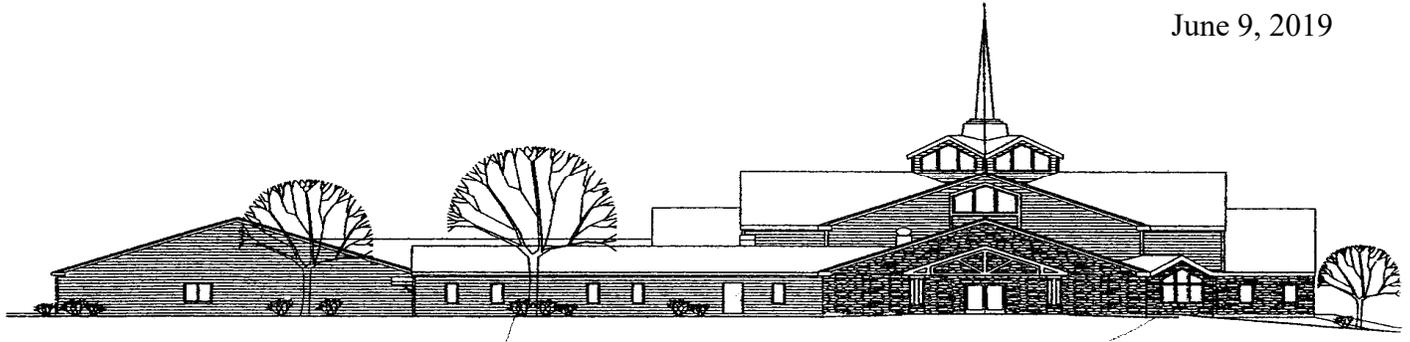


Church of Saint Benedict

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

June 9, 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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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor
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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
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610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website
www.allentowndiocese.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 610-856-7518.

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 — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).
Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Romans 8:8-17*.

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) or *John 14:15-16, 23b-26*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

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

Stewardship	06-02-19:	\$12,012.00	(247 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 655.00	
FLCMortgage	06-02-19:	\$ 3,283.50	(107 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 402.00	
Fathers' Day		\$ 2,303.00	(142 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 200.00	
Ascension		\$ 1,386.00	(97 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 215.00	

Second collection next weekend will be the Peter's Pence collection.

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 for life and especially those who pray at abortion clinics that God might reward them for their prayers.

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, Gertrude Mastrosante, 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 *Gregory Shaeffer, son of David & Cheryl Wolfe*. May his soul rest in peace.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$24,462.00 from 74 parishioners representing 8.55% 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, June 10 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL are welcome!

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.

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.

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.

PRIEST ANNUAL RETREAT—Father Phil will make his annual retreat at Mount Saviour Monastery the week of June 17-21. There will be no daily Masses at St. Benedict that week, however Father Phil will take the scheduled Mass intentions and celebrate them on retreat. Nearest Masses are: St. John's in Shillington: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 am and Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 pm; St. Peter's in Brandywine: Monday-Saturday at 8:30 am however NO Wednesday Mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT for three new members will take place on Sunday June 16 at 7:00 pm. All those parishioners that accepted their nomination will meet to pray, reflect and discern three persons to fill the vacant seats. Father Phil and current members of Pastoral Council will facilitate the process.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Rose Groff by the Mazzarelli Family.

ACTIONS

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. —St. Anthony of Padua



We honor all the high school and college graduates of our parish. We extend our congratulations to them and pray that as they begin a new phase in their lives God will always be with them and bless them. We're proud of you!! We thank all the following seniors for their service: Senior EM's: Brock Drahus & Jasmine Slusser; Senior Sacristan: Brock Drahus; Senior Lector: Brock Drahus; Senior PREP Catechist: Joshua Schreckengast; Senior Altar Servers: Adam Brezina, Jude Jones, Emily Angelo, Riley Knapp. Our thanks and appreciation to all seniors that participated in our parish Baccalaureate Mass.



CONGRATULATIONS to all couples celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2019. The blessing of marriages and renewal of vows took place June 9 at the 9:30 am Mass. The oldest married couples in our parish are Gerry & Jane Ann Braddick and Bob & Marguerite Powell. They will be celebrating 66 years of married life.

BERKS COUNTY CYO TRACK MEET was held on Saturday, June 1. *Congratulations* to all participants. Thanks to all coaches & moderators and time keepers. Final team results: HGA 322; LaSalle 318; St. Catharine 168; St. Margaret 93; St. Ignatius 41; Immaculate Conception Academy 32; St. Francis 7.

Liturgical Ministers - June 15 & 16

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak
Lector: Laura Kamerdze
Servers: Mary Henefer, Dalton Maiers, Abby Thatcher
EM: George Bach, Tom Dobson, Tom Henefer, Debra Mazzarelli, Frank Burns
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Greeter: Gerald Braddick
Lector: Brian Heath
Servers: Bryce Shelly, Emily Angelo, Monique Baj
EM: Crystal & Chris Stein, Mary Kozak, Ray Clapper, Father Phil
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Greeter: Jim Gregor, Mary Messner
Lector: Charlie Jones
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger
EM: Lee Bandy, Wendy Clayton, Bill Offutt, Rick McCarty, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Jean Ruhl
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Megan Vance, Nicholas Barse
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Carol & Paul Wirkus, Jasmine Slusser



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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for St. Benedict's and St. John's was recently announced by the Bishop's Office that it will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 4:30 pm. Please mark your calendars. If any high school or college student did not receive Confirmation for any reason, and you would like to receive this sacrament, please contact Father Phil for preparation classes. Confirmation Mass for both parishes will be at St. Benedict's this year.

MASS INTENTIONS—Our 2019 Mass book is now filled and the 2020 Mass book will open on Monday, June 17.

In the past parishioners have been able to 'reserve' special dates for Masses for loved ones from year to year. However, more recently, Mass requests—past and present—are outpacing the dates we have available. Because of this, we will no longer be able to automatically set aside these dates. Unfortunately, you cannot assume that because you had a special date reserved for several years that you will be guaranteed that date in going forward.

Reservations for specific dates will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. This will enable us to more fairly schedule those special dates for **all** our parishioners. If you have no preference for a particular date, we can offer you the option of an "unannounced Mass" in which we share your Mass intention with another priest who will be able to celebrate it for you. While you will not have the opportunity to attend that Mass, you will have the comfort of knowing your beloved deceased will still be prayed for. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

WELCOMING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Myth: Our parish can't provide religious instruction to children with developmental/intellectual disabilities!

Fact: Every parish has options they can offer their families.

*The Office for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities supports several options for providing religious instruction to children with disabilities.

*Communication with the family is essential in determining which option best suits the child's strength and needs.

*The Director of the Ministry with Persons with Disabilities is available for individual consultations.

*Picture Book templates are available for individual parishes to personalize: *This Is My Church & Going to Mass*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

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THE POWER OF WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.
A gracious word may sooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 06/10

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the conference room

Thursday 06/13

7:00 PM Special EM meeting

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Friday 06/14

Remember to fly the flag and be thankful for all it represents.



Saturday 06/15

St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

Sunday 06/16

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

Leader: Lisa Boyer

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

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Discernment

COMING EVENTS...

06/17-06/21 Father Phil on Retreat

06/17 K of C Officers meeting

06/24-06/28 VBS

06/25 Prime Timers meeting/picnic

0-6/25 Companions of Pauline meet

06/30 Fifth Sunday Rosary

FAMILY PROMISE is a wonderful program for homeless children and families. The program helps parents get back on their feet. Currently Family Promise is in 36 states across our country. St. Benedict's will be a host church for two weeks, July 14-28. Each night one man and one woman from our parish need to be in the same building with our guests. At this time we are looking to identify 28 key persons to stay overnight here at St. Benedict's. If you have all your clearances that would be ideal. Otherwise we are happy to work with you to get those clearances by July. Please call project manager, Mary Jo Gordon (610-621-6042) or Father Phil as soon as possible.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Robert Focht by Mom & Dad



Monday 06/10 Weekday—10th Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Pedro Aparre

by Ursita & Bob Blechman

Tuesday 06/11 St. Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 AM Rosemary Tokar

by Jim Schweiger

Wednesday 06/12 Weekday

8:00 AM Elizabeth Voelker

by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Thursday 06/13 St. Anthony of Padua

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Friday 06/14 Weekday

8:00 AM Marie Setley

by Ryan & Lisa Zimmerman

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 06/15 Weekday

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 06/16 Trinity Sunday

5:00 PM (Saturday) All Fathers Living & Deceased

8:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

9:30 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

11:15 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

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Serran Prayer for Vocations:

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen