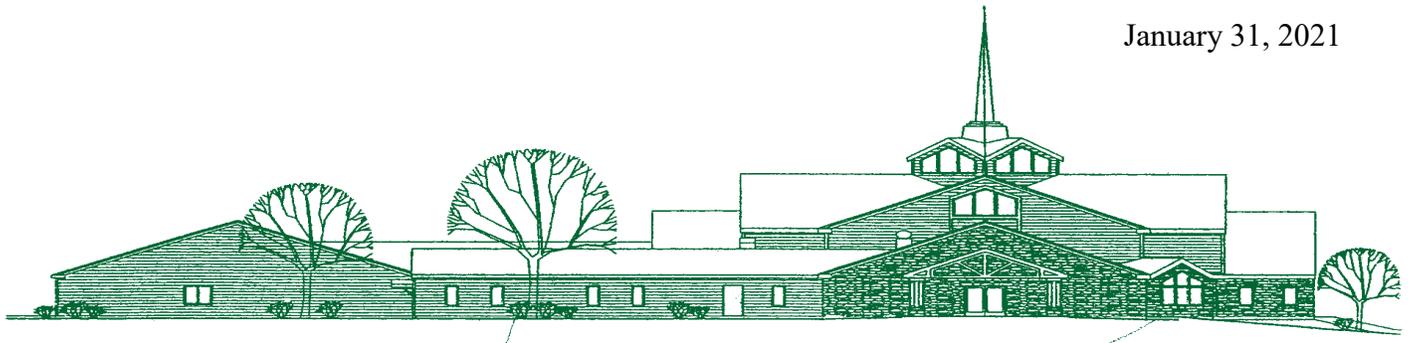


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Diocese of Allentown - Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D.

January 31, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor
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Valerie Christo..... Director Religious Education
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month immediately following the 11:00am 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.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS can be found on the diocese website *DioceaseofAllentown.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.

Stewardship—Gifts of God			
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>			
<u>Stewardship</u>	January 24	\$ 7,445.00	(134 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 235.00	
<u>Parish Giving</u>	January 24	\$ 1,550.00	
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	January 24	\$ 1,515.00	(53 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 67.00	
	Parish Giving	\$ 350.00	



A WORD OF THANKS—On behalf of my family, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the generous expressions of sympathy we received after my husband’s passing. The many cards, Mass offerings and donations from my wonderful parish family were a great comfort during this sad time. Thank you all and please keep me in your prayers, as I keep you in mine.

Just an update on my grandson Justin’s family. Baby Lennon was born on December 16th, a happy and healthy little boy. Thanks to your generous donations the children had a merry Christmas, each receiving their special Christmas wish. Katie was able to pay ahead on the bills and upgrade to a 7-passenger car so the children can all ride safely in their car seats. God bless you all.—Rosanne Weidner

2020 TAX STATEMENTS—are available upon request. Please call or email the parish office to receive your statement. Nothing will be sent out automatically.

BLOOD DRIVE—St. Benedict’s will be hosting the Miller-Keystone Bloodmobile on Tuesday, February 9th from 2-7pm. You may register online at GiveaPint.org, using our sponsor code 4952. You can also call the parish office to schedule a time.

PALM—Please bring in your old palm so that it may be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. A container to collect them can be found in the gathering space.

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.”
St. John Paul II



FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2021—Some dates are still available. 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—January 31-February 7 Our regional grade school is called LaSalle Academy. The school is made up with children from St. Benedict’s, St. John’s and a growing number of students from other denominations. What many parents have discovered about LaSalle is:

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- ♦ High amount of scholarship through SPE program for needy families

PRAYER LIST

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Vivian Barnhard, John Bergandino, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Ted Kozak, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz and all those in nursing homes. *Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.*

Please remember in your prayers all who are in the military service.

Please pray for all first responders, nurses and doctors and all who care for those affected by Covid-19.



LASALLE BINGO—Due to Covid-19 restrictions, The La Salle CYO will be having a “Virtual” Cash & Prize Raffle in place of our Cash & Prize Bingo scheduled on Sunday, March 21st. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, our parishioners from St. Benedict’s and St. John’s for their continued support, our La Salle school families, teachers, and staff and both of our pastors, Father Phil and Father Rich, for all their support and guidance during this time. Our CYO Board looks forward each year to our Bingo and although this year will look different, we have some wonderful prizes thanks to our generous sponsors. All proceeds from this event will support the expansion of our outside basketball court at La Salle Academy. Tickets already purchased for the March 2020 event will automatically be transferred to a new ticket. There will be 16 chances to win either a \$100 cash prize or basket prize worth \$100 each. If your March ticket was purchased under a table reservation, each ticket needs to be assigned a name and new number. Please contact Denise Leininger at leiningerdenise@hotmail.com or 570-814-4446 to ensure each ticket has an assigned name. More information regarding this “Virtual” event can be found in the flyer in next week’s bulletin. Tickets will be available after all Masses starting February 6/7. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Thank you for your continued support of LaSalle CYO!

TAKE-OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER—Please join LaSalle PTO on Wednesday, February 3rd from 4:30pm to 7:00pm for a take-out dinner at Victor Emmanuel. \$10 donation includes salad, spaghetti & two meatballs, bread and butter. Pizza will be available for \$1.25 a slice and there will be a bake sale in the lobby. For tickets, call the LaSalle office at 610-777-7392 by February 2. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$11.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S

- Monday 02/01**
7:00 PM LaSalle School Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Tuesday 02/02**
7:00 PM RCIA meets in the conference room
- Wednesday 02/03**
9:00 AM Catholic Schools Mass, students only
7:00 PM “Into the Breach” Program in the FLC
- Thursday 02/04**
7:30 PM AA meets in the FLC
- Saturday 02/06 First Saturday**
9:00 AM Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, with Benediction at 12 Noon

Altar flowers this weekend are given in memory of Harry Mazzarelli by Debbie Mazzarelli

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of Students, Teachers and Staff of our Catholic Schools—LaSalle Academy, Berks Catholic High School and the JPII Center for Special Learning.



- Monday 02/01 Weekday**
6:30 PM Thomas Hecker
by Colleen Hecker
- Tuesday 02/02 Presentation of the Lord**
9:00 AM Joan McCahon
by John McCahon
- Wednesday 02/03 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar**
8:00 AM George Groff
by Debbie Mazzarelli
- Thursday 02/04 Weekday**
6:30 PM Anthony “Nino” Ettaro
by Rick and Julie Angstadt
- First Friday 02/05 St. Agatha**
9:00 AM Dorothy Liszcz
by John & Mimi Frank
Rosary will be recited after Mass.
- First Saturday 02/06 St. Paul Miki and Companions**
9:00 AM Helen Reidel
by Tim & Robinn Reidel
- Saturday 02/06 Weekday**
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions
- Sunday 02/07 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM (Saturday) Janet Dolan
by Carol Rowan
People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM
- 11:00 AM Int. of Jeanne Swift by
by Doris Yeager
John Ditzler
by Joan Janis



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 6-7

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Jean Ruhl
EM: Rich Conte, Tom Henefer
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Lector: Lauren Lush
EM: Paul Waterman, Jeanette Bunch
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
Lector: Laura Kamerdze
EM: Karen Keenan, Glenn Unger

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