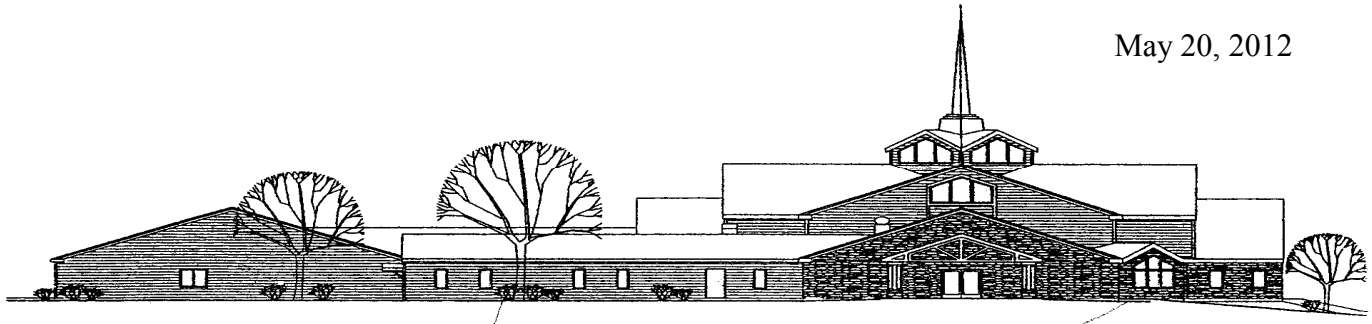


Church of Saint Benedict

Diocese of Allentown - Bishop John O. Barres, D.D.

May 20, 2012



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. & Thur. 6:30pm - Tue., Wed., & Fri. 8:00 am
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30pm and the 3rd Sunday at 11:15am mass. Baptism preparation class held 1st Saturday. Please call the office to schedule a baptism & class.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples should call the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. A marriage preparation program is offered to every couple.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office if a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized. Sacrament of Anointing is offered anytime. Eucharistic Ministers are available every Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

R C I A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in the Catholic faith or in returning to the Church. If interested or have questions contact Mark Schrum at 610-856-7518.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parish of St. Benedict, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Benedict, are a vibrant, worshiping and welcoming community of God. The strength of our people is obtained through joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our commitment is to promote the Gospel of the Lord through our prayers, words, and actions with Jesus as our guiding light.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles (Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26).

Psalm — The Lord has set his throne in heaven (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — If God so loved us, we also must love one another (1 John 4:11-16).

Gospel — Holy Father, keep them in your name, so that they may be one just as we are one (John 17:11b-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

STEWARDSHIP

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

Stewardship- Gifts of God

*Thank you for your generous gifts!
We gratefully acknowledge:*

...*Sandy Bach* for her 1-1/2 hour organ concert of classical and sacred music. The free-will offering of the concert will benefit the charitable works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The concert was held on May 11.

...*Ruth & Carl Beard* for the stewardship of their time and resources in the landscaping of our Bell Tower perennial garden.

Stewardship	5-13-12:	\$ 8,737.00	(281 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,189.00	
Church Mortgage	5-13-12:	\$1,983.00	(121 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 315.00	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be the Fathers' Day collection.



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Because abortion has been decriminalized many women go blindly through the process believing that if the government says it's legal, then it must be OK. Countless women who have had abortions are shocked at the realities of the experience, both physically and mentally. Abortion always leaves a dead baby and a wounded conscience.

PRAYER LIST.....

*Please pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Madelyn Rae Alena, Christine Antosy, Joe Ballasy, Eileen Blank, George Breneiser, Brianna Chambers, Debbie Cioffi, Anne Cutler, Dorothy Davis, Ginni DelPiano, Rose Dietz, Mary Dolan, John Durin, Cindy Fake, John Ferreira, Al Forrest, Jr., Mark Giambrone, Linda Hanus, Clyde Kinsey, Bob Klett, Andrew Kuzmission, Angela & Patrick Lauria, Steven Leininger, Irma Leshinski, Phyllis McCool, Tom & Barbara McGlinn, Cindy Mertz, Jeffrey Motta, Audrey Munkatchy, Patrick Murray, Ron Ney, Sr., Donna Ott, Celeste Pedersen, Mary Quinn, Clarence Roesch, Lewis Sagner, Michael Salvitti, John Schrum, Vickey & JoAnne Sullivan, Hailey Tamagno, Dell & Michael Tazik, Luana Uhler, Donna Urban, Barbara Welch, Michael Wittorf, Randel Wolfe, Bob Wollyung, and also all those who have requested our prayers. *Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.**

Remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and also those in nursing homes.

Pray for the repose of the souls of Chris Mortimer, brother of David Mortimer; and Peter Vesnaver, father of Lucy Wagner. May they rest in peace.

Please remember in your prayers all who are in the military service: AR Christa Becker USNavy; PFC Vincent Bergandino, USMarines; Eric Bragg, deployed to Afghanistan with a Civil Contractor; Spc. Nathan Calhoun, USArmy; Lnc Cp. Joseph Fratti USMC; Cpl Rachelle Hinerman USMC; Dan Kenyon, USMC; Lt. Michael Koch, USNavy; Patrick Mathews USAF; Matthew R. McGinn, USArmy; PV2 Chelsea Raser, USArmy; Thomas Schaeffer; Cp. Daniel Scheidel, USMC; SFC Ken Setta, USArmy; Cpl. Michael T. Swider USMC; Major Christopher Timothy USMC; and Pvt. Michael Wagner USArmy.

Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.



ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend in memory of *Madeline Simpson* by *Harry & Catherine Giordano*.

READING /BERKS COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE

Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm starting at Berks Catholic HS Football stadium. The March will proceed from the stadium past the Reading Hospital, across the Penn Street Bridge to Planned Parenthood and end at Holy Rosary Church, where buses will be provided to transport participants back to Berks Catholic for the ending program featuring Tom Leylo and the Catholic FX Band. We are calling all people who hold life dear to witness with us this day as we recognize the dignity of the child in the womb! Donations of baby gifts are requested and will be shared with Mary's Shelter, Lifeline and Mercy Crisis Pregnancy Center. For more info contact Helen at 610-582-1075 or hmacminn@gmail.com

K OF C OFFICERS MEETING Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.

SPRING LANDINGS SESSIONS BEGAN Monday, April 30 and will continue every Monday until June 18. Landings is a parish program at St. Benedict's welcoming returning Catholics back to the church. For information contact the rectory at 610-856-1006 or call Robin Ball, Landings Ministry Coordinator at 610-804-4096.

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the social hall. This month the meeting will feature the *Club Auction*. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and good food!



**MAY - MONTH OF MARY -
MONTH OF THE ROSARY -**
Rosary will be recited Thursday at 7:00 PM in Mary's Garden.

SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING Thursday, May 24 at 7:15 p.m. in the social hall. New ideas always welcome!

HOLY HOUR FRIDAY AT 3:00 PM - Every Friday except holidays, a Holy Hour will be provided in the main church at 3:00 p.m. (the hour that Christ died). ALL parishioners are welcome to be present.

KENNEDY HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN will be served by parishioners of St. Benedict on Saturday & Sunday, May 26 & 27. Sign up at the display in the gathering area. For more info on this twice a year ministry, please call SVDP president Bill Arnold at 717-445-4141.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS EVENING OF REFLECTION Wednesday, June 6. Please RSVP to Jeanie by Friday, June 1st (610-856-1006).

CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- Brief check-in meetings are planned after the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturdays and after the 8:00 & 9:30 Masses on Sundays in the education wing classroom. Formal Consecration to Mary will be on the Feast of the Visitation of the BVM on May 31 at the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

BABY BOTTLES have been handed out by the Respect Life Committee. Please fill it with loose change, and return it to the Respect Life display in the gathering space by Fathers' Day, June 17. This fundraiser will allow the Respect Life Committee to: purchase pro-life education materials; send Youth Group members to the March for Life; invite selected speakers to the parish; assist mothers and fathers in the area experiencing a crisis pregnancy; promote the sanctity and sacredness of ALL LIFE. Also 30% of the proceeds will support the Adoption billboard which is on the turnpike.

FAMILY PROMISE - St. Benedict's will host Family Promise June 10-24, 2012. Family Promise helps homeless families with children to get back on their feet. St. Benedict's will convert PREP classrooms into bedrooms for those two weeks. Sign up sheets for volunteers will be posted soon. Needs will include meal preparation, overnight hosts and help with set up and take down. Regular SVDP monthly meeting for June will be the first Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the education wing.

PREP REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2012-2013 YEAR have been mailed to parish families. Forms are also available on our website www.churchofsaintbenedict.com. When checking the website be sure to download the handbook for PREP.

ST. BENEDICT'S VBS JUNE 25-29, 2012 - Registration forms available at the PREP office and gathering area. Deadline for registration is June 10, 2012.



PARISH BACCALAUREAT MASS will be Sunday, June 3 at the 9:30 Mass. All high school and college grads are invited to join us for our parish-wide celebration of your special achievement. Special invitations and registration for this Mass were mailed to all high school seniors. If you did not receive one, please call the rectory office and excuse our oversight. College grads are asked simply to call the rectory (610-856-1006) and tell Jeanie if you plan to attend. Graduates will be given a special blessing and gift from the parish at this Mass.



CHURCH FLOWERS FOR SALE - Perennials at the entrance of the church are divided plants from the church gardens. Proceeds from the sale go into purchasing equipment used by the gardeners. Each plant is priced and growing instructions are available.

Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Millions of people are affected by the excessive drinking of someone close. *Al-Anon Family Groups*, which includes Alateen for younger members, is an established community resource for people who have been affected by another's use of alcohol. Al-Anon consists of non-professional mutual support groups in which the identity of all members is protected. Al-Anon is a spiritual program of recovery which is compatible with all religious beliefs and practices. The Al-Anon/Alateen program can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort, and loving interchange among members having a common problem. Al-Anon meets every Sunday evening beginning May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory meeting room.



CALLING ALL GOLFERS and you don't have to be good to have fun this day. On June 15 Hawk Valley Golf Club will host the 1st Annual K of C Golf Outing. Format is a four person best ball scramble so anyone can play. **\$15,000 CASH PRIZE** for the Hole-In-

One along with many other prizes including a sports auction. So Ladies and Gentlemen, start thinking about your foursomes, all men, all ladies, mixed, we don't care, just come out and have a fun day. Registration forms available in the gathering area.

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS HONOR CHOIR PARENTS are hosting a New York Style Beef & Beer on Saturday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for Hot roast beef sandwiches, side salads, dessert, munchies, cold beer, wine & soda. Tickets limited to first 200. Cost in advance \$25. Additional information on the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Patti Brenner at 610-913-0350.

ST. BENEDICT'S MEMORIAL SOCIETY

...*Julia Serban* has been enrolled in St. Benedict's Memorial Society by *Barbara Kovacs*.
 ...*Ernest Angelo* has been enrolled in St. Benedict's Memorial Society by *Jim & Turie Sotzin*.
 ...*Eloise Hammes* has been enrolled in St. Benedict's Memorial Society by *Mary Ann Kremp and Bill & Jeanie Hauck*.

BELL TOWER PAVERS - Because we received several inquiries about adding pavers to the area under the Bell Tower, an open period of 30+ days will be available to purchase new pavers. Order forms are located at the front door bulletin board. Please fill out and return with payment to Jeanie in the parish office or place in the offertory basket by June 30, 2012.

BISHOPS' ANNUAL APPEAL - As of today, our parishioners have raised \$7,165.00 from 77 parishioners representing 10% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$51,813.00. If you have not made your pledge of support, you can make your gift online at www.adbaa.org or pick up a pledge form at the back of our church.

SAVE THE DATE - Youth Group/Altar Server Trip to Dorney Park - Friday, June 22. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Please pray for a priest each day:

- 05/20: Sick and Infirm Priests
- 05/21: Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello
- 05/22: Rev. Hugh Montague
- 05/23: Rev. James J. Morgan
- 05/24: Rev. Msgr. David J. Morrison
- 05/25: Rev. Msgr. John S. Mraz
- 05/26: Rev. Joseph T. Muller

Liturgical Ministers - May 26 & 27

Saturday 5:00 PM

Greeters: Laura Kamerdze, Lillian Meyers
 Lector: Jean Ruhl Cantor: Carol Simonetti
 Servers: Molly Ruhl, John Steinbrecher, Amanda Dupell
 EM: Joan McCahon, Tom Henefer, Margaret Tully
 George Bach, Father Phil

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeters: Barbara Kovacs, Gerald Braddick
 Lector: Stephanie Hartline Cantor: Matt/Adult Choir
 Servers: Noah Gutherman, Emily Angelo, Cross Cossitor
 EM: Paul Waterman, Debbie Dartnell, Maureen Gutherman,
 Lee & Joy Bandy

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeters: Marianne Pessognelli, Mary Messner, Janet Motta
 Lector: Gerry O'Neil Cantor: Patti Brenner
 Servers: Maggie Terefenko, Gabriell Baj, Brianna Spenser
 EM: Rita Setta, Gary Scollick, Karen Keenan,
 Patti Brenner, Father Phil

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeters: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski
 Lector: Mary Alice Newhams Cantor: Nicole Angstadt
 Servers: Lydia Prince, Daniel Saporito, Timothy Adams
 EM: Carie Leggett, Dianne Cooper, Debra Mazzarelli,
 John Bonnell, Margaret Connelly

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Bob Didyoung by Irene Didyoung.

Monday 05/21

7:00 PM K of C Officers meeting in the social hall

7:00 PM Landings meeting in the rectory meeting room

Tuesday 05/22

1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the social hall

7:00 PM Stewardship Committee meeting in the social hall

Thursday 05/24

7:15 PM Summer Festival meeting in the social hall

7:30 PM AA meeting in the rectory meeting room

Saturday 05/26

St. Benedict's hosting the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

Sunday 05/27

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9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word - Leader: Kathleen Creelman

6:30-8:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in the education wing

7:00 PM Al-Anon meeting in the rectory meeting room

Monday 05/21 Easter Weekday
St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
6:30 PM Beth Donghia
by Cloyd & Vanessa Geedey

Tuesday 05/22 Easter Weekday St. Rita of Cascia
8:00 AM Rita Gruber by her Family

Wednesday 05/23 Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Francis Knause by Betty Knause

Thursday 05/24 Easter Weekday
6:30 PM Marie & John Sentenac
by Jack Mittnacht
Rosary will be recited in Mary's Garden after Mass

Friday 05/25 Easter Weekday St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
8:00 AM Walter Liszcz
by Dorothy Liszcz & Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass
3:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday 05/26 St. Philip Neri
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 05/27 Pentecost Sunday
5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish
8:00 AM Special Intention
by Barbara Kocacs
9:30 AM Peggy Horrigan
by John & Mimi Frank
11:15 AM Leonard & Yolanda Maiuri
by the Family

To Fr. Phil, Fr. Bob, Fr. Jim and my parish family at St. Benedict's;

I just wanted to offer you my heartfelt thanks for all your prayers and support during my recent period of unemployment. I truly appreciate all your kind words and gestures of friendship that made it not only bearable but comforting. You are all very special to me and please know that I will be lifting you up in my prayers of thanksgiving for a long time to come. Thank you one and all! Have a great day!

Susan Teaford

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May 20, 2012, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How do I experience the Savior's presence in my life?