## Sunday, May 21, 2023

### Consume media with care

He couldn't have foreseen the technological advances the 21st century would bring. Yet in 1967, Pope Paul VI appreciated the need for a World Communications Day. He established the Sunday before Pentecost as an annual reflection on the opportunities and challenges of presenting the gospel message to a global society. The press, movies, radio, and television all commanded great attention in his generation. The internet and cell phones exponentially increase the range today. What are we saying and absorbing through all this media? Be a discerning steward of words and images.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). *"The words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them."*

## Monday, May 22, 2023

### Support vulnerable women

Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of abused wives because she herself was one. She endured years of verbal and physical abuse from her husband, and after he was murdered by a feuding family member, Rita became a nun. Read the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against domestic violence. On the USCCB website, you can also find downloadable "When I Call for Help" resource cards in English and Spanish that list signs of an abusive relationship and include the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. These are ideal for parish pamphlet racks, for placing in parish restrooms, and to raise awareness about domestic abuse. We owe it to Saint Rita to act.

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

## Tuesday, May 23, 2023

### Peace I leave with you

Twenty-five years ago today, citizens on both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict agreed—by referendum—to honor the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, ending nearly 30 years of bloodshed that took the lives of more than 3,500 Catholics and Protestants. For his dogged commitment to the work of peace and reconciliation, Catholic politician John Hume was named co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Hume, who also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award—the only person ever to receive all three peace awards—said, "Bloodshed for political change prevents the only change that truly matters: in the human heart." Pray for peace today, and consider reading the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace*, which turned 40 this month.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"They know that everything you gave me is from you."*

## Wednesday, May 24, 2023

### Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

Today marks the sad one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Let us pray for the 21 people who died that day, including 19 children. Let us pray for their families. Let us pray for anyone who would ever entertain

even the slightest thought of causing such devastation. Today is also the feast of Mary, Help of Christians—a good day to pray for an end to gun violence. Consider this prayer to Mary, which begins: "Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation, and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One."*

## Thursday, May 25, 2023

### Marching in unison

A doctor, a pope, and a mystic walked into a bar... no, actually, today's trio of saints all lived at different times but landed on the same day in the liturgical calendar. Although the number of saints far outstrips the number of days in the year, each saint is assigned a date to be honored, usually the day of their death. Many saints remain obscure, but the many books, articles, traditions, and websites devoted to saints ensures that somewhere the faithful are taking note. That's the point, to be inspired by saints to be saintly in our own lives in our own way.

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; GREGORY VII, POPE; MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, RELIGIOUS MYSTIC

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"Father ... I made known to them your name."*

## Friday, May 26, 2023

### The saint with an inclusive perspective

We sometimes have a difficult time holding together opposites and contradictions. Either joy *or* sorrow, good *or* bad. But what would it be like to replace *either/or* with the humble conjunction *and*? *And* serves to connect things, to show relationship. Saint Philip Neri exemplifies someone who embraced the *and*. He was deeply committed to individual prayer devotions *and* to experiencing God at the heart of community. He encouraged people to faith and joy *and* to persevering in a struggling church. What *either/or* is becoming a *both/and* for you?

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"And when [Jesus] had said this, he said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

## Saturday, May 27, 2023

### Hang in there

There are times in our lives when, facing adversity, we are tempted to throw in the towel, turn back, give up. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Rome in 596 to evangelize Anglo Saxons in England, turned back after hearing of the dangers ahead. Persuaded by Pope Gregory to persevere, Augustine completed the mission. Though progress was slow and setbacks occurred, Augustine's steadfastness paid off, and he is rightfully called the "Apostle to England." Stay the course!

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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# AGORA 2023 - Learning Outside of the Classroom

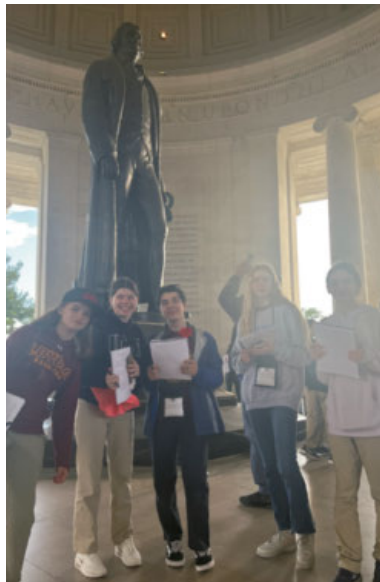
## WASHINGTON DC - 8TH GRADE

An 8th grade tradition at St. Benedict is the trip to Washington DC when 8th graders explore the history of our country and start to understand what we can bring as the future generation. Our class visited many memorials to honor sacrifices people made for our country. The World War II Memorial was a very reflective memorial that had a lot of symbolism, including ropes that connected the states and countries that fought with the US. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was somber and moving and showed the pain people felt in going to war, especially when our classmate had the opportunity to trace the etching of the name of his grandfather's friend who lost his life in the war. We paid our respects at Arlington National Cemetery and saw The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the changing of the guards which is an extremely high honor and moving ceremony. One of the most special experiences was meeting Veterans and some students getting to speak to them about their experiences and thank them for their service and sacrifice. We learned about the difficulties faced in war and the lifelong challenges they have. Most importantly, one Veteran gave us the advice to *"always choose the right path."*

A visit that all students enjoyed was the visit to the Washington Monument where they got to take pictures and just enjoy the moment. The Lincoln Memorial, MLK Memorial, and FDR Memorial showed us the impact those people made in our country. The Holocaust Memorial Museum was one of the most meaningful places we visited, it is a living memorial for all the lives lost. As we visited the exhibits, we were curious to learn and were extremely saddened by the events of the Holocaust and the pain caused to so many people. During our time in DC, some of our favorite stops were the National Museum of the United States Army and the National Museum of American History where we got to see pop-culture things like the ruby shoes from The Wizard of Oz and gowns and dinner China chosen by the First Ladies. George Washington's Mount Vernon was an enjoyable morning trip into the past where we walked the grounds of where our first president lived.

One of the best parts of the trip were the surprise nights. On the second night of the trip, we went to a Washington Nationals baseball game where they played the Cubs and on the third night, we went to a boardwalk with a Ferris wheel! Throughout the trip our grade made so many amazing memories and learned so much about our nation's capital. We will never forget these memories!

*Written by 8th Grade Students, Grace Grohman and Maddy Roock*



## SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS - 7TH GRADE

The 7th Grade Agora trip was an excellent opportunity for our 7th grade students to explore Illinois, specifically Springfield and St. Louis. The trip was filled with fun, adventure, and learning opportunities. The students began the trip by visiting two farms, these sites gave the students a better understanding of how important agriculture and agricultural studies are to the state of Illinois.

Next it was on to Springfield where the students had the opportunity to tour Abraham Lincoln's home and the Lincoln Presidential Museum. The students learned a great deal about Lincoln and his character as they toured these locations. The students also visited the Illinois State Military Museum which was an uplifting experience for the students as they had the opportunity to meet war veterans who shared their experiences. The students gained an appreciation for what the soldiers



went through while serving in the military. In addition, the students visited the War Memorials dedicated to the soldiers from Illinois who lost their lives in WWI, WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam, and the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

Another highlight of the Illinois portion of our trip was the hike in the Shawnee National Forest. The students challenged themselves to hike through the Little Grand Canyon, a three-mile journey that was enjoyed by all the students and helped them to appreciate the beauty of the nature of Illinois.

In St. Louis the students enjoyed riding to the top of the St. Louis Arch, enjoyed the Incredible Pizza place that was filled with games and rides including go kart racing, the City Museum and had a chance to see the Cardinals play the Los Angeles Angels at Busch Stadium.

It was a wonderful trip that taught the students many things and gave them memories that will last a lifetime.



## CHICAGO - 6TH GRADE

6th Grade Agora was an opportunity for our 6th grade students to explore our fascinating city and make connections with what they learned earlier this year in the classroom. Each day presented a great itinerary of famous Chicago landmarks from the 360 Observatory at the John Hancock Building to the Art Institute. Great food options were also part of the fun at Harry Caray's, Manny's Deli, Athena Restaurant, and the Navy Pier Food Court. We were blessed with wonderful warm sunny weather so our sightseeing river and lake boat cruise was extra special. Highlights included visits at the Chicago History Museum, The Institute for Ancient Cultures at the UofC campus, Chicago Sports Museum, the Hellenic Museum and the Art Institute. We were also very grateful to Fr. Bob Heidenreich who came to offer Mass for us at the Shrine of Mother Cabrini in Lincoln Park and Father Timothy Ferrell OSB, guestmaster at the Monastery of the Holy Cross, who gave a very insightful presentation on the Benedictine monastic life. All in all the 6th graders enjoyed time out visiting the sights as well as being challenged to see themselves as the next generation of faith-filled citizens of this wonderful city we call home.



# Coming Up at St. Ben's | May and June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>21</b> <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> Welcoming Weekend Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church  Dads Group Get Together after 10am Mass Beaven Hall  Mass at St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel 11am  Grandparents Day Open House 11am SS Library  Ravenswood Orchestra May Concert 4pm Ackerman Center	<b>22</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Mtg 6pm Sewing Room  Webelos II Meeting 7pm Cafeteria  Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall  Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	<b>23</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Tiger Scouts Den Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall	<b>24</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Wind, Choir, and Strings Concert 6:30pm Gym  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>25</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  1st Grade Daisies 3pm Beaven Hall  SPRED Spring Planning Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	<b>26</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>27</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  Mass at 5pm Church
<b>28</b> Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church	<b>29</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY MASS 9AM CHURCH</b>	<b>30</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>31</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>1</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>2</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9am-12pm Church  <b>8TH GRADE GRADUATION 7PM CHURCH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN GYM</b>	<b>3</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  St. Kateri Annual Pow Wow 1pm Gym  Mass at 5pm Church

## Stewardship



### Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of May 7



**GiveCentral is our partner for secure electronic giving. Here are three easy ways to get started:**

- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
- > Follow the DONATE links on our parish and school website: stbenedict.com
- > Text the keyword DONATE to our text-to-give number : 773.918.2366
- > Scan the QR code (below) with your phone or tablet

### Week of May 7

Electronic Giving: \$7,365  
 Envelope: \$2,604  
 Loose: \$2,132  
 Holy Day: \$5  
 Total: \$12,105 (94% of goal)  
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$565,827 (97% of goal)  
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$584,550  
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$18,723)

**QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.**



# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, May 20 - Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:30AM Special Intention for Giorgio Marconi  
5PM Special Intention for Elaine Lindia Robert S. Quattrocchi -  
*The Michihara Family*

## Sunday, May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord

8AM Dinorah Bonilla - *Rolando and Maribel Selva*  
Elizabeth Waldron - *Tom Waldron*  
10AM Celerina Sanchez Paez -  
*Ceferina Sanchez Paez*  
Ilona Weber - *Family*  
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Mary Mullery - *Bernie McNally*  
12PM Lilia B. Zabala - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

## Monday, May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
Amado and Maria De La Paz - *Leonora Llanes*

## Tuesday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM Marina Barrientos - *The Barrientos and Kramer Families*  
Thomas Byrne (Class of 1966) -  
*The St. Benedict Alumni Office*  
Special Intention for Sharon Marie Rooney -  
*Ron and Family*

## Wednesday, May 24 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for Vicky Vergara -  
*Lucy Consing*

## Thursday, May 25 - Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

8:30AM Susano Sanchez Paez  
- *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*  
Special Intention for Ottie Benigno -  
*Lucy Consing*

## Friday, May 26 - Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:30AM Carmen Lopez Aguilar - *The Vallejo Family*  
Joseph Gerlesberger - *The Heiner Family*

## Saturday, May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:30AM Special Intention for Erlyn Publico  
5PM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors  
of St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Baby Levy - *Linda Peek*

## Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

8AM Special Intention for Julie Raheja-Perera  
Elizabeth Waldron - *Tom Waldron*  
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Special Blessing for Ronald and Lara Rooney  
and Family - *The St. Benedict Parish and School Communities*  
Francisca Reyes, Victor Goite, and  
Eulogio Mozo - *The Goite Family*  
12PM Special Intention for Patricia Keating

## Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia  
Judy Bartley  
Beverly Berganos Johnson  
Suzanne Brewer  
Isabella Sofia Casillas  
Vincent Castellano  
Carmen M. Clarin  
Mayden H. Eichendorf  
Michelle Frank  
Amy Joy Goldie  
Tim Gollehon  
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Patricia Keating  
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Pepito Lim  
Jackson James Limburg

Giorgio Marconi  
Ken McFadden  
Jose Orellana  
Corazon Pizarro  
Erlyn Publico  
Julie Raheja-Perera  
Kevin Risten  
Marla Rizzutti  
Ann Ulrey-Ryan  
Alex Sandoval  
Cecilia Fell Schott  
(Class of 72)  
Bill Shaver  
Abraham Sobrepena  
Eden Sobrepena  
Jim Strzalka  
Audrey Venkatesh  
Leda Wildner

## Baptisms

Hadley James, daughter of Peter and  
Catherine McManmon, Jr.  
Alexa Ayala Scherer, daughter of Matthew Scherer and  
Charleen Pinkelman-Scherer  
Allen Ayala Scherer, son of Matthew Scherer and  
Charleen Pinkelman-Scherer



# Parish Information



If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! **To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: [parish.stbenedict.com](http://parish.stbenedict.com).** One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at [jaccardi@stbenedict.com](mailto:jaccardi@stbenedict.com). Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to [bulletin@stbenedict.com](mailto:bulletin@stbenedict.com). Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

## ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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### THE COMMISSIONS OF ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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and 7PM  
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:  
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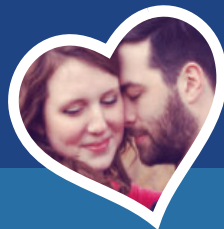
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