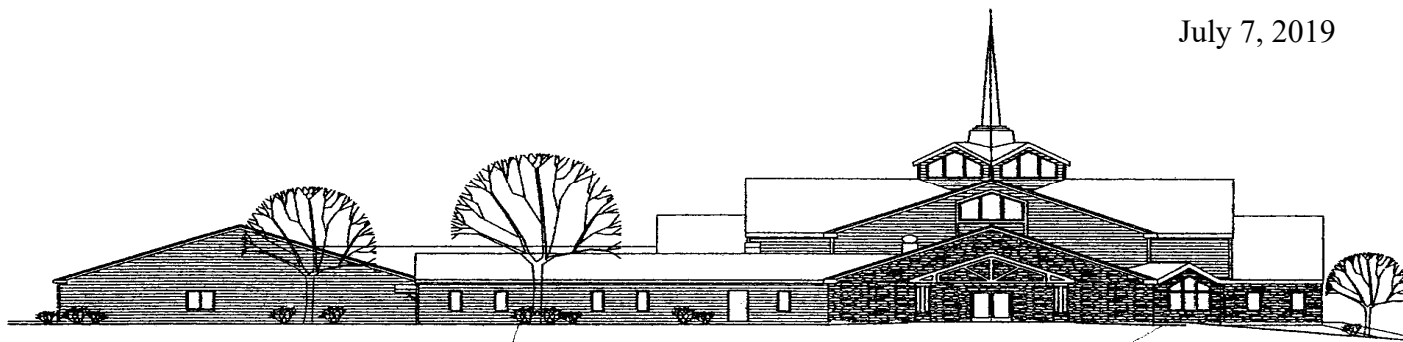


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

July 7, 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](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

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Andrew Angstadt..... Music Director

Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy

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, 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** —As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-

18).

**Gospel** — Jesus sends out the seventy-two (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“The harvest is rich,” Jesus tells the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, “but the workers are few”. The situation is the same today. How can I help with God’s harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

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

Stewardship	06-30-19:	\$9,591.00	(229 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,880.00	
FLCMortgage	06-30-19:	\$3,014.75	(96 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 972.00	
Peter’s Pence	06-16-19:	\$1,637.00	(95 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 105.00	

**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.

**RESPECT**



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

We pray for all who work for life that they might be assured of our gratitude and prayers for the holy work they do.

**2019 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Baby bottles may be returned this weekend or 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”.

**PRAYER LIST.....**

*For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Baby Isabella, Rich Ball, 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, Peggy Condon-Vance, 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 parishioner, *Rose Balestra; Frances Antosy, mother of Colleen Kowalczyk, aunt of Jean Ruhl.* May their souls rest in peace.

**THE VOICE OF THE LORD**

What is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us? —St. Benedict

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING**  
Monday, July 8 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.

**A SLICE OF PARISH HISTORY**

For 20 years the Benedictine Monks ministered to the people in this area. Sadly, the monks were called back to Wisconsin and a diocesan priest was assigned to St. Benedict's. Robeson Lutheran Church opened their doors and enabled the Catholics to gather for Sunday Mass while the new church was being built. The first Catholic Mass celebrated at Robeson Lutheran Church was on November 5, 1972. For the next two years "Plow Church" sheltered our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Daily Mass was offered in the quaint Gates' Candy Kitchen turned chapel. This candy kitchen is now a storage building located on the property of Wayne & Marie Mast.

**K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES  
JULY—WITNESSING FAITH**

The theme for July is witnessing to the Faith. Because families play an indispensable role in the new evangelization, we want to share our faith with other families and those who are far away from God. Holiness in the family is a response of love to the graces God lavishes upon them every day through the sacrament of matrimony. This gift from God also summons to constant growth in grace. The project includes inviting someone to a church spiritual exercise, such as Mass, Adoration, etc. It also calls for sharing ideas for small sacrifices or offerings for others in the Family. 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.



**SUMMER FESTIVAL** plans are coming along. Mark your calendars for the social event of the summer on August 3 - *St. Benedict's Summer Festival*.

**CHICKEN DINNER** tickets will be available every Sunday in July after all the Masses. Tickets are \$12.00 per dinner. Dinners include

1/2 grilled BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, roll, applesauce and a drink.

**HAPPY VOLUNTEERS** are needed to staff our Summer Festival. Please check the sign-up sheets in the gathering space. We would appreciate if parishioners would consider serving a two-hour shift. Over 400 volunteers are needed to run a successful festival.

**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. Any questions please call Valerie Christo, DRE at 610-856-5146.

**Liturgical Ministers - July 13 & 14**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Stephanie Hartline  
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman  
EM: Frank Burns, Karen Keenan, Matt Martini, Rick McCarty., Ursita Blechman

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Greeter: Clara Lush  
Lector: Brian Heath  
Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Oleg Brann  
EM: Joy & Lee Bandy, Mary Kozak, Cindy Miller, Father Phil

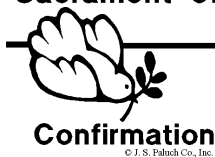
**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Greeter: Janet Motta, Lil Meyers  
Lector: Julie Angstadt  
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger  
EM: Wendy Clayton, Tom Culbert, Betsy Offutt, Chris Stein, Father Phil

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung  
Lector: Kathy Appleton  
Servers: Nicholas Barse, Riley Knapp, Robert Silver  
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Gary Scolllick, Bo Kuszniir

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION OUTING** is being planned for August 6 at 6:00 pm. All current altar servers are welcome to join Father Phil on Tuesday, August 6 for Miniature Golf and Ice Cream at Schells on the Fifth Street Highway. Please sign up at the table in the gathering space. We will depart from St. Benedict's at 6:00 pm. Parent drivers are needed. Please see Father Phil.

**EAGLE SCOUT** is the highest rank that can be attained by Scouts. Less than 6% of youth who join Scouting earn this honor. *Congratulations to Matthew Silver* who attained this honor!



**SAVE THE DATE -  
AUGUST 3  
63rd SUMMER FESTIVAL**

This will be our 63rd Festival (August 3) and the committee needs your help.

**WHITE ELEPHANT TREASURES-FLEA MARKET ITEMS** are only accepted the week of the festival at the picnic grounds. NO computers, TV's, exercise equipment or clothing (includes shoes & boots!).

**CAKE STAND--**Get out your favorite recipes for cakes, pies, cookies, jellies, jams, pickles, etc. and plan to bake up a storm for our cake stand.

**CRAFTERS** for the Summer Festival. Any crafter who would like to be part of our Summer Festival please contact Frank Burns at 610-256-2969.

**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](http://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!*

*Please pray that God will bless us with a beautiful, warm, sunny day and He will protect and guide us in all we do!*

**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](http://www.kolbe-academy.com) or email Principal Petruzzelli about enrollment at [principal@kolbe-academy.com](mailto:principal@kolbe-academy.com)

# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

## Monday 07/08

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

## Thursday 07/11

St. Benedict Feast Day—Mass at 6:00 pm at the picnic grounds followed by Pot Luck  
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

## Friday 07/12

Youth Group Breakfast in the FLC

## Sunday 07/14

Family Promise at St. Benedict's thru July 28  
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7

### COMING EVENTS...

- 07/15 K of C Officers meeting
- 07/23 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 07/23 Companions of Pauline meet

**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.



*Altar Flowers* this weekend in memory of Mildred Loeper by Donald Loeper.

**MATH TEACHER—Berks Catholic High School** has an opening for a math teacher, Grades 9-12. Be part of something special! E-mail resume and clearances to [ainolf@berkscatholic.org](mailto:ainolf@berkscatholic.org) by July 15.

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the health of Dianne Cooper by Sandy & Jim Kozlowski*



Monday 07/08 Weekday

6:30 PM Bob Fondots

by Ralph & Sandy Maio

Tuesday 07/09 Weekday

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

8:00 AM Elizabeth Voelker

by Christine Stubenrauch-Studlack

Wednesday 07/10 Weekday

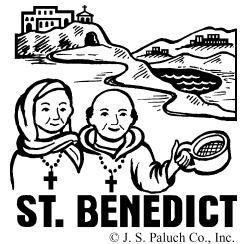
6:30 PM Margaret Sabol

by Clara Lush & Family

Thursday 07/11 St. Benedict

6:00 PM All Benedictine

Religious, Living & Deceased



Friday 07/12 Weekday

8:00 AM Alfred Mittnacht

by Jack Mittnacht

*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 07/13 Weekday

St. Henry

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 07/14 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Paul Radosza

by Terry Grundman

8:00 AM

Mary Carr

by Robin Ball

9:30 AM

In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted

by Terry Grundman

11:15 AM

Sr. Kathleen McMullin

by Sandy Kozlowski

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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.*

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