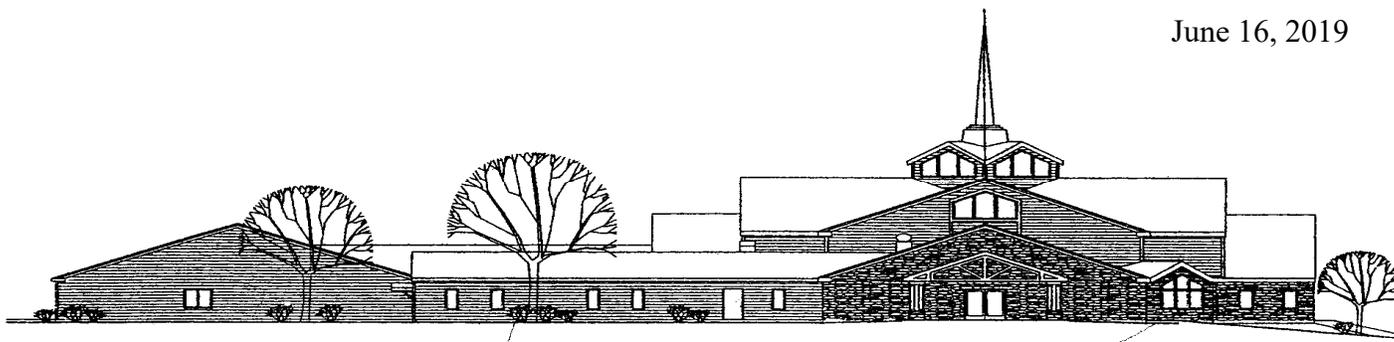


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

June 16, 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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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744

LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

[www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

## PARISH STAFF

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

Fr. Thomas Kuller, S.J..... Weekend Ministry

Valerie Christo..... Director Religious Education

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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** — The wisdom of God played on the surface of God's earth, finding delight in the human race (Proverbs 8:22-31).

**Psalm** — O Lord, our God, how wonderful you name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

**Second Reading** — The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-15).

**Gospel** — The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth (John 16:12-15).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Today's Psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

**Stewardship- Gifts of God**

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

Stewardship	06-09-19:	\$9,322.00	(224 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,720.00	
FLCMortgage	06-09-19:	\$2,689.00	(96 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 912.00	

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS** can be found on the diocese website [DioceseofAllentown.org](http://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 promote the Gospel of Life that God might reward them for their goodness.

**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, , Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Beverly Gregor, 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, 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 souls of *Robert Burnish, brother of Craig Burnish and TJ Doyle*. May their souls rest in peace.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$25,355.00 from 88 parishioners representing 10.17% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our goal of \$65,615.01 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](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org)

**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.

**K OF C “ADMISSION DEGREE” MEETING** Monday, June 17 at 6:30 pm in the FLC.

**K OF C CASH BINGO SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00 pm in the conference room.



**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](http://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.

**ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES!** *Our CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)* is growing and starting this fall and we will offer: *CGS—Sunday—Level 1 (4,5,6,7 years old) and Level 2 (8,9, 10 years old)* from 10:45-12 Noon. *Thursday,- Level 1 (4,5,6,7 years old) and Level 2 (8,9,10) years old)* from 6:00-7:30 pm . All children must start at Level 1 in order to progress to Level 2 and pretty soon we will be offering Level 3 for all 11, 12 & 13 years old. Children who will be attending this program will never need to attend PREP and they will receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacraments while participating at CGS sessions. Registration form will be available starting in July at our church website [www.churchofsaintbenedict.com](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com). **Please Note:** Classes are limited, first come, first served. If you have any questions please call Valerie Christo, DRE at 610-856-5146.



**2019 FATHERS DAY BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

The Respect Life Committee invites our parish family to affirm their support for the respect of life, from conception until natural death, by participating in the annual Baby Bottle Fundraising Project with proceeds benefitting its pro-life mission throughout the year. Bottles are available and we ask that you fill them with change, currency, or checks and return throughout the summer. You can return the bottles by placing them in the large “hamper size” basket located in the gathering space throughout the summer months. We thank you in advance for your faithful support of respecting “all of life”.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES** have all been notified. Any of the nominees interested in serving on council are asked to attend a discernment meeting on Sunday, June 16 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Through a process of prayer, song, reflection, and discussion, three persons will be discerned to serve on Pastoral Council for the next three years.



*Altar Flowers* this weekend in memory of *LaVerne Wohlbruck* by *Leslie Wohlbruck*.

Please remember in your prayers *Mary Jo Gordon* and *Randy Lewis* who will be married at St. Benedict’s.

**Liturgical Ministers - June 22 & 23**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Chris Mensak  
Servers: A.J. Crisi, Regan McClure, Michael Lee  
EM: George Bach, Mark Brezina, Tom Culbert, Helen MacMinn, Rich Conte

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Greeter: Clara Lush  
Lector: Ellie Albright  
Servers: Sydney Machion, Oleg Brann, Gabrielle Ney  
EM: Paul Waterman, Glen Unger, Robin Ball, Sylvia Firth, Mary Ann Razzano

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Greeter: Bill Hartman, Janet Motta, Leslie Wohlbruck  
Lector: Lauren Lush  
Servers: Sean Bigelow, Jadon & Mark Scheidel  
EM: Tom Dobson, Karen Keenan, Ursita Blechman, Carol Wirkus, Kathleen Minnich

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung  
Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck  
Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Marie Riehl  
EM: Kelly Eichenlaub, Matt Martini, Brock Drahus, Betsy & Bill Offutt

Sacrament of



Confirmation

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**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.

**WELCOMING IN TRUTH & CHARITY—THE CHURCH'S AUTHENTIC TEACHING ON SAME SEX ATTRACTION**

—Everyone is invited to join Bishop Alfred Schlert as he hosts Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk from the National Catholic Bioethics Center on a discussion of the "Church's Authentic Teaching on Same Sex Attraction" on Saturday, June 22 from 10:00 am to 12 noon at Berks Catholic High School Auditorium, 956 E. Wyomissing Blvd. Reading. There will be Q&A discussion included in the morning event. All are welcome. Questions call 610-289-8900, ext. 2021 or email cle@allentowndiocese.org

**SAVE THE DATE—2019 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "WOMEN CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE"** Saturday, October 5 at DeSales University. More details to follow. Any questions call Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763.

**MASS INTENTIONS—**

Our 2019 Mass book is now open.

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.

**WELCOME TO THE SACRAMENTS**

*Myth: People with intellectual disabilities shouldn't receive Holy Communion!*

*Fact: Ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them (USCCB, 2017)*

*Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities* were developed by the USCCB to address many of the concerns raised by persons with disabilities and their families and advocates, and also clergy and other pastoral ministers, for greater consistency in pastoral practice in the celebration of the sacraments. A link is available at [allentowndiocese.org/pwd](http://allentowndiocese.org/pwd), on the right side of the web page, under Resources.

*Low Gluten* hosts are available for those with celiac disease or gluten sensitivity. They can be ordered from 4 providers. More information can be found at [allentowndiocese.org/pwd](http://allentowndiocese.org/pwd) on the right side of the web page, under Resources. Celiac Disease is an auto-immune condition estimated to affect 1 in 133 people in the U.S. causing intolerance to gluten, the protein in wheat.

*Sacramental Instructional Materials* are available for non-verbal individuals.

**WHAT IS FAMILY PROMISE?**

- It is a Berks County outreach service to homeless children and support services for their parents to find housing, work, and financial planning.
- The program can be found in 36 states across the country.
- Houses of worship provide food and overnight accommodations.
- The main downtown office provides showers, laundry, counselors.

**FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- To set up and take down
- To cook a meal and share with guests around 6:30 pm (one volunteer family per night)
- Overnight security 8:30 pm-7:00 am (two volunteer persons per night)
- Or two persons may combine above volunteer services.

**FAMILY PROMISE AT ST. BENEDICT'S July 14-28, 2019. This is our 12th year of opening our doors at St. Benedict's and welcoming homeless children and their parent(s).**

Family Promise is a summertime opportunity to volunteer in the community and be part of a path that helps young families get back on track. Overnight volunteers need all the Diocesan requirements for working with children. For more information or to sign up to volunteer please sign up in the gathering space. Current Census: One Family—1 mom & 2 children. Second Family—another mom with one year old. Any questions call Mary Jo Gordon at 610-621-6042.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S



*Prayer for Fathers:*  
Mighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we thank you for the fathers we have know. For their providence and endurance, their guidance and support, their wisdom and counsel, we give you thanks and praise. Grant

them success in this life and eternal joy with you forever, through Christ our Lord.

**Monday 06/17**  
6:30 PM K of C "Admission Degree" in the FLC

**Tuesday 06/18**  
7:00 PM K of C Cash Bingo Subcommittee meeting in the conference room

**Thursday 06/20**  
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

**Friday 06/21**

**Sunday 06/23**  
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Heather Yohn  
10:30 AM Family Life Group Ice Cream Social after 9:30 Mass  
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7



### COMING EVENTS...

- 06/24-06/28 VBS
- 06/25 Prime Timers meeting/picnic
- 0-6/25 Companions of Pauline meet
- 06/30 Fifth Sunday Rosary

Father Phil will be on retreat this week. These Masses originally scheduled for this week will be said by Father Phil while he is on retreat this week.

- Mary Forrest  
by Pete & Theresa Nelson
- Peter Cossiter, Jr.  
by Michael DiGiacomo & Family
- Bob Fondots  
by Pete & Theresa Nelson
- Christopher Wirkus  
by Jim & Floss Pleitner
- Stephen Mammarella  
by Jim & Sharon Helms

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in honor of Annaliese Novak by son, Jason.



Monday 06/17 Weekday—11th Week in Ordinary Time  
**NO MASS**

Tuesday 06/18 Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Wednesday 06/19 Weekday St. Romauld  
**NO MASS**

Thursday 06/20 Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Friday 06/21 Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Saturday 06/22 Weekday St. Paulinus of Nola,  
St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More  
11:30 AM Mary Jo Gordon & Randy Lewis wedding.  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 06/23 *Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
*(Corpus Christi)*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Sister Kathleen McMullin  
by Gary & Betty Scollick  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM George Trimbur  
by Janet & Stan Kmiec, Jr.  
*Procession after Mass*  
11:15 AM Martin Anstette  
by Carol Anstette

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**CORPUS CHRISTI** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 23. A special outdoor procession and Benediction will take place after the 9:30 Mass. All available Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend and walk in procession, sitting together during Mass. Also all boys and girls in the First Communion class are invited to walk in procession wearing their First Communion clothes. All participants are asked to meet in the gathering space before Mass.