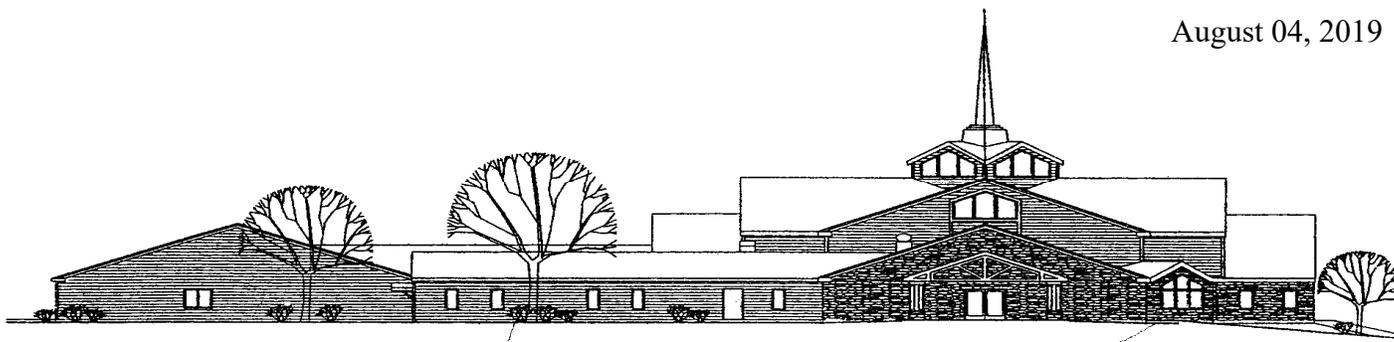


Church of Saint Benedict

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

August 04, 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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Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

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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 — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to *do* something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to *listen* to Jesus—and then act!

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

Stewardship	07-28-19:	\$8,399.00	(226 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 385.00	
FLCMortgage	07-28-19:	\$ 1,669.50	(91 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 122.00	

SCAM: GIFT CARD REQUESTS FROM PASTORS— Please be advised of the latest SCAM that recently occurred at one of our parishes: Parishioners reported receiving text messages and emails from the Pastor. The scamming individual pretended to be the Pastor and requested that parishioners purchase gift cards in large denominations for an ailing and/or struggling friend. The scamming individual claimed that he was unable to do it himself because he was in a meeting at the Diocese. The parishioners were also asked to scratch the back of the gift card to obtain the PIN code prior to texting a picture of the card back to the individual.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for those deprived of their human needs and their human rights that they may be given the dignity which God confers on all His people.

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, 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.



Congratulations to Taylor & Justin Folk who were recently married at St. Benedict's.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP, DOUGLASSVILLE at Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Douglassville in the church social hall Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 pm. To register call Dawn O'Donnell at 610-582-3880.

KENNEDY HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN - Volunteers are needed to staff the soup kitchen on Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11. Our SVDP Society will coordinate our volunteer efforts to prepare a hot dinner for over 100 persons each day. Sign up sheet is available at the display in the gathering area.



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**DATE CHANGE -
ALTAR SERVER OUTING**
has been changed to August 13
at 6:00 pm. All current altar

servers are welcome to join Father Phil on Tuesday, August 13 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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CULTURE PROJECT—On Sunday, August 11 after the 11:15 Mass the Council is sponsoring a luncheon for Laura Riebe and the Culture Project. Laura will be at all the Masses that Sunday to highlight her work with the Culture Project and after the lunch she will make a more detailed presentation. Her work was with the Toledo Diocese helping teenagers establish respect for themselves and their bodies. Free will offerings can be made for the Culture Project. Lunch will be hamburgers/hot dogs and “fixins”. Please sign up in the gathering space in order to estimate the amount of food.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND—Father Phil will offer the Sacraments of Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick to all our homebound parishioners. If you are aware of anyone that would like a visit, please call the parish office (610-856-1006).



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Bus Trip

ST. BENEDICT PRIME TIMERS invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 10 for a trip to Gettysburg. Cost of \$110.00 includes NEW Visitor Center & NEW Cyclorama, battlefield guided tour, lunch at Dobbin House (oldest building on Underground RR) also a tour of church that was hospital during battle, bus, admission and gratuity. Contact Marie Blimline at 484-3342-3241 or see the poster on the bulletin board for full details.

THANK YOU...

...Many thanks to *over 60 volunteers* who participated in the Family Promise program July 14-28. We are most grateful for our *overnight security staff, all the families that prepared meals* for the 9 homeless persons we hosted for two weeks. ...Special gratitude is extended to *Mary Jo Gordon, our project manager, the members of SVDP and K of C.* ...Thanks to *everyone* that made this program a special grace moment for our parish as we opened our doors in Christian hospitality.



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Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Charles “Bud” Gring by *Marian Gring.*

Liturgical Ministers - August 10-11

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Stephanie Hartline
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman
EM: Frank Burns, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Tom Dobson, Karen Keenan, Matt Martini

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Mary Kozak
Lector: Brian Heath
Servers: Gabrielle Ney, Dalton Maiers, Monique Baj
EM: Robin Ball, Mary Kozak, Cindy Miller, Glenn Unger, Sylvia Firth

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Janet Motta, Lil Meyers
Lector: Julie Angstadt
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger
EM: Joy Bandy, Tom Culbert, Rick McCarty, Paul Wirkus, Ray Clapper

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Cami Beyer
Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Marie Riehl
EM: John Cocco, Carrie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Gary Scollick, Bo Kusznir

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 go 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

LA SALLE ACADEMY TOURS are available Monday-Friday for any families thinking of transferring students into La Salle. Last year La Salle scored in the top 5 schools of the Allentown Diocese on IOWA testing. Currently about 50 students from St. Benedict's attend La Salle Academy. Interested families are encouraged to visit La Salle and see what all the buzz is about. Call the secretary Mary Cajigas (parishioner of St. Benedict) to make an appointment with the principal, Mr. Stephen Mickulik at 610-777-7392.



Thursday, August 15—Feast of the Assumption of the BVM, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00 pm and Thursday, August 15 at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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SUMMERTIME REPAIRS...

- ...Rectory rusted bathroom pipes replaced on 1st & 2nd floor.
- ...30 damaged siding panels replaced on the church.
- ...Concrete rectory foundation peeling repaired.
- ...Music office and conference room doors of the old church will be painted.
- ...Trailer steps will be repaired and painted.
- ...**NEW**— 2 more classrooms will be outfitted with new tables and chairs and a teacher standing desk.
- ...**NEEDED**—We are looking for a Flat TV with DVD capability for use in the First Holy Communion classroom.
- ...Small, dorm style refrigerator for the conference room.

WIN \$10,000 CASH—The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Friday, October 4 during the Extravaganza 2019 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or email at Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org



As a new RCIA program is beginning in September, an invitation is extended to those individuals in our parish community who for whatever reason may not be participating fully in the Sacraments of the Church to come to our inquiry meetings. The Time of Inquiry in RCIA means that individuals can come and have a response to their questions concerning the Catholic Church and how they might resolve whatever holds them back from full participation. The Time of Inquiry also tries to give a broad overview of Catholic beliefs while welcoming those who are enthusiastic about joining our faith community. RCIA has an open mind to all who attend our Inquiry sessions and want to hear and heal that which prevents full communion between brothers and sisters in Christ.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Bill Joerger*. Funeral service for Bill will be Thursday, August 8 at 11:00 am.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Charles "Bud" Gring by Marian Gring

Thursday 08/08
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Saturday 08/10
St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

Sunday 08/11
"Hospitality Sunday" hosted by the Music Ministry
St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7



Monday 08/05 Weekday Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
6:30 PM Robert Kowalkowski
by M/M Robert Joyce

Tuesday 08/06 *Transfiguration of the Lord*
8:00 AM Ben Schools
by Joseph & Josephine Quaglia

Wednesday 08/07 Weekday St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan
8:00 AM Michael Kozak
by Richard Shuman

Thursday 08/08 St. Dominic
6:30 PM Charles "Bud" Gring
by Marian Gring

Friday 08/09 Weekday St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
8:00 AM Frank Bigos
by Richard & Mary Aschenbrenner
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 08/10 St. Lawrence
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 08/11 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Richard Meyers
by Kelly Leininger
8:00 AM Sister Kathleen McMullin
by Rich & Robin Ball
9:30 AM James Roland
by the Roland & Leininger Families
11:15 AM Bill Joerger
by the Parishioners of St. Benedict

COMING EVENTS...

- 08/12 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting
- 08/13 Altar Server Outing
- 08/19 K of C Officers meeting
- 08/20 Book Club meets
- 08/27 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 08/27 Companions of Pauline meet

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$51,338.00 from 137 parishioners representing 15.84% 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 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. 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

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—*Down Syndrome Protection Act (House Bill 321)* sponsored by Rep. Klunk (R-York), it would ban abortions for the sole reason of a possible Down Syndrome diagnosis. The PCC staff stood with lawmakers and advocates when the legislation was introduced. On the day of the committee vote, the PCC passed out roses as a symbol of the support of life.

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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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