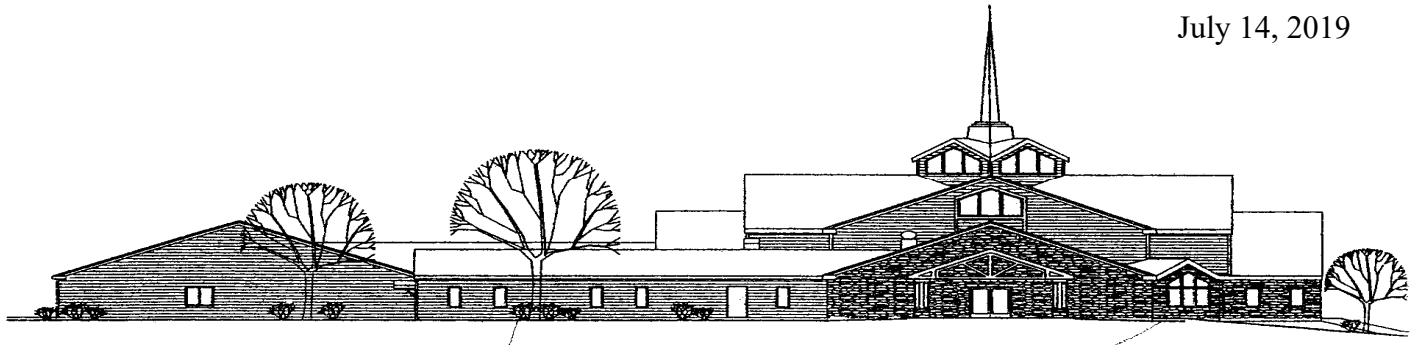


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

July 14, 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

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[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)  
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[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  
Andrew Angstadt..... Music Director  
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy  
Susan Teaford..... Parish Secretary  
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Anne Long..... Bookkeeper  
Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor  
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610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website  
[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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 — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalms — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or Psalm 19.

Second Reading — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of the familiar story, Jesus urges His hearers—and us—to go and do the same!

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation



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.

RESPECT



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for a growing love of each human person from conception to natural death.

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, Kelly Reagan, 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.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Cecilia M. Smith by the Smith Family

ST. BENEDICT SAYS: "Do not love quarreling; shun arrogance. Respect the elders and love the young. Pray for your enemies out of love for Christ. If you have a dispute with someone, make peace before the sun goes down. And finally, never lose hope in Gods mercy".

**K OF C OFFICERS' MEETING** Monday, July 15 at 7:00 pm in the RMR

**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 bulletin board by the main entrance. We will depart from St. Benedict's at 6:00 pm. Parent drivers are needed. Please see Father Phil.

**DID U EVER CONSIDER CRUISING THE PANAMA CANAL?** I am joining Father Don Henry on January 4, 2020 on the Windstar sailing schooner for a week of cruising, ending in Costa Rica. If you have any interest in a brochure or more information, please call Berkshire Travel and ask for Kathy at 800-223-3884 or email Kathy at bta-groups@gmail.com ALL are welcome!  
*Father Phil*

**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.

**COME & SEE WEEKEND AT THE CONVENT**—Do you want to understand see what it is like to be a Religious Sister? You are invited to Come & See the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence at the Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson on Friday August 2 to Sunday August 4 at 1:00 pm. Who? Single women ages 18-35 interested in exploring religious life. What? Reflections on God's Call, vocation stories from the Sisters, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Sr. Brenda McHugh at DSMP.Vocations@gamil.com or call 847-494-2982 to register.

*Dear Friends,  
Blessings of peace and joy in the Lord!  
On behalf of our community, Sisters of Christ the Light, I extend my sincere gratitude to Rev. Philip Rodgers and to each one of you for your prayers and support for our mission in India. Mrs. Susan Trammell had a very unique and enriching experience at St. Benedict. I greatly appreciate you for your goodness and generosity. Your prayers and generous donations will carry God's love to the poor especially to our Deaf and Mute Children. You will be remembered in our prayers. May God bless you all abundantly. Please continue to pray for us and support us in our endeavors in making Christ known and loved.  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Sister Agnes Mathew*

**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 20-21**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak  
Lector: Anna Welch  
Servers: A.J. Crisi, Regan McClure, Sarah Williams  
EM: George Bach, Mark Brezina, Kelly Leininger, Helen MacMinn, Debra Mazzarelli

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Greeter: Gerald Braddick  
Lector: Lauren Lush  
Servers: Sydney Machion, Gabrielle Ney, Dalton Maiers  
EM: Joe Boylan, Crystal & Chris Stein, Glenn Unger, Sylvia Firth

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Greeter: Jim Gregor  
Lector: Susan Teaford  
Servers: Mary Henefer, Jadon & Mark Scheidel  
EM: Jeannette Bunch, Topm Henefer, Ursita Blechman, Rick McCarty, Paul Waterman

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung  
Lector: Cami Beyer  
Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Maria Riehl  
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Betsy & Bill Offutt, Sister Eileen



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

**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.

**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!).

**AUCTION** - New or slightly used items for the auction can be placed in the education wing classroom.

**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 Wendy Maiers at 610-698-9831

**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!*

**DINNER TICKETS** are \$12.00 and includes: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cob of corn, dinner roll, applesauce and drink. Dinner tickets may be purchased after all the Masses or at the parish office.

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

**WHOSE JOB IS IT?**

This is a story about four people named: *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*. There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that, because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done. We need YOU to make our Summer Festival/Chicken Barbecue a success!

**Travelers' Prayer:**



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*Father, as we journey these next days, keep us in your loving care. Protect us from danger, from mechanical failure and from violent storms. Make us wise and prudent around water and in the woods or mountains, Give us respect for nature, so that we neither defy its power nor defile its beauty. Help us to be kind to one another and to enter in the relaxation of this trip with joyful hearts. May we return home more thankful, more generous, and more mindful of your blessings. We ask, too, that you bless all travelers with the same protection and kindness. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S**

**Monday 07/15**

**Family Promise at St. Benedict's thru July 28  
7:00 PM K of C Officers meeting in the RMR**

**Thursday 07/18**

**8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room**

**Sunday 07/21**

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

**COMING EVENTS...**

- 07/23 Prime Timers monthly meeting**
- 07/23 Companions of Pauline meet**
- 08/03 63rd Summer Festival/Chicken BBQ**
- 08/06 Altar Server Appreciation Outing**
- 08/10-11 Kennedy House Soup Kitchen**

**GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN**

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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 [aeinolf@berkscatholic.org](mailto:aeinolf@berkscatholic.org) by July 15.

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Anna Elinausky by Cecelia & Bob Kacmar*



Monday 07/15 St. Bonaventure  
6:30 PM Carl Zukosky  
by the Beecham Family

Tuesday 07/16 Weekday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*  
8:00 AM Jennifer Welch  
by Mary & Gary Welsh Family

Wednesday 07/17 Weekday  
8:00 AM Diane Pawlewicz  
by Charlie & Patty Jones

Thursday 07/18 Weekday St. Camilus de Lellis  
6:30 PM Christopher Wirkus  
by Clara Lush

Friday 07/19 Weekday  
8:00 AM Charles Campion  
by Judy Campion-Burns  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 07/20 Weekday St. Apolinaris  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 07/21 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish  
8:00 AM Helen Reidel  
by Marian Gring  
9:30 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society  
11:15 AM Connie O'Brien & daughter, Aileen O'Conner  
by John & Mimi Frank

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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*