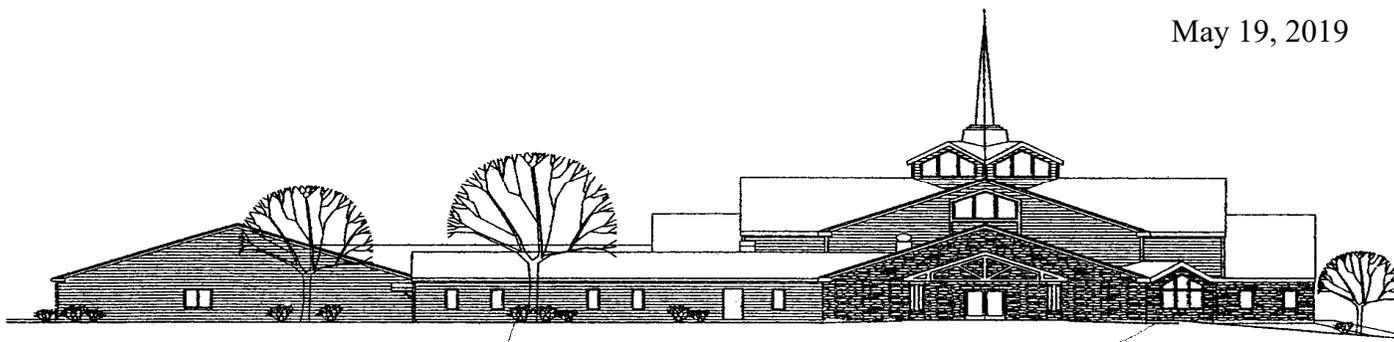


Church of Saint Benedict

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

May 19, 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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www.berkscatholic.org

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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

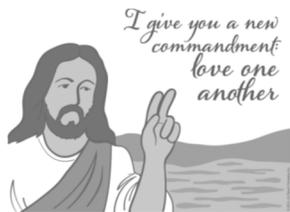
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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 — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my

God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another". Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Stewardship- Gifts of God
Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship 05-12-19: \$11,385.50 (243 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 385.00

Capital Camp.05-12-19: \$ 2,701.00 (100 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 122.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be the Fathers' Day envelope.

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 all those who work for an end to abortion that they might be strengthened by prayer, and that God might reward them for their goodness.

LIFELINE of Berks County is in need of nursing pads, summer maternity clothes in all sizes, and newborn summer outfits and onesies for boys and girls. We would greatly appreciate any of these items that you are able to donate to us for our clients. Thank you in advance.

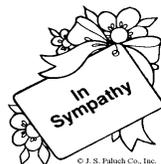
PRAYER LIST.....

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, Cecelia Kacmar, Bob Kacmar Jr., John Lodge, Sandy & Ralph Maio, 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.



Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Reber, mother of Pat Intelisano. May her soul rest in peace.

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 Soufflé. 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!!*

K OF C OFFICERS MEETING Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in the rectory meeting room.

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 Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the classroom #1. This is the last meeting until fall.

MAY NOMINATION MONTH for 3 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 on table in the gathering space.



BACCALAUREATE MASS, SUNDAY, June 2 at 11:15 AM— If you don't get a letter of invitation, please contact the parish office.

INFORMATION NIGHT POLAND TRIP - OCTOBER 13-21, 2019 - Highlights Warsaw, Niepokalanow Monastery, Jasna Gora Monastery, Black Madonna, Wadowici, Krakow, Auschwitz, Zakopane. 9 days, 12 meals, 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners. Enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish Restaurant. Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort town. Embark on an inspirational journey through Poland and discover this country's deep history and religious wonders. **15 people have already signed up. If anyone else is interested there will be an information meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm in the conference room.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL —We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!



DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS—Bishop Schlert will ordain Rev. Mr. Juan E. Rodriguez as a transitional deacon on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Our Bishop will ordain Father John Maria, Father Zachary Wehr, and Father Guiseppa Esposito to the priesthood on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Please keep these men in your prayers as they receive sacred orders.

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE SERRA CLUBS are sponsoring a newly ordained priest's dinner on Monday, June 17 at St. Mary's RC Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg, PA. John Maria, Zachary Wehr and Guiseppa Esposito (to be ordained June 1st by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert). Our new priests will celebrate Mass at 4:30 pm followed by a 5:30 pm reception (cash bar) and 6:00 pm dinner with the following meal choices: Chicken Breast w/Herb Stuffing, Honey Dijon Salmon w/Nuts or Eggplant Rollatini. Our guest speaker is the Very Rev. Thomas P. Bortz. Tickets are available to all for \$42.00/guest by contacting Joe Zawaly at 610-944-7313. Ticket sale deadline is June 7th.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered for the Exposition of Holy Relics in the Family Life Center on May 4th & 5th. We would not have had a successful exhibit without your help.

*Blessings to all of you...
Sylvia Firth
Kathleen Minnich*

Liturgical Ministers - May 25 26

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Anna Welch
Servers: Mary Henefer, Abby Thatcher, Sarah Williams
EM: Mark Brezina, Tom Culbert, Jeanne DiGiacomo,
Tom Henefer, Debra Mazzarelli

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Ellie Albright
Servers: Bryce Shelly, Emily Angelo, Gabrielle Ney
EM: Maureen Gutherman, Chris & Crystal Stein,
Mary Ann Razzano, Robin Ball

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Sean Bigelow, Emily Ward, Bryanna Gallagher
EM: Wendy Clayton, Karen Keenan, Bo Kuszniir,
Carol Wirkus, Father Phil

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Christopher Mangan, Robert Silver
EM: John Cocco, Betsy & Bill Offutt, Rich Conte,
Father Phil

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.

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.

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.

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

HIS & HER BINGO—*Sunday, May 19 @ 1:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel*. All proceeds benefit Hope Rescue Mission. Men’s & Ladies prizes! Purses, hundreds of dollars in gift cards, a 65” flat screen tv & even an outdoor deck package. Tickets at the door.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—MAY 30, 2019. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—Masses for the Holy Day are: Wednesday, May 29 Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm; Thursday, May 30 Holy Day Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

**WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES -
WELCOMING THROUGH COMMUNICATION**

Myth: Our church is wheelchair accessible, there’s nothing else we need to do!

Fact: Accessibility: It’s much more than just a ramp.

People First Language—When writing or speaking about people with disabilities, words should be chosen with care in order to promote dignity and a positive image.

Do not use: handicapped, crippled. These are outdated terms that have negative connotations. Use: person with a disability.

Do not use: wheelchair bound, confined to a wheelchair. A wheelchair enables mobility and independence. Use: uses a wheelchair, wheelchair user.

Do not use: retarded. This is an offensive term. Use: intellectual disability.

Do not use: crazy, psycho, mental case. These are offensive terms. Use: mentally ill.

Do not use: deaf and dumb. They may not speak, but there are other forms of communicating. Use: deaf, hard of hearing.

Do not use: handicapped parking, handicapped rest rooms. These are outdated terms. Use: accessible parking, accessible rest rooms.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn’t always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul’s day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today’s first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Mary Kacmar by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar



Monday 05/20
7:00 PM K of C Officers meeting in the RMR

Monday 05/20 Easter Weekday
St. Bernardine of Siena
6:30 PM Margaret Diederich
by Tony & Marty Diederich

Tuesday 05/21
Election Day
7:00 PM Book Club meets
in the Conference Room



Tuesday 05/21 Easter Weekday
St. Christopher Magalianes & Companions
8:00 AM Bob Fondots
by John & Joan McMahon

Wednesday 05/22
6:30 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in
classroom #1. Last meeting until fall.

Wednesday 05/22 Easter Weekday
St. Rita of Cascia
8:00 AM Elizabeth Blimline
by Marie & Stanley Blimline

Thursday 05/23
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Thursday 05/23 Easter Weekday
6:30 PM Rich Barbadora
by Adrienne Mensak

Sunday 05/26
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.
Leader: Heather Yohn
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7

Friday 05/24 Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mary Ostrowski
by the Janiszewski Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass

COMING EVENTS...

- 05/28 Prime Timers meeting
- 05/28 Companions of Pauline meet
- 05/30 Ascension Day
- 06/01 Ultreya meets
- 06/01 Lay Missionaries of Charity meet
- 06/02 Baccalaureate Mass
- 06/02 "Hospitality Sunday"
- 06/03 LaSalle Academy Graduation
- 06/04 Berks Catholic Baccalaureate

Saturday 05/25 Easter Weekday St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 05/26 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Phyllis P. Leib
by Kathy Minnich
8:00 AM Joseph Luther, Jr.
by Patricia Luther
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:15 AM Ann Barse
by the Barse Family



Altar flowers:
May 5 in memory of *Joan Rodgers* by
Father Phil
May 12 in memory of *Edward & Doro-*
thy Petusky by the *Brezina Family*.
This weekend in memory of *Stephen*
Condon by *Peggy Condon-Vance*.



Please remember in your prayers all the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.