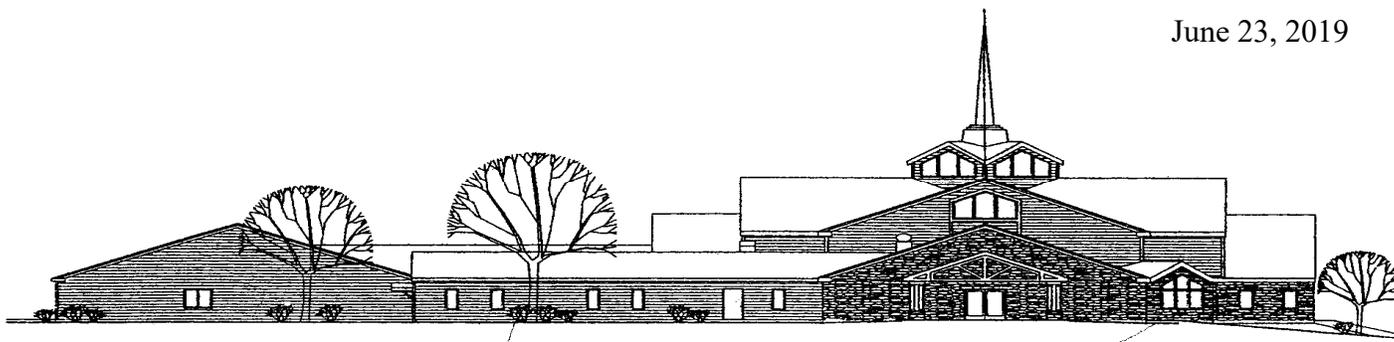


Church of Saint Benedict

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

June 23, 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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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 — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).
Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).
Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution

of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
Gospel — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
- Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

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

Stewardship	06-16-19: \$8,037.00 (208 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 570.00
FLCMortgage	06-16-19: \$1,893.00 (79 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 232.00

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 work to defend the lives of the unborn, the sick, the infirm and the aged: those who defend humanity's inalienable right to life.

PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Baby Isabella, Frances Antosy, 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 soul of *Theresa Nelson, wife of Pete*. May her soul rest in peace.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$26,035.00 from 95 parishioners representing 10.98% 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



ST. BENEDICT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12 noon

PRIME TIMERS PICNIC at the picnic grounds Tuesday June 25 at 12 noon. Join us for an afternoon of good food & fellowship!

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE—The process of discernment for 3 empty seats on Pastoral Council was completed on Sunday, June 16. 13 candidates helped select fellow parishioners to serve on council. The new members are: *Karen Keenan, Mary Alice Newhams and Charles Jones*. Many thanks to all who helped in this process. Next Pastoral Council meeting is this Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 pm in the conference room.



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY - The Knights of Columbus will be leading the *Rosary before all Masses* the weekend of June 29 & 30. We will begin praying the

Rosary approximately 17 minutes before the start of Mass. Please join us in praying the rosary for healing in our country.



PARISH FEAST DAY is Thursday, July 11. The summer feast of St. Benedict will be celebrated at 6:00 pm Mass at the picnic grounds. Our special festivities will include a pot-luck picnic after Mass. The K of C members will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. The Women's Club

will organize the food tables and provide drinks. Parishioners 80 years and older will be honored. A special honoree will be named.

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. **Please Note:** Classes are limited, first come, first served. 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”.

BABY SHOWER—Catholic Charities is in urgent need of *new only—cannot be used or gently used* infant summer clothing! Boys and girls infant clothing sizes newborn to 12 months. Clothing may be dropped off at our Berks County service location at 234 Grace Street, Reading, PA. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of *Ruth & Lester Harner* by *G. Alfiero*

Liturgical Ministers - June 29 & 30

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak
Lector: Stephanie Hartline
Servers: Paul Avadonian, Allison & Natalie Clayton
EM: Frank Burns, Wendy Clayton, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Helen MacMinn, Debra Mazzarelli
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Greeter: Gerald Braddick
Lector: Cecelia Kacmar
Servers: Dalton Maiers, Emily Angelo, Bryce Shelly
EM: Mary Ann Razzano, Mary Kozak, Robin Ball, Sylvia Firth, Paul Waterman
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Greeter: Jim Gregor, Kim McCarthy, Mary Messner
Lector: Anna Welch
Servers: Sarah Williams, Michael Lee, Bryanna Gallagher
EM: Jeannette Bunch, Ray Clapper, Bo Kuszniir, Joy Bandy, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Marie Blimline
Servers: Nicholas Barse, Riley Knapp, Christopher Mangan
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Gary Scollick, Sister Eileen, Father Phil

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.

WELCOME HOME VETERANS

Myth: The church has nothing to offer returning veterans. Fact: Churches can be helpful in the readjustment process by understanding what soldiers and their families experience when they reunite.

Supporting Returning Veterans:

1. *Make your parish "military friendly".* Acknowledge parishioners who are in the military, post photos and organize prayer teams.
2. *Reach out to military families during separations.* Include pastoral calls and offer practical help. Teachers and youth ministers may make a special effort to reach out to children who feel the trauma of separation from a parent.
3. *Reach out to deployed soldiers.* Send the weekly parish bulletin, handwritten notes, and care packages to let them know they are not forgotten.
4. *When a soldier comes home, welcome them.* Acknowledge the sacrifice both the vet and their family have made.
5. *Support beyond the yellow ribbon.* It will take a long time for the family and soldier to rebuild their lives after the fire of war. With the help of their church, over time, the family can grow into a new normal.
6. *Be alert for signs of distress.* Don't assume if a soldier and their family attend Mass regularly that everything is going well. Express concern and refer to community resources as needed.

National Catholic Partnership on Disability

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.

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 Teafor at 610-207-5763.

MISSION CO-OP NEXT WEEKEND—The Society of Christu Jyothi Sisters (Sisters of Christ the Light) was founded in 1992 by the late Bishop, Most Rev. S. A. Aruliah (and Msgr. Chitta Thomas, then Vicar General) in the Diocese of Cuddapah (Kadapa), Andhra Pradesh, India. Our charism is to radiate the light of Christ in loving service through a life of contemplation and action. We follow the Rule of St. Benedict. We are striving our best to live his Motto "Pray and Work". We stand by the voiceless, the weak, the marginalized and those considered "unwanted" in the society to restore their human dignity. Our apostolate consists of evangelization, formal and non-formal education, women empowerment, care of orphans, child laborers, school dropouts, the sick and elderly, and the hearing and speech impaired. We are also involved in pastoral and prison ministry. We take up any apostolate as the Lord guides us according to the signs of the time and needs of the people.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 06/24

9:00 AM-12 Noon VBS
7:00 PM Disability Committee meets in the conference room



Tuesday 06/25

9:00 AM-12 Noon VBS
12 Noon Prime Timers Picnic at the picnic grounds
7:00 PM Companions of Pauline meet in the conference room

Wednesday 06/26

9:00 AM-12 Noon VBS

Thursday 06/27

9:00 AM-12 Noon VBS
7:00 PM Pastoral Council meeting in the conference room
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Friday 06/28

9:00 AM-12 Noon VBS

Sunday 06/30

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.
Leader: Lauren Machion
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7

COMING EVENTS...

- 07/01 K of C General meeting
- 07/06 Ultreya meets
- 07/06 Lay Missionaries of Charity meet
- 07/07 "Hospitality Sunday"
- 07/08 St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
- 07/14-07/28 Family Promise at St. Benedict's

MASS INTENTIONS—

Our 2019 Mass book is now open. 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.

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



Monday 06/24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
6:30 PM Michael Kozak

by Marie Blimline

Tuesday 06/25 Weekday (12th Week in Ordinary Time)
8:00 AM Bob Pouleson

by the Prime Timers

Wednesday 06/26 Weekday
8:00 AM Janet Gardano

by Gary & Betty Scollick

Thursday 06/27 Weekday St. Cyril of Alexandria
6:30 PM William C. "Tracy" Dougherty

by M/M Robert Joyce

Friday 06/28

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM Sylvia Kane
by Jim & Sharon Helms



Saturday 06/29 Sts. Peter & Paul
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 06/30 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary will be recited before each Mass

5:00 PM (Saturday) Samuel Guido
by Bill & Treasa Schools

8:00 AM Gertrude Firth
by Mary Jo Gordon

9:30 AM Christopher Wirkus
by Tim & Robinn Reidel

11:15 AM People of the Parish

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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