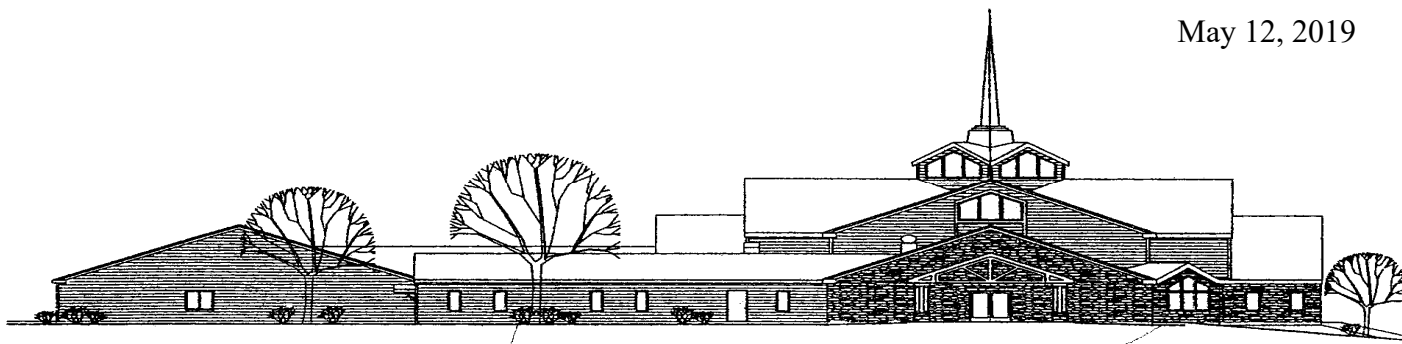


Church of Saint Benedict

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

May 12, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. & Thurs. 6:30pm -- Tue-Wed-Fri. 8:00am

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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Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

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Susan Teaford..... Parish Secretary

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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 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 610-856-7518.

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 word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — I had a vision of a great multitude

(Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	05-05-19: \$ 9,039.00 (218 envelopes) EFT: \$ 1,790.00
Capital Camp.	05-05-19: \$ 3,355.50 (102 envelopes) EFT: \$ 1,102.00
Mothers Day	\$ 2,130.00 (130 envelopes) EFT: \$ 220.00

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.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for those who long for the equality of all persons that their dedication to the unborn, the old, the condemned, and the forgotten may grow every day.

PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Baby Isabella, Loretta Becker, Tom Cioffi, Nancy Delp, TJ Doyle, Mary Ann Ferrese, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Bob Kacmar Jr., John Lodge, Stephan C. Mammarella, Francis Newhams, Sam Reber, Kelly Shirey, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Judy Tamagno, Janet Teaford, Bob Wheatley, Jeremiah Williams, Michael Wittorf, John Yost, Greg Zimmerman. 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, Kelly Bunch, Nathan Calhoun, Christopher Hari, Richard Hari, Matt Kurz, Adam Latshaw, Matt McGinn, Matt Palange, James Yorke; USMC: Grant Dufin, Dan Kenyon, Kevin Moran, Daniel Scheidel, Chris Timothy; USNavy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch.

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - On this Mothers' Day weekend please remember those mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese and the Bishop's Annual Appeal for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish BAA goal. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org

MOTHER BLEST

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.

—St. Ambrose

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING
Monday, May 13 at 7:00 pm in the conference room.
ALL are welcome!

RCIA MEETS TUESDAY at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

ST. BENEDICT'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others who have experienced this difficult journey. The group meets Wednesdays until May 22 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the classroom #1. It is free, non-denominational, open to all. For more information call Judy Campion-Burns at 610-775-7782 or the parish office at 610-856-1006.

CHICKEN BBQ MEETING Thursday May 16 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Everyone welcome to join us—new ideas and suggestions welcome!

BREAKFAST



BREAKFAST SUNDAY MAY 19. breakfast is served in the FLC from 8:00 -11:30 am. Menu for May is Pancakes with sausage or Egg Souffle. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for child.

Price includes meal, hot drink and juice. We also offer a mini-breakfast for \$1.75. Please come and join us for a time of food and fellowship. This will be the last breakfast until September. *Happy Summer!!*

MAY NOMINATION MONTH for 4 open seats on the Pastoral Council. During the whole month of May, one may self-nominate or nominate a worthy parishioner. Nomination form included in last week's bulletin. Drop off form in Pastoral Council Box in the gathering space.

FUNDRAISER PIG ROAST MAY 18 at St. Benedict's Picnic Grounds for TJ Doyle, son of Tom Doyle, maintenance director at LaSalle Academy. TJ is a 30 year old battling colon cancer. Saturday, May 18 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Tickets \$25 adult; children 3-15 years \$15; under 2 free. Tickets available at LaSalle Academy 610-777-7392

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING: Online registrations are still being accepted!! Take advantage of our Early Bird Special and register before June 1st. This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. To register or for information on eligibility and cost: go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org



**K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES:
MAY—HOPE**

The theme for May is Hope within the family. Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our families want to promote hope and life-giving spirit that flows from the virtue to the families. Hopeful people do not get weighted down by pessimism. How would family life be different if we did not love at all? The family projects for this month are centered around celebrating life-giving spirit of your family when you grew together in faith or love such as celebrating family memories of events or pray for a person or an apparently impossible need. Find our more in the K of C Family Fully Alive Booklet that was distributed in December 2018. If you would like a booklet call Knightline at 484-263-0322; also use this number to provide any feedback on the use of this series.

SEVENTH ANNUAL QUO VADIS VOCATION CAMP AND FIFTH ANNUAL FIAT DAYS VOCATION CAMP—from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday July 18 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women ages 14-18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org. Early registration is \$60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is \$85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.

Liturgical Ministers - May 18 & 19

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Laura Kamerdze
Servers: Paul Avadonian, Regan McClure, Jude Jones
EM: George Bach, Frank Burns, Kelly Leininger, Helen MacMinn, Mary Kozak
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Lector: Mary Jo Gordon
Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Monique Baj
EM: Joe Boylan, Paul Waterman, Ray Clapper, Glenn Unger, Sylvia Firth
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Lector: Charlie Jones
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger
EM: Jeannette Bunch, Ursita Blechman, Bill Offutt, Tom Dobson, Kathleen Minnich
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Lector: Brock Drahus
Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Marie Riehl
EM: Kelly Eichenlaub, Carie Leggett, Matt Martini, Jasmine Slusser, Sister Eileen

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***Do You Want to Learn More About
The Catholic Faith?
Thinking About Becoming Catholic?***

Join us for our next RCIA Program which will begin in September. We encourage our parishioners to extend an invitation to anyone you know who has expressed some interest in learning more about the Catholic faith to join us. Those who are unbaptized or those who have been baptized in a different faith and would like to learn about being a member of our Catholic community or baptized Catholics who have not made their First Eucharist and/or Confirmation are welcome. If interested, call the parish office at 610-856-1006.

COMING HOME—was this past Lent and Easter season a time for you to return to church? Are you looking for a faith community to worship with together? Consider attending one or more of our “Landings” meetings and learn more about the Catholic Faith. Or Landings can help you brush up on your understanding of what the Catholic church teaches. Land back on your feet in the church. Jesus is waiting for you there. Call the parish office for more information 610-856-1006.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—*Clare of Assisi House*, a transitional home for women returning citizens, is in search of a bookkeeper familiar with Quicken Books to volunteer a couple days a week. Please call 484-869-5483 for more information.

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES will be holding a Visitors meeting on May 19 & June 23 for those interested in pursuing a vocation in the Secular Order of Carmelites. If interested, call 610-914-8436 or 570-939-4078.

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan University July 26-28: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope—1 Peter 3:15”. This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith and spiritual growth with over 1,200 other attendees. The conference includes theologians and apologists who are bestselling authors and renowned speakers. Scott Hahn is the co-chair of the event which includes: Daily Mass, Confession and a joyful, prayerful, and musical bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be very informative and a significant impact on their spiritual lives. Call Deacon Bruce for information at 610-468-9506 or b@swist.us.

***WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES -
THE ART OF WELCOMING***

Myth: PWD want to be treated differently.

Fact: No, they want to be treated like everyone else!

5 Common Barriers that present individuals with disabilities and their families from fully participating in a faith community (Carter, 2007)

Architectural Barriers that do not allow individuals with physical disabilities to navigate the space.

Attitudinal Barriers based in a community’s fears and misunderstandings about disabilities.

Communication Barriers such as sight and sound that disallow participation.

Programmatic Barriers that do not allow individuals with disabilities an opportunity to share their gifts and talents with the community.

Liturgical Barriers such as sacraments or rituals that may not be adapted to meet individual needs.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. “Easter duty” means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your “Holy Mother Church” is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S



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*Happy Mother's Day to all.
We pray for our mothers, living and deceased.
We honor especially, Mary mother of Jesus and mother of our church.*

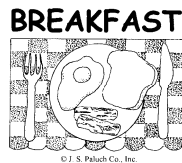
Monday 05/13
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meets in the conference room

Tuesday 05/14
7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Wednesday 05/15
6:30 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in classroom #1

Thursday 05/16
6:00 PM CYO Banquet in the FLC
7:00 PM BBQ meeting in the conference room
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Sunday 05/19
"Breakfast Sunday"
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Lisa Boyer
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7



COMING EVENTS...

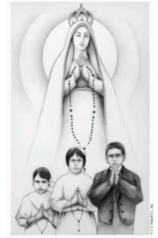
- 05/20 K of C Officers meet
- 05/21 Election Day
- 05/21 Book Club meets
- 05/22 Bereavement Support Group meets
- 05/28 Prime Timers meeting
- 05/28 Companions of Pauline meet
- 05/30 Ascension Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On Sunday, June 23 after the 9:30 Mass the Family Life Committee will have the final event of the school year: An end of Year Ice Cream Social. A sign up will soon follow.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Jean Roland & Kathleen Leininger by Kelly Leininger



Monday 05/13 Easter Weekday
Our Lady of Fatima
6:30 PM Intention of Veda Wilson
by Michele & Kurt Wagner



Tuesday 05/14 St. Matthias, Apostle
8:00 AM Marie & John Sentenac
by Jack Mittnacht

Wednesday 05/15 Easter Weekday St. Isidore
8:00 AM Don P. Steinbrecher
by John & Michele Steinbrecher

Thursday 05/16 Easter Weekday
6:30 PM Michael Kozak
by Anna & Donald Hill

Friday 05/17 Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Marian Yanitis Zielinski
by Patti Brenner
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 05/18 Easter Weekday St. John I
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 05/19 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Dorothy & Edward Petusky
by Mark & Linda Brezina
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Marian Yanitis Zielinski
by Mary Jo Gordon
11:15 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society



Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations:

O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen