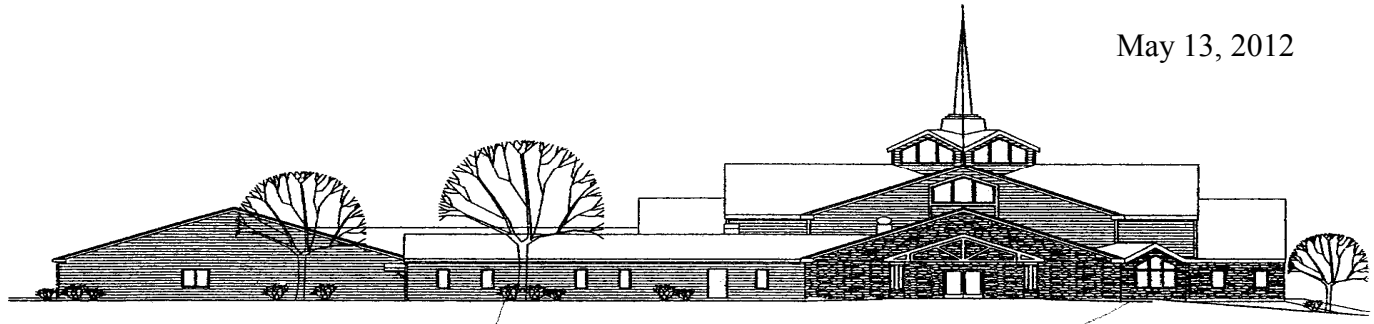


Church of Saint Benedict

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

May 13, 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 gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or Jn 17:11b-19.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

STEWARDSHIP

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

We gratefully acknowledge:

...Cecelia Kacmar and all gardeners who helped prepare our outdoor environment, especially Mary's Garden for First Communion Sunday.

...Valerie Christo, our DRE and all Catechists who completed another year of PREP classes on Thursday, May 3 with a closing Mass and awards ceremony.

...Everyone involved with preparing our children for their First Communion. It was a beautiful day for our parish family.

Stewardship	4-29-12:	\$ 8,184.00	(274 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 169.00	
	5-06-12:	\$8,293.50	(249 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 249.00	
Church Mortgage	4-29-12:	\$1,321.00	(110 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 35.00	
	5-06-12:	\$2,007.00	(113 envelopes)
		\$ 115.00	
Mothers' Day		\$2,315.00	(170 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 125.00	



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Let us celebrate motherhood and marvel at how perfectly a mother's body provides a nurturing environment for her tiny baby to grow and develop. May all mothers choose to give their children the gift they deserve - a birthday.

PRAYER LIST.....

Please pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Madelyn Rae Alena, Christine Antosy, 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 Giambone, Linda Hanus, Clyde Kinsey, Bob Klett, Andrew Kuzmission, Angela & Patrick Lauria, Steven Leininger, Irma Leshinski, Phyllis McCool, Tom & Barbara McGlenn, Cindy Mertz, Jeffrey Motta, Audrey Munkatchy, Patrick Murray, Ron Ney, Sr., 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 Ernie Angelo, father of Tim Angelo; Christopher Barczynski; Eloise Hammes, sister of Don Hammes and aunt of Adrienne Ketterer; J. Stewart Sullivan, father of Edgar Sullivan. 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 honor of Joan & John McCahon's 57th Wedding Anniversary.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING
Monday, May 14 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. This program was designed by the Paulist Priests to meet the need for thousands of inactive Catholics who desire to come home to the Catholic Church. Many Catholics have left the church for different reasons. Some simply stopped going to Mass at some point, some left due to a misunderstanding or unresolved hurt, or issues related to marriage and divorce. This ministry at St. Benedict's is made up of a small group of lay people, many returnees themselves, providing a "landing place", a safe spot to touch down for those looking to return to the church. For information contact the rectory at 610-856-1006 or call Robin Ball, Landings Ministry Coordinator at 610-804-4096.

CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - We received an overwhelming response of individuals willing to begin a 33-day prayer program written by a 17th Century saint, that will lead us to a formal Consecration to Mary on the Feast of the Visitation of the BVM on May 31 at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Anyone who has not received a packet can pick them up at the table in the gathering space. 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.



MOTHERS' DAY CARNATION SALE
Lifeline of Berks County's Annual Mothers' Day Carnation Sale will be held May 12 & 13. Lifeline provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and counsels women for alternatives to abortion. We provide needy women and their children with baby furniture, food, clothing, and assistance in obtaining medical and other community services that hold families together. All services are always free and confidential. Help us to continue our ministry by generously supporting the carnation sale.



THURSDAY, MAY 17 - FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Vigil Mass is Wednesday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. Masses on the Holy Day are 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



MAY - MONTH OF MARY - MONTH OF THE ROSARY -
Rosary will be recited Thursday at 6:30 PM in Mary's Garden.

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.

CAR WASH BY ST. BENEDICT YOUTH GROUP on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Sonic Car Wash in Elverson to help raise funds for the upcoming mission trip. Please come out and support this effort!

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

COMMON HEART a dialogue between St. Benedict's Islam Learning Center and Oheb Sholom Synagogue continues to plan events for Berks County. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

BABY BOTTLES!! The Respect Life Committee will be handing out Baby Bottles after each Mass this weekend, May 12-13. We cordially invite each family to take a Baby Bottle home, 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL has received 20 nominations for 3 open seats. Sunday, May 6 ended a 4-week nomination time for anyone to nominate or self-nominate for Pastoral Council. Now a process of prayer and discernment will be used to discern who will serve on council for a period of 3 years. Pastoral council is led by Father Phil in collaboration with 9 parishioners and staff members of St. Benedict's. They are charged with the Pastoral Planning of our parish.



Remember in your prayers Elizabeth Mensak and Zach Martin who will be married in St. Benedict's.

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

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.

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.



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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.

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.

SUPREME K OF C CHAPLAIN - Archbishop Lori will be installed as the new Bishop of Baltimore on Wednesday, May 16. Father Rodgers will represent the Knights of Columbus from Pennsylvania at the installation ceremony.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED CATHOLICS:

- Nicole Angstadt
- Joshua Riehl
- Wendy Uhlman

GRATITUDE is extended to the RCIA team for all the work in preparing the candidates for the Easter sacraments.



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Please pray for a priest each day:

- 05/13: Rev. John J. McNamara
- 05/14: Rev. Kenneth A. Medve
- 05/15: Deceased Priests
- 05/16: Rev. Msgr. Raymond F. Merman
- 05/17: Rev. Brian M. Miller
- 05/18: Rev. Ronald J. Minner
- 05/19: Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski

Liturgical Ministers - May 19 & 20

Saturday 5:00 PM

- Greeters: Cindy Miller, Trish Santarelli
- Lector: Jean Ruhl Cantor: Pressimone Family
- Servers: Michael DiGiacomo, Margaret & Catherine Shuff
- EM: Lee & Joy Bandy, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Cindy Miller, Father Phil

Sunday 8:00 AM

- Greeters: Joe & Betty Ballasy, Clara Lush
- Lector: Chris Reynolds Cantor: Tony Diederich
- Servers: Ryan Vance, Bridget Dunleavy, Olivia Terifay
- EM: Sharon Helms, Robin Ball, Tom Dobson, Regina Bierbower, Father Phil

Sunday 9:30 AM

- Greeters: Sheri & Mark Ettaro, Jim Gregor
- Lector: Wayne Gohacki Cantor: Matt/Adult Choir
- Servers: Kelly Geedey, Cortland Bigelow, Sean Lacey
- EM: Ray Clapper, John Flemming, Debra Mazzarelli, Dianne Cooper, Kathy Frey

Sunday 11:15 AM

- Greeters: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski
- Lector: Joseph Appleton Cantor: Carol Simonetti
- Servers: Jude Jones, Gabrielle Pellicciotti, Brian Sztukowski
- EM: Maria Schieber, Steve Wagner, Joan & Maxine Moffa, Dave Jones

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Kathy Ann Wilkie by the Wilkie Family

Monday 05/14

1:30 PM Mass at Green Hills Health Center
7:00 PM St Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the social hall
7:00 PM Landings meeting in the rectory meeting room

Tuesday 05/15

2:00 PM Mass at Zerbe Sisters Nursing Home

Thursday 05/17

7:30 PM AA meeting in the rectory meeting room

Saturday 05/19

10:00 AM Women's Spirituality Group meets in the rectory meeting room
10:00AM-2:00 PM Youth Group Car Wash

Sunday 05/20

8:30-11:30 AM "Breakfast Sunday"
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word - Leader: Lori Barse
2:00 PM Reading/Berks March for Life
7:00 PM Al-Anon meeting in the rectory meeting room
7:00-9:00 PM CYO meeting in the social hall

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at www.adbaa.org or pick up a pledge form at the back of our church.

Monday 05/14 St. Matthias
8:00 AM Alice Elinausky by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

Tuesday 05/15 Easter Weekday St. Isidore
8:00 AM Tom Hecker
by Colleen Hecker & Family

Wednesday 05/16 Easter Weekday
NO MORNING MASS
Vigil of the Ascension
5:00 PM Intention of Father Bob Quinn
by Todd & Patti Brenner & Family

Thursday 05/17 *Ascension of the Lord*
8:00 AM Martin & Alberta Yaklowich
by Tom & Clara Lush
6:30 PM *Rosary will be recited before evening Mass*
7:00 PM Charles "Bud" Gring by Marian Gring

Friday 05/18 Easter Weekday St. John I
8:00 AM Tom Hecker
by Colleen Hecker & Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass
3:00 PM *Holy Hour*

Saturday 05/19 Easter Weekday
2:00 PM *Elizabeth Mensak & Zach Martin Wedding*
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 05/20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Frank Hogan
by Nancy, Tyler & Sara Hewitt
8:00 AM Anna E. Gombar
9:30 AM Gregory S. Stricker
by the Mackewicz Family
11:15 AM Wilma Kompa
by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May 13, 2012, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?