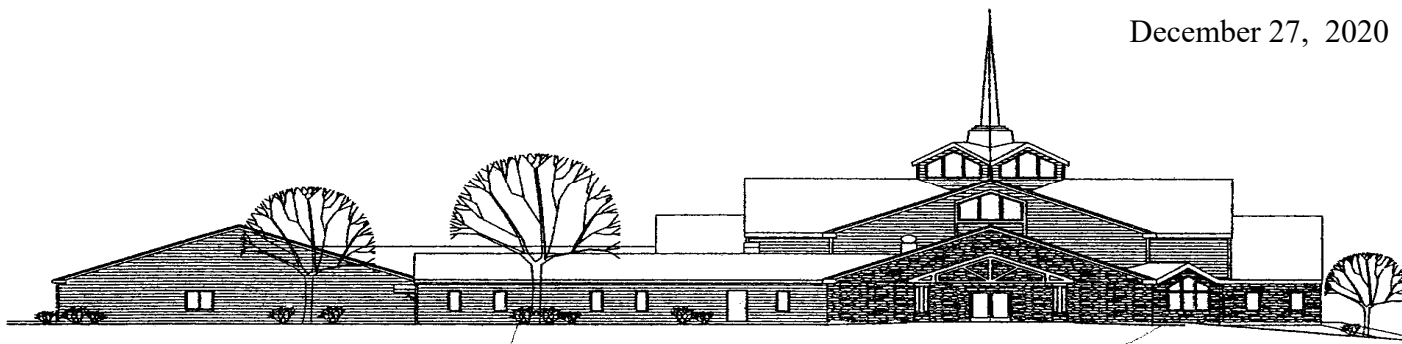


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

December 27, 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

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540  
610-856-1006 Office Hrs. Mon-Friday 9am-4:30pm  
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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

Allentown Diocese website  
[www.allentowndioecese.org](http://www.allentowndioecese.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**

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do *I* measure up?

**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.

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	12-13-20: \$7,308.00 (144 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 420.00
FLC Mortg:	12-13-20: \$3,495.00 ( 57 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 177.00
Parish Giving:	\$ 385.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 840.00 ( 49 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 90.00

**..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.*

**PARISH CONTACT DIRECTORY**

All parish groups welcome new members. Please feel free to contact leaders for more information.

- AD Cursillo - Mary Messner - 610-775-3154*
- Adult Altar Servers - Rich Conte—610-223-8846*
- Altar Servers - Michelle Steinbrecher - 484-529-0562*
- Bereavement Ministry - Robin Ball—610-804-4096*
- Book Club - Anita Harrison - 610-777-4230*
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Valerie Christo - 610-856-5146*
- CYO - Jason Leininger—610-621-7259*
- Disabilities Coordinator - Brooke Frech - 610-777-7111*
- Eucharistic Ministers - Tom Henefer - 610-603-9196*
- Family Life - Amy Basehoar—610-554-2556*
- Food Pantry - Rosanne Weidner - 610-286-5568*
- Friendly Visitors—*
- Gardens - Cecelia Kacmar - 610-856-1394*
- Greeters —*
- Knights of Columbus - Ron McClure—610-781-7330*
- Landings - Lee & Joy Bandy - 610-709-6509*
- Lectors - Susan Teaford - 610-207-5763*
- Liturgical Scheduling - Jim Helms - 610-856-7355*
- Ministry to Divorced - Joseph Boylan - 610-781-6415*
- Music Ministry—Andrew Angstadt—610-451-5664*
- Parish Outreach - Ellie Albright - 610-763-9528*
- Pastoral Council - Kelly Leininger—717-314-2705*
- Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director - Robin Ball - 610-804-4096*
- Picnic Grove & FLC Rentals - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575*
- Prayer Chain & Shawls - Sylvia Firth - 610-286-5714*
- PREP/Catechists—Valerie Christo—610-856-5146*
- Prime Timers - Paul Wirkus - 610-913-0910*
- Property Committee—Steven Keech—484-947-3143*
- RCIA - Mark Schrum/Father Phil - 610-856-1006*
- Respect Life - Mary Newhams - 610-777-3858*
- Rosary Group - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575*
- St. Vincent de Paul - Bill Arnold— 717-445-4141*
- For Food - 484-336-4665 (c)*
- Stewardship Committee—John Bergandino— 610-960-4318*
- Ushers - John Coccia - 610-404-0712*
- Vocations Ministry —*
- Women's Club - Mary Ann Sarge—484-664-0081*
- Women's Spirituality Group - Robin Ball - 610-804-4096*
- Youth Group —*

**RESPECT**



**LIFE**

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**PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

Abortion is discrimination on the basis of age. Please join the Pro-life movement today.

Mary, Mother of God



**JANUARY 1—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—**

Masses for the Holy Day are Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm and Friday, January 1 at 9:00 am.

Glorification of the Blessed Sacrament



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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** First Saturday January 2 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.

**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.



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**FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2021**

is posted on the front vestibule bulletin board. If you are interested in requesting altar flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or a special

intention, please sign the name on the date requested. Cost for each arrangement is \$50.00

**The SANCTUARY LAMP** burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person or a deceased love one or any special intentions for a weekly donation of **\$10.00**. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.



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Pray for the repose of *Betty Kostrab*. May her soul rest in peace.

**2021 CALENDARS** available in the gathering space.

Mary, Mother of God




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**JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Since ancient times, the first day of the year was celebrated as special, but the religious meaning of the day was often overlooked. Before the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) the holy day on January 1 was called the Feast of the Circumcision, commemorating Jesus' submission to Jewish Law. After the Second Vatican Council, the feast was changed to honor Our Lady as the Mother of God. In 1967, Pope Paul VI decreed that January 1 would also be a day of prayer for World Peace.

While the secular world celebrates New Year's Day, you can put a Catholic emphasis on New Year's traditions. For example, the New Year's tradition of visiting friends and neighbors can be tied to Our Lady's Visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth. The tradition of making New Year's resolutions can be tied to the early Christian practice of reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the coming year. In recognition of Our Lady as the Queen of Peace, you could set aside time during the day to pray for peace in your home, in your communities, and in the world.

*January 1* is both the feast of *Mary, the Mother of God*, and a *day of prayer for world peace*. We can deepen our celebration of the New Year by our prayer that our families and our world be open to the peace Jesus offers.



**NEW YEARS**

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*Today and all through the New Year  
may the peace of Christ be in your heart!*

**Liturgical Ministers—December 31-January 01  
January 02-03**

- Thursday 5:00 PM**  
 Lector: Susan Teaford  
 EM: Mary Kozak, Mark Brezina
- Friday 9:00 AM**  
 Lector: Brent Musser  
 EM: Helen MacMinn
- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
 Lector: Brian Heath  
 EM: Rich Conte, Tom Henefer
- Sunday 9:00 AM**  
 Lector: Dennis Brizick  
 EM: Chris & Crystal Stein
- Sunday 11:00 AM**  
 Lector: Chris Mensak  
 EM: John Cocco, Patti Brenner

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 12/28
7:00 PM Divorce Support Group ZOOM Final meeting



COMING EVENTS...

- 01/04 K of C Membership meeting
01/05 RCIA meets
01/06 'Into the Breach' program
01/11 Safety/Emergency Response Committee meeting
01/11 SVDP meeting

PRAYER SHAWLS - Due to the generosity of knitters and crocheters in our parish and some outside friends, we have a supply of Prayer Shawls blessed by Father Phil ready to be given to anyone seriously ill and in need of comfort. Please contact Sylvia Firth at 610-286-5714.

CHURCH PROTOCOL -Everyone is welcome to St. Benedict's Church. While you are with us please follow our protocol:

- 1. Wear mask while in church.
2. Wash hands or sanitize hands before entering church.
3. Follow social distancing of 6 feet on entering or leaving church.
4. Follow social distancing when finding a seat.
5. All enter thru main entrance. Exit at any door.
6. If not feeling well, please stay home.
7. Our church is sanitized after each Mass.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Ron Nye Sr. by John & Lori Bilski



Monday 12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
6:30 PM Dr. Donald Loeper
by Rick & Joan DuBois

Tuesday 12/29 Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
9:00 AM Mary Helen McDermott
by Don McBryan

Wednesday 12/30 Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
9:00 AM Eugene Gring
by Jim Pleitner

Thursday 12/31 Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 PM Bill Joerger
by Kathy Appleton

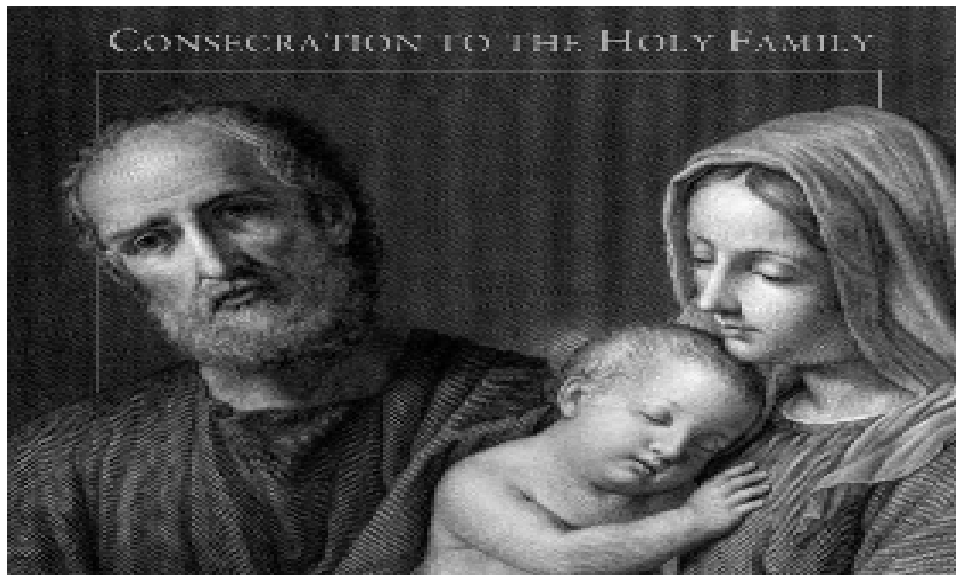
Friday 01/01 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - First Friday
9:00 AM Anthony DelPercio
by Nancy Hewitt
Rosary will be recited after Mass



Saturday 01/02 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen First Saturday
9:00 AM Margaret Vance
by Pat Perles
Rosary will be recited after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 01/03 Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish
9:00 AM Dorothy Liszcz
by Bill & Jeanie Hauck
Stella Epler
by Stanley & Marie Blimline
John & Veronica Racilla
by Carol & Tony Rowan





## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

○ Lord Jesus,  
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.

*We entrust our family to you.*

○ Blessed Mary,  
you are the Mother of our Savior.  
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

○ Saint Joseph,  
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

Holy Family,  
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.  
Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.  
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.  
May our home, O Holy Family,  
truly become a domestic church  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*