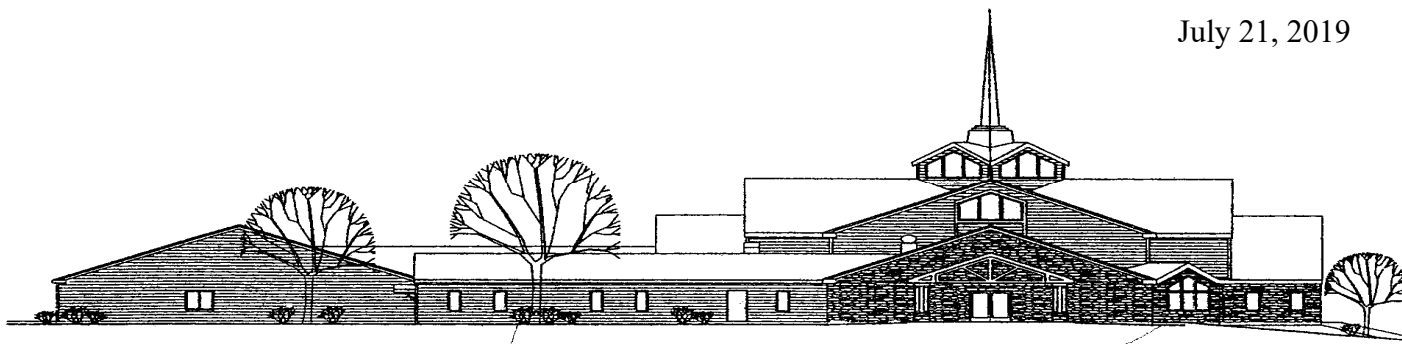


Church of Saint Benedict

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

July 21, 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 — Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has

been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	07-07-19: \$10,675.00 (232 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 385.00
	07-14-19: \$ 7,355.00 (210 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 385.00
FLCMortgage	07-07-19: \$ 6,662.50 (101 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 122.00
	07-14-19: \$ 1,879.50 (78 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 122.00

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.

RESPECT



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray that the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, might be enshrined and protected in our laws.

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.

PRAYER TO ST. BENEDICT FOR PEACE:

St. Benedict, you were a man of peace. Through your powerful intercession with God help us to be peacemakers.

Aid us to work for peace, to take the first step in ending bitterness, to be the first to hold out our hands in friendship and forgiveness.

Help us to achieve peace; peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our sorely troubled world.

And at the end of our lives obtain for us the reward of peacemakers, the eternal blessed vision of God in heaven. Amen.

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, July 23 at 1:00 pm in the FLC. Please join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship!

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.

ST. BENEDICT'S CYO—Registration is currently open for CYO Fall Sports, Cross Country (K-8), Golf (6-8) and Volleyball (4-8) and will remain open for the next week or so as practices for Fall can technically begin August 1. Please go to the CYO website <https://www.lasallecyo.com/> and click on the Register 2019 Fall Player Registration link on our homepage. There is a \$25 registration fee per sport.

LA SALLE OPEN GYM—Now that we have gotten into the summer, the following dates are being offered by grade range to come in for open gym. The dates that show for Kindergarten thru 3rd grade, we ask that an adult accompany the student during the open gym and participate during the activities. For the dates that include 4th grade thru 8th grade students, parents are welcome to stay and participate but it is not required.

Monday, July 22 6:00-8:00 pm—4th-8th grade

Wednesday, July 24 6:00-8:00 pm -4th -8th grade

Friday, July 26 6:00-8:00 pm K-3rd grade (including a parent

Monday, July 29 6:00-8:00 pm 4th-8th grade

Wednesday, July 31 6:00-8:00 pm K-3rd grade (including a parent). This date is also the next time our Scholar Athletes are able to have their logs sign off either from 9:00-11:00 am at the school office or during open gym in the evening.

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 at St. Benedict's Church,

Thank you for the generous donation that you gave to Kennedy House. We appreciate your faithful support of our work. You help to make it possible for us by serving warm meals to the less fortunate in our city of Reading every weekend and providing bags of groceries and opening our clothing thrift shop and helping other emergencies of needy families.

God bless you and your family. Have a blessed summer.

Sincerely,
Sister Eloina Alvarez, P.S.S.J.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Berks Catholic students who received honors for the 4th quarter:

Distinguished Honors: *Mariella Frisina, Mary Kinsey, Jasmine Slusser.*

First Honors: *Jillian Avadanian, Dale Belville, Adam Brezina, Gina Coccia, Cristian Eichenlaub, Megan Hatcher, Robert Silver.*

Second Honors: *Paul Avadanian, Niko Sarangoulis.*



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Madeline & William Simpson by M/M Harry Giordano.

Liturgical Ministers - July 27-28

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Chris Mensak
Servers: Paul Avadanian, Abby Thatcher, Michael Lee
EM: George Bach, Frank Burns, Helen MacMinn, Tom Culbert, Bo Kuszniir

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Sylvia Firth
Servers: Oleg Brann, Monique Baj, Dalton Maiers
EM: Cindy Miller, Ray Clapper, Robin Ball, Joy & Lee Bandy

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Kim McCarthy, Janet Motta
Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Gina Coccia, Bryanna Gallagher, Emily Ward
EM: Tom Dobson, Karen Keenan, Gary Scollick, Glenn Unger, Father Phil

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Sister Eileen
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Christopher Mangan, Megan Vance
EM: John Cocco, Sister Eileen, Matt Martini, Rich Conte, Father Phil



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.

DONATION ENVELOPES—Each envelope designates an item and its monetary value. Please take an envelope and either place cash or a check payable to St. Benedict's and place it in the collection basket anytime during July. This will help us defray our expenses. **PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THE ITEM!**

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS—Check the prizes—tickets for the raffle may be purchased in the gathering space next to the display of prizes.

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. Sign up sheet with times for donations is in the gathering space.

UTENSIL WRAPPING for the Summer Festival Dinner will take place on Monday, July 29 at 6:30 pm at the picnic grounds. ALL help is welcome!

FESTIVAL AUCTION—We are happy to announce that an *upright piano* has been given to us for our Summer Festival Auction. The auction on August 3 begins at 1:00 pm.

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!

LA SALLE ACADEMY NEWS:

VOLUNTEERS AT LSA: Do you love cafeteria food and helping children feel great about life? Then we want you to volunteer with us in the school cafeteria and around the school. Based in developmental research, La Salle Academy students go to recess after morning work and then go to lunch. We crunch and munch and calm down from being outside in our big backyard for recess Prekindergarten through 8th grade. We say grace after meals and then get back to work in the afternoon. We need friendly volunteers to serve our awesome lunches and help keep the cafeteria ready for each lunch period. Contact the school for more information (610-777-7392). LSA volunteers range in age from 18 to 101 years old (not kidding).

DUE TO INCREASED ENROLLMENT LA SALLE ACADEMY HAS OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

Substitute Teachers—Preschool, PreK, and K-8th grade, per-diem

Pre-school Teacher— Part Time

Library Media Specialist- Part Time

Middle School Science Teacher—Full Time

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Interested candidates should download and complete the diocesan teaching application which will include the list of necessary clearances and required application documents, available on the school and diocesan web sites, www.lsabear.com and www.allentowndiocese.org Send completed application materials to Mr. Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed., Principal, 440 Holland Street, Shillington, PA 19607 or scan and e-mail application documents to Mickulik@lsabear.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Anthony & Andrew Morrell by Mary Morrell

Monday 07/22

Family Promise at St. Benedict's thru July 28

Tuesday 07/23

1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the FLC

7:00 PM Companions of Pauline meet in the conference room

Thursday 07/25

7:00 PM Finance Committee meeting in the conference room

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Sunday 07/28

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

COMING EVENTS...

07/29 Utensil Wrapping

08/03 63rd Summer Festival/Chicken BBQ

08/03 Lay Missionaries of Charity meet

08/05 K of C General meeting

08/06 Altar Server Appreciation Outing

08/10-11 Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

08/11 Hospitality Sunday

08/12 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

08/15 Feast of the Assumption of the BVM

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.



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Monday 07/22 St. Mary Magdalene
6:30 PM Anthony Sellari

by Clara Lush

Tuesday 07/23 Weekday St. Bridget
8:00 AM Gwendolyn Aveni

by Walter & Marsha Maryniak

Wednesday 07/24 Weekday St. Sharbel Makhluf
8:00 AM Gertrude & Joseph Hayer

by Jack Mittnacht

Thursday 07/25 St. James, Apostle
6:30 PM Butch Karnoval

by Mary Jo Gordon

Friday 07/26 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM
8:00 AM Joseph James Clark

by the Dupell Family

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 07/27 Weekday
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 07/28 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Christopher Wirkus

by Rick & Jean Ruhl

8:00 AM People of the Parish

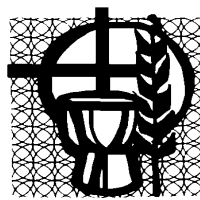
9:30 AM Bob Fondots

by Paul & Carol Wirkus

11:15 AM Bob Pouleson

by John & Mimi Frank

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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