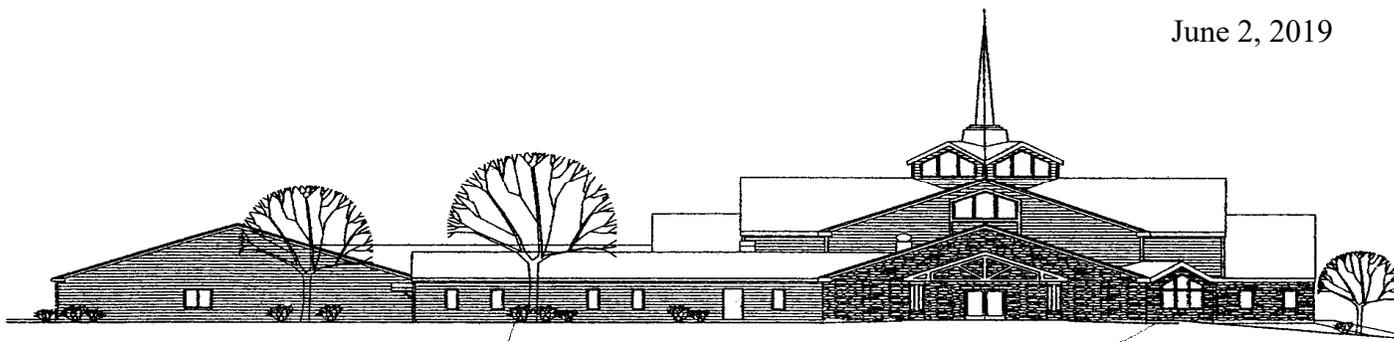


Church of Saint Benedict

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

June 2, 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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LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor

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Valerie Christo..... Director Religious Education

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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, worshipping 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 — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Jesus prays that the love of the Father may be in those who believe (John 17:20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

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

Stewardship 05-26-19: \$7,276.00 (206 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 385.00

Capital Camp.05-26-19: \$1,436.50 (79 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 122.00

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 all who work to defend life that God might reward them for their faithfulness.

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, 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 *Gertrude Mastrosante, sister of Bill Joerger*. May her soul rest in peace.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$24,092.00 from 69 parishioners representing 7.98% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our goal and reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift. Please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org

RESPECT LIFE MEETING Monday, June 3at 7:00 pm in the chapel.

K OF C GENERAL MEETING Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm in the RMR.

WOMEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the FLC. ALL women of the parish are welcome!

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.*

"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP" - St. Benedict will be holding a "Protecting God's Children" Workshop on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 am-12 noon. To register, send an email to secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org or call the parish office at 610-856-1006.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS at St. Benedict's will be celebrated Sunday, June 9 at the 9:30 Mass. Married couples are encouraged to attend together. We will honor all couples celebrating a special anniversary in 2019. Special invites will be sent to couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 & 50+ years. If you don't receive an invitation, please excuse our oversight and call Susan in the parish office, so we may include you in our celebration.

SPECIAL EM MEETING is scheduled for Thursday June 13 at 7:00 pm. A new policy of protocol has been established by our Bishop in regard to the ministry of EM. We will explain these changes and update all our EM's on new guidelines. There are at least seven changes to the way we are to bring the sacrament to others. All changes will be in place by the feast of Corpus Christi June 23, 2019. All EM's are encouraged to attend Mass at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 pm.

ST. BENEDICT'S SVDP will be sponsoring Kennedy House the weekend of June 15 & 16. Volunteers are needed to help serve on this weekend. Sign up sheet available in the gathering space.



K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES:

JUNE—SELF-GIVING LOVE

The theme for June is self-giving Love. This is the form of marital and family love given by God himself, who is Love. The Christian Family, domestic church, has been entrusted with the irreplaceable vocation of being the first school of human and divine love. Self-giving love not only places the good of another ahead of one's personal needs, but also sees another's good as one's own good. The project this month is to make sacrifice beads by doing things out of love for others even though we may find it unpleasant. This good deed beads practice was inspired by St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. Find out 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.

BINGO - St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus will be running the Bingo at the Morgantown Carnival from June 11-15. We are in need of help from anyone that can volunteer their time. If you are interested, please sign your name on the sheets on the table in the gathering space. In order to make this successful, we do need your help. Thank you for supporting us. Any questions, see or call Jim Gregor at 610-858-5235.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Philip & Kathryn Rodgers by Father Phil.

Liturgical Ministers - June 08-09

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Cami Beyer
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman
EM: Frank Burns, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Karen Keenan, Helen MacMinn, Ursita Blechman

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Sylvia Firth
Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Gabrielle Ney
EM: Joe Boylan, Mary Ann Razzano, Glenn Unger, Joy & Lee Bandy

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Janet Motta, Bill Hartman
Lector: Susan Teaford
Servers: Gina Coccia, Abby Thatcher, Emily Ward
EM: Robin Ball, Matt Martini, Paul Wirkus, Betsy Offutt, Gary Scollick

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Emily Coppa
Servers: Nora & Sam Coppa, Riley Knapp
EM: John Cocco, Kelly Eichenlaub, Brock Drahus, Sister Eileen, Carie Leggett



ST. BENEDICT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12 noon for ages 5-11 (NO pre-school). Welcome to *ROAR*, the VBS where life is wild and God is good! *ROAR* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences. Kids see, hear, and taste! It's free

thanks to our church's Women's Club! Registrations are welcome until June 10 or when we reach the #60 kids. Please see our church web site www.churchofsaintbenedict.com and left click on Religious Education, then click on Vacation Bible School. Print the form and drop at the church office or in our donation basket. If registered after our due date June 10, 2109 please call 610-856-5146 to guarantee we have a spot for your kids. Adults with Diocesan clearance are needed as team volunteers. Please contact Valerie Christo, DRE, at the same number above.

PASTORAL COUNCIL nominations are closed. Three persons will come off pastoral council and three new parishioners are needed. During the month of May we collected nominations. 57 parishioners were nominated during this time for the three open seats. During the month of June Father Phil will contact all 57 nominees and ask if they will accept their nomination. Then at a discernment prayer service the three new pastoral members will be determined.

2019 CYO ART SHOW WINNERS FROM LASALLE ACADEMY

Tempera Paint: Honorable Mention: *Ezra Jackson*
Oil Pastel: Second Place: *Sara Witmer*; Honorable Mention: *Morgan Schuster*
Chalk Pastel: Honorable Mention: *Ben Tomsho & Jason Leininger*
Mixed Media: Third Place: *Gabe Anton*; Honorable Mention: *Austin Sell*
3-D Wall Relief: Honorable Mention: *Matthew Drake & Sydney Boyd*
Cartooning: Third Place: *Joseph Leininger*; Honorable Mention: *Emily Hatcher*
Photography: Honorable Mention: *Madison Cannon*
Collage: Honorable Mention: *Gabriel Shick*
Marker Drawing: Honorable Mention: *Owen Ziolkowski, Tyler Nolt*
Printmaking: Honorable Mention: *Madeline Frisina*
Watercolor Painting: Second Place: *Luke Bennethum*; Honorable Mention: *Michaela Burkey & Kush Patel*
Religious Art: Second Place: *Isabella Carola*; Third Place: *Gianna Olinger*; Honorable Mention: *Karina Peguero*
Fiber Arts: First Place: *Dante Casantini*; Honorable Mention: *Kevin Olivier*

WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INTO LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Myth: Parishioners with vision problems can't be lectors!
Fact: Large print Lectionaries, as well as other materials, are available to support participation in ministries.

Persons with disabilities can and are serving in liturgical ministries in their parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, and Altar Servers.

Large Print Roman Missals are available for celebrants.

Large Print Lectionaries are available for lectors.

Altar Server Guidelines are available to support training.

More information can be found at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/pwd>

If lectern or ambo is not accessible, person can be equipped with portable microphone.

A photocopier can be used to enlarge the print on any worship aids.

Strategies are available from the OMPWD to assist parish in training pwd for liturgical ministries.

THE ADDICTION AWARENESS MINISTRY at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring is hosting a discussion on addiction and resources available for families on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm in their chapel. Guest speaker will be Pastor Tom Scornavacchi from Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing. It will be an evening of insight, reflection, and fellowship. ALL are welcome!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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

Monday 06/03

6:30 PM LaSalle Academy Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation

7:00 PM Respect Life meeting in the chapel

7:00 PM K of C General meeting in the RMR

Tuesday 06/04

7:00 PM Berks Catholic Baccalaureate at St. Catherine's

7:00 PM Women's Club monthly meeting in the conference room

Wednesday 06/05

6:30 PM Poland Trip Information Night in the conference room

Thursday 06/06

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Saturday 06/08

9:00 AM-12 Noon "Protecting God's Children" Workshop in the FLC

Sunday 06/09

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Jacklyn Rhoades

6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7

COMING EVENTS...

06/10 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

06/13 Special EM meeting

06/15 & 16 St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

06/17 K of C Officers meeting

06/24-06/28 VBS



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Monday 06/03 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
8:00 AM Tom Lush

by Clara & Family

Tuesday 06/04 Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Carol S. Walt

by Mary Ann Zerkowski

Wednesday 06/05 St. Boniface
8:00 AM Joseph Motta

by the Prime Timers

Thursday 06/06 Easter Weekday St. Norbert
6:30 PM Intention of Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
27th Anniversary of Ordination

by Susan Teaford

Friday 06/07 Easter Weekday *First Friday*
8:00 AM Sister Theresa Kochan

by Kathy Appleton

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 06/08 Easter Weekday
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 06/09 *Pentecost Sunday*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Francis Gonsalves

by Michael Zeminski

8:00 AM Donna Rhoades

by Paula Rhoades

9:30 AM Carol Sparks

by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Anniversary Mass

11:15 AM Christopher Konas

by Anna Klimachefsky

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THANK YOU...

...Many thanks to *Marty & Tony Diederich* who spent Memorial morning and afternoon trimming the forsythia bushes in our church gardens.

...Gratitude is extended to *Rodney Focht* for playing taps at our Memorial Day ceremony held after Mass, May 27 as we gathered around our flagpole. Thanks to *Marie Blimline* for reading the poem *Flanders Field*.



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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.