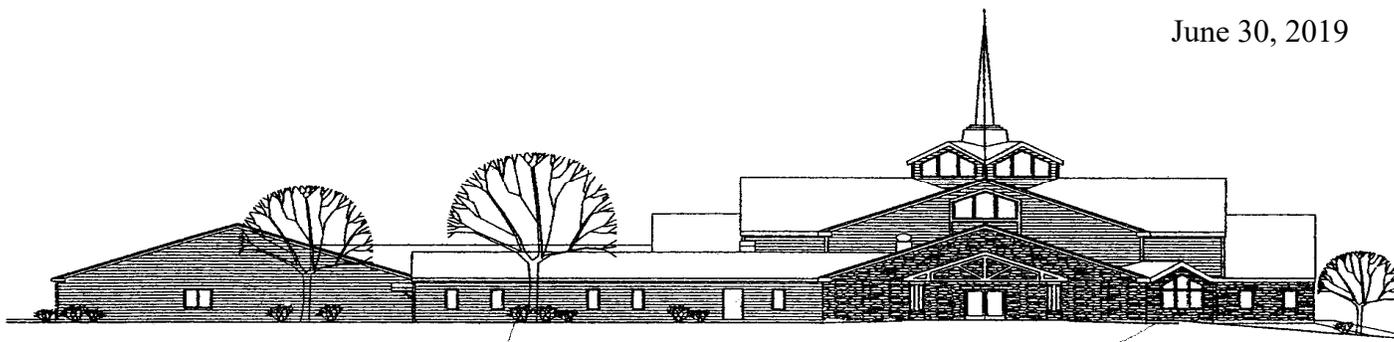


Church of Saint Benedict

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

June 30, 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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Church of St. Benedict

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

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www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

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

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

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

Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor

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610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

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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, 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 — Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — Go and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:51-62).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service".

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	06-23-19: \$8,263.00 (231 envelopes)
FLCMortgage	06-23-19: \$1,929.75 (96 envelopes)

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.

PARISH CONTACT DIRECTORY

All parish groups welcome new members. Please feel free to contact leaders for more information.

- AD Cursillo - Mary Messner - 610-775-3154*
- Adult Altar Servers - Frank Burns - 610-913-6630*
- Altar Servers - Michelle Steinbrecher - 484-529-0562*
- Bereavement Ministry - Judy Campion - 610-775-7782*
- Book Club - Anita Harrison - 610-777-4230*
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Valerie Christo - 610-856-5146*
- CYO - Mark Brezina - 610-582-0835*
- Disabilities Coordinator - Brooke Frech - 610-777-7111*
- Eucharistic Ministers - Tom Henefer - 610-603-9196*
- Family Life - Amy Basehoar—610-554-2556*
- Food Pantry - Rosanne Weidner - 610-286-5568*
- Friendly Visitors - Treesa Schools - 610-207-6644*
- Gardens - Cecelia Kacmar - 610-856-1394*
- Greeters - Diane Roulston - 610-775-6550*
- Knights of Columbus - Richard Conte - 610-223-8846*
- Landings - Lee & Joy Bandy - 610-709-6509*
- Lectors - Susan Teaford - 610-207-5763*
- Liturgical Scheduling - Jim Helms - 610-856-7355*
- Ministry to Divorced Catholics - Joseph Boylan - 610-781-6415*
- Music Ministry—Andrew Angstadt—610-451-5664*
- Parish Outreach - Ellie Albright - 610-763-9528*
- Pastoral Council - Kathy Minnich - 610-796-9939*
- Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402*
- Picnic Grove & FLC Rentals - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575*
- Prayer Chain & Shawls - Sylvia Firth - 610-286-5714*
- PREP/Catechists—Valerie Christo—610-856-5146*
- Prime Timers - Paul Wirkus - 610-913-0910*
- Property Committee—Steven Keech—484-947-3143*
- RCIA - Mark Schrum/Father Phil - 610-856-1006*
- Respect Life - Mary Newhams - 610-777-3858*
- Rosary Group - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-1006*
- St. Vincent de Paul - Carol Nygard—484-794-0428*
- For Food - 484-336-4665 (c)*
- Stewardship Committee—John Bergandino—610-960-4318*
- Ushers - John Coccia - 610-404-0712*
- Vocations Ministry - Sandy Bach - 610-273-7685*
- Women's Club - Lillian Meyers - 610-856-1215*
- Women's Spirituality Group - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402*
- Youth Group - Abby Pressimone-Canela—610-769-1599*

K OF C BUDGET MEETING Tuesday, July 2 at 7:00 pm in the conference room



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.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for those who work for an end to the culture of death and especially for our brothers and sisters from other churches, ecclesial communions, and religions, that love for the Gospel of Life might draw us closer in Christ.

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”.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Carlo Guglielmo by Mary Ann & Ernie Ferrese

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$47,282.00 from 109 parishioners representing 12.60% 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



Congratulations to Randy Lewis & Mary Jo Gordon who were recently married at St. Benedict's.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD MOBILE will be at our picnic grounds on August 3 (at our Chicken-BBQ) from 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Visit www.GIVEaPINT.org for online scheduling, Sponsor Code 4952. For more information contact Susan Teaford at 610-856-1006. *Live Here, Give Here, Stays Here!*

Liturgical Ministers - July 06-07

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak
Lector: Marie Blimline
Servers: Mary Henefer, Allison & Natalie Clayton
EM: George Bach, Tom Dobson, Tom Henefer, Wendy Clayton, Debra Mazzarelli
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Greeter: Gerald Braddick
Lector: Brent Musser
Servers: Sydney Machion, Gabrielle Ney, Monique Baj
EM: Mary Ann Razzano, Joe Boylan, Sylvia Firth, Chris & Crystal Stein
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Greeter: Jim Gregor, Mary Messner
Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
Servers: Adam Brezina, Jadon & Mark Scheidel
EM: Robin Ball, Mark Brezina, Kelly Leininger, Carol Wirkus, Kathleen Minnich
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Emily Coppa
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Nora & Sam Coppa
EM: John Cocco, Betsy & Bill Offutt, Sister Eileen, Carie Leggett

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.

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.

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" BREAKFAST BUFFET at the Geigertown Fire Company, 3433 Hay Creek Road on Sunday, July 7 from 7:00-11:00 am. The fire company needs and appreciates your support!

OFFICE FOR MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Myth: Our parish is on its own if we need help!

Fact: The diocese offers parishes support to assist in the inclusion of pwd into their spiritual community.

In the Diocese of Allentown we recognize the unique gifts individuals with disabilities have to offer the Church and society. Through our programs and services, we welcome persons with disabilities into full participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

You Are Not Alone Ministry— If a prenatal diagnosis is adverse...there is help.

Parish Advocacy—A Parish Advocate acts on behalf of pwd to ensure all are invited to share in the life of their parish. The OMWPD provides support, training and materials for advocates.

Deaf Apostolate—Interpreted Masses for the Deaf are offered.

Services for Adults with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities— Annual retreat and trip are offered.

NUN RUN 5K and 1M Fun Walk 2019 September 21 at Sacred Heart Villa, 51 Seminary Avenue, Reading, PA.

Bring your family and friends to benefit the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart! Register as an individual or a team online at www.mscreading.org by August 28 to guarantee your dry fit Nun Run t-shirt! Registration is \$25 before race day; \$30 on race day. Email Carrie at cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org with questions, to register or to become an event sponsor! Enjoy exercise, music and fun for a good cause! Thank you for your support.

KOLBE ACADEMY—ENROLLING NOW! Recognizing the critical need to provide spiritual, academic and emotional development for students who are in recovery from addiction, the Diocese of Allentown will open the nation's first faith-based recovery high school this August. Kolbe Academy, opening at the former St. Francis Academy in Bethlehem, PA is now enrolling students in need for the Fall of 2019 from all faiths from all five counties of the Diocese: Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill, and beyond. Kolbe Academy will serve students in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 and will provide a quality Catholic education that meets the state requirements for high school graduation and sustains and nurtures the spirit of each student on their journey of recovery. For more information, please visit the school website at www.kolbe-academy.com or email Principal Petruzzelli about enrollment at principal@kolbe-academy.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Tuesday 07/02

7:00 PM K of C Budget meeting in the conference room

Thursday 07/04

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room



Prayer for the Nation:

Lord God., you have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Save us from violence, discord and confusion. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues.

—Thomas Jefferson

Saturday 07/06

**9:00 AM Ultreya meets in the conference room
Lay Missionaries of Charity meet in classroom #1**

Sunday 07/07

**“Hospitality Sunday”
hosted by Cursillo**

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



COMING EVENTS...

- 07/08 St. Vincent de Paul Society meets**
- 07/12 Youth Group Breakfast**
- 07/14-07/28 Family Promise at St. Benedict's**
- 07/15 K of C Officers meeting**
- 07/23 Prime Timers monthly meeting**
- 07/23 Companions of Pauline meet**

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Thomas Laity by Joanne Laity



Monday 07/01 St. Junipero Serra

6:30 PM Theresa Nelson

by St. Benedict Parish

Tuesday 07/02 Weekday

8:00 AM Bob Fondots

by John & Mimi Frank

Wednesday 07/03 St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 AM Gary Kelly

by Gary & Betty Scollick

Thursday 07/04 Weekday

9:00 AM Pat DeHaven

by Sandy & Jim Kozlowski

Friday 07/05 Weekday *First Friday*

St. Anthony Zaccaria & St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 AM Sister Kathleen McMullin O.S.F

by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 07/06 Weekday *First Saturday*

St. Maria Goretti

9:00 AM Rose Marie Goldberg

by Joseph & Gloria Gombar

Rosary will be recited after Mass

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 07/07 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Mike & Marie Soltis

by Kathy Appleton

8:00 AM

Rite Braddick-Kaplan

by Gerald & Jane Ann Braddick

9:30 AM

Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society

11:15 AM

People of the Parish

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MASS INTENTIONS—

Our 2020 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.



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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.