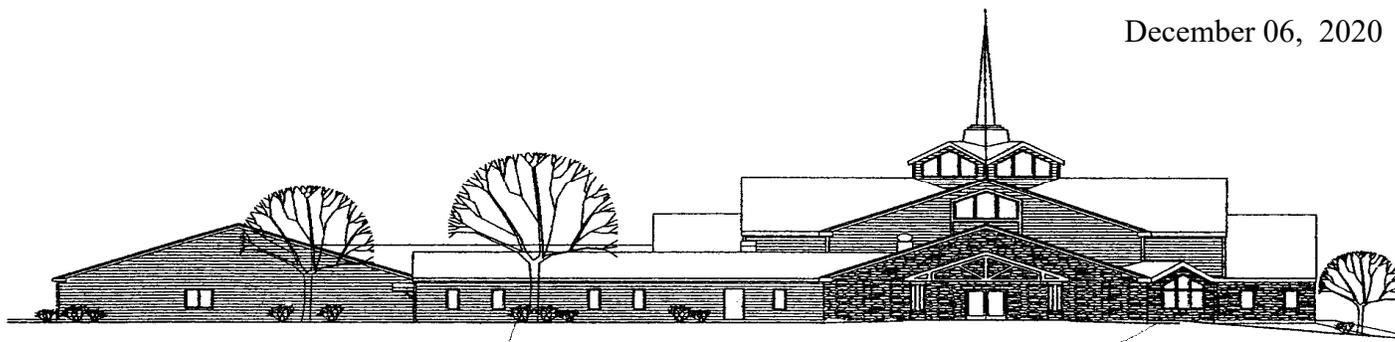


# Church of Saint Benedict

Diocese of Allentown - Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D.

December 06, 2020



## MASS SCHEDULE

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

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

[www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers.....Pastor  
Fr. Thomas Kuller, S.J.....Weekend Ministry  
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education  
Andrew Angstadt.....Music Director  
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed.Principal LaSalle Academy  
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary  
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator  
Anne Long.....Bookkeeper  
Clara Lush.....Bulletin Editor  
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping  
Jason & Denise Leininger.....Maintenance

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209  
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Co-ordinator  
610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

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website

[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

## 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 2nd 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 610-750-5414.

## 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.

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS**

can be found on the diocese website *DioceseofAllentown.org*. Click on Youth Protection upper right corner. It contains a list of programs, events and clearances needed for a safe environment for the children of the diocese.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

How would life be different today if Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had decided to have an abortion instead of submitting to the will of God?

**.....PRAYER LIST.....**

*For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Vivian Barnhard, John Bergandino, Rita DelPercio, Allen Frank, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz, Susan Ward. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.*

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

*Please remember in your prayers all who are in the military service: USAir Force: Mark Cahill, Tom Gutherman, Michael Rodgers, Ryan Vance; USArmy: Zach Brann, Nathan Calhoun, Eric Dompkowski, Christopher Hari, Richard Hari, Matt Kurz, Adam Latshaw, Matt McGinn, Matt Palange, Andrew Sickora, James Yorke; USMC: Grant Dufin, Dan Kenyon, James Moran, Breno Pinheiro, Daniel Scheidel, Chris Timothy; USNavy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch, Jessica Rutkowski; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach.*

*Please remember all our military personnel especially Zach Brann who has been deployed.*

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

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>			
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>			
Stewardship	11-22-20:	\$6,743.00	(138 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 235.00	
Parish Giving:		\$1,080.00	
	11-29-20:	\$4,799.00	(104 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 420.00	
Parish Giving:		\$1,755.00	
FLC Mortg.	11-22-20:	\$1,147.00	( 59 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 67.00	
Parish Giving:		\$ 445.00	
	11-29-20:	\$ 977.00	( 51 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 177.00	
Parish Giving:		\$ 325.00	
Poverty Relief Fund:		\$ 750.00	( 52 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 80.00	



Pray for the repose of the souls of *Frances Barry; Dorothy Lord, mother of Scott Lord; Barbara Rubins*. May their souls rest in peace.

**THANK YOU....**

*...Gary Raser and his team for taking down dead trees at the picnic grounds.*

*...Tony Diederich, Bill & Jeanie Hauck, Steve Razzano, Tim Reidel & Bob Yachera for winterizing the picnic grounds.*

**Liturgical Ministers—December 12 & 13**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Stephanie Hartline  
EM: George Bach, Gary Scollick

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

Lector: Marie Blimline  
EM: Chris & Crystal Stein

**Sunday 11:00 AM**

Lector: John Gleason  
EM: Glen Unger, Tom Henefer

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses* are at the regular times Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, December 20 at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

Immaculate  
Conception



**December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception**—Masses are Monday, December 7 at 5:00 pm and Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** —A program for divorced Catholics to navigate their way through a difficult situation will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. For more information contact Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

**K OF C OFFICERS** meeting Monday, December 07 at 7:00 pm.

**“INTO THE BREACH” PROGRAM** - The Knights Council will continue the 12 part series this Wednesday, December 09 dealing with the battle between good and evil and how Catholic Men can be in a Leadership role. All men ages 16 and up are invited to attend. Contact Paul Waterman at 610-283-4852 for more details.



**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be collecting turkeys and hams thru Thursday, December 17 for distribution to the needy at Christmas. Your donations may be placed in the refrigerator/

freezer in the education wing and are greatly appreciated. Food will be delivered Saturday, December 19. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during the holiday season!

**HELP NEEDED**—We are looking for more volunteers to help sanitize the church after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday. If interested, please sign up in the gathering space.

**USHERS/GREETERS** are needed for all Christmas Masses. Please sign up at the front door bulletin board. Ushers and Greeters are asked to help with sanitizing church after each Mass.

**ALTAR SERVERS** are needed for our Christmas Masses. One server per Mass. Please sign up at the front door bulletin board.

### ADVENT GIVING TREES

**ANGEL TREE** - The annual Giving Tree Project for 2020 is underway. Our parish family is asked to share in the “spirit of giving” that serves mothers, babies and their families throughout the coming year in Berks County. Please join us during the Advent season to help a child whose mother chooses life, with ongoing support to ensure the best possible start. Choose an angel tag, listing a needed baby item from the Giving Tree located in the gathering space. Bring the new unwrapped item and place it under the tree attaching the tag to your gift. Your donation will be sent to Lifeline, Mary’s Shelter/Home or given to mothers facing crisis in our local community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and respecting Life. Life is a gift!

**FAMILY PROMISE TREE**—Any monetary gifts may be placed in the Offertory Collection. All contributions will go directly to homeless families registered with Berks Family Promise. Family Promise is a national program to assist families with children facing difficult times to find permanent housing and employment. Please indicate on envelope that your gift is for *Family Promise*.

**CHRISTMAS REFUGEE TREE**—Help persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world. The Knights of Columbus has responded with Christian Refugee Relief Fund which provides humanitarian assistance primarily in Iraq, Syria and surrounding regions of the land of Jesus’ birth. Simply take the small envelope off the tree and return it with your donation. (All checks payable to St. Benedict Church.) Donations may be placed in the offertory collection or dropped off in the parish office.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** will be held at St. Benedict’s on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. Safe distancing will be practiced. Participants are asked to wear a mask as well.

**ADVENT VESPERS/MORNING PRAYERS** will be recited 20 minutes before each Mass starting on Thursday, December 17. Come to Mass early and experience the richness of Church prayer especially during Advent.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Grandmom & Grandpop Rodendaugh by Pat Luther.

## Monday 12/07

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meeting in classroom #1

7:00 PM K of C Officers meeting

## Tuesday 12/08

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

## Wednesday 12/09

7:00 PM K of C Into the Breach program in the FLC

## Thursday 12/10

6:00 PM PREP First Penance Class meets in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meets in the FLC

### COMING EVENTS...

12/14 Adult Penance Service

12/14 Divorce Support Group meets

12/14 Fire Safety meeting

12/16 "Into the Breach" final program

12/17 First Penance

12/18 SVDP Packing Food Baskets

**PLEASE NOTE:** All announcements for the December 20 bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Thursday, December 10. All announcements for the December 27 bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 16.



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Monday 12/07 St. Ambrose

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

5:00 PM George & Margaret Moran  
by Clara Lush

Immaculate Conception



Tuesday 12/08 Immaculate Conception of the BVM

9:00 AM Mary Dolan  
by Diane Arnold

7:00 PM Theresa Vizza  
by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

Wednesday 12/09 Advent Weekday  
St. Juan Diego

9:00 AM Elizabeth Peil  
by Clara Lush

Thursday 12/10 Advent Weekday

5:30 PM Richard Ball  
by Marcy & Gary Kolva

Friday 12/11 Advent Weekday St. Damasus

9:00 AM Barbara McDonald  
by Jim & Debbie Landrigan

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 12/12

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions



Sunday 12/13 Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM (Saturday) Thomas Cioffi  
by the Appleton Family

9:00 AM Tony DelPercio  
by Tim & Robinn Reidel

11:00 AM Christopher Kuras  
by the Klimachefsky Family

Tom Connolly  
by Rosemary Connolly

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### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

will be the same as last year with an additional 2:00 pm Mass. The additional Mass was added because we only have 50% of the church available for seating. Our revised current schedule is Christmas Eve: 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 pm and Christmas day at 9:00 am.

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