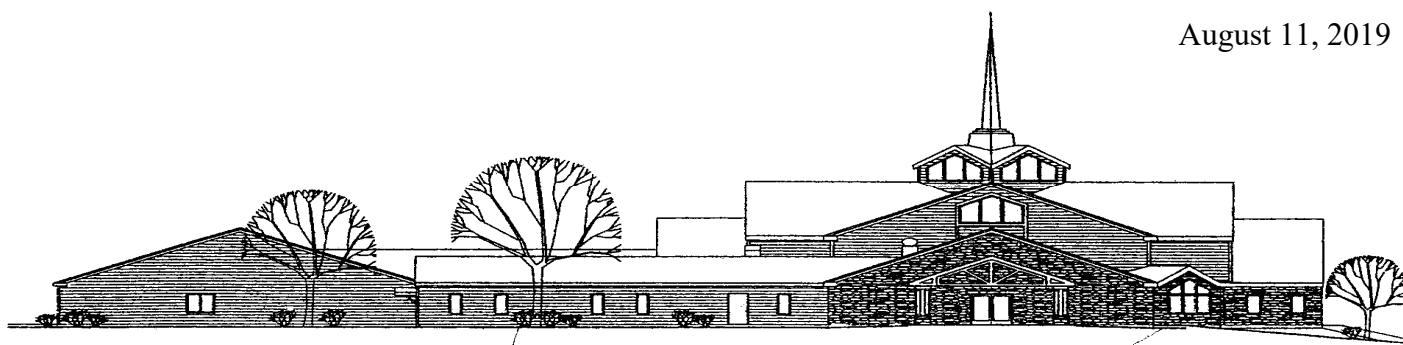


Church of Saint Benedict

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

August 11, 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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LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

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

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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.

At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later"? Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared—"at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come".

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	08-04-19: \$10,224.50 (215 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 1,900.00
FLCMortgage	08-04-19: \$ 3,395.50 (94 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 992.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 1,403.00
	EFT: \$ 90.00

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 all who are forgotten or thrown away and especially for the poor, the sick, and the aged that God might change our hearts and move us to love them as the image of Christ.

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". Last call—August 25th.

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, 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.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL are welcome!



**ALTAR SERVER OUTING
TUESDAY, 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.

RCIA TEAM will have a meeting to prepare schedules. This meeting is for anyone who has given a presentation or been an active supporter, or is interested in the ministry of the RCIA Program. Our prep meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

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.

ATTENTION!! PREP—All public school and home schooled children should enroll at PREP in Level 1 for their religious instruction, if they are attending 1st grade this fall. Please go to www.churchofsaintbenedict.com click on Religious Education then click on PREP and download the PREP 2019-2020 registration form. Then mail to us or use the mail box at the PREP office. Please Note: that for all new students we need a copy of their Baptismal certificate together with the registration form and fee.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) for children 4, 5 & 6 years old we offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I on Sunday from 10:45-12 noon. Please see registration forms outside the PREP office. We also have Level I on Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm. Thursday's session is reserved for PREP families. Both sessions, Sundays and Thursdays, class size is limited, first come first served. Please use the PREP door mail box to drop your registration with fee and a copy of Baptismal certificate for all new students.

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).



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 484-332-3241 or see the poster on the bulletin board for full details.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 50/50 WINNING TICKET IS UNCLAIMED. The winning number is **323656**. To claim the prize, please come to the parish office during normal business hours with the other half of the ticket.

THANK YOU...

From all initial reports our Summer Festival was a great success.
 ...Many thanks to Festival **Co-chairs Tom Dobson and Matt Martini** for the endless hours in confirming all the arrangements.
 ...Special gratitude is extended to the **Festival Committee members** for their prep meetings and recruitment of additional helpers.
 ...Blessings on our **team of volunteers** who smiled all day serving the General Public.
 ...And thanks to all parishioners who baked, donated, or simply came out to enjoy the day at our 63rd Annual Chicken BBQ.

Liturgical Ministers - August 17 & 18

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
 Greeter: Cindy Miller
 Lector: Peter Snow
 Servers: A. J. Crisi, Paul Avadanian, Christopher Mangan
 EM: George Bach, Kelly Leininger, Cindy Miller, Ursita Blechman, Mary Kozak
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
 Greeter: Gerald Braddick
 Lector: Marie Blimline
 Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Oleg Brann
 EM: Lee & Joy Bandy, Mary Ann Razzano, Paul Waterman, Joe Boylan
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
 Greeter: Kim McCarthy, Jim Gregor
 Lector: Steven Keech
 Servers: Gina Coccia, Bryanna Gallagher, Emily Ward
 EM: Glenn Unger, Gary Scollick, Matt Martini, Bill Offutt, Chris Stein
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
 Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
 Lector: Kathy Appleton
 Servers: Mary Henefer, Madalyn Cocco, Megan Vance
 EM: John Cocco, Tom Henefer, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Sister Eileen

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.

HAY CREEK FESTIVAL (September 6,7 & 8) needs volunteers to help run the hamburger stand. Sign up sheets will be available next weekend. Volunteers receive free admission to the festival.

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.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of *John Mensak* by *Adrienne Mensak.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 08/12

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

Tuesday 08/13

6:00 PM Altar Server Appreciation Trip

Wednesday 08/14

6:00 PM RCIA Team meeting in the conference room

Thursday 08/15

**Feast of the Assumption of the BVM
7:45 PM Finance Committee meeting in the conference room
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room**

Sunday 08/18

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

COMING EVENTS...

- 08/19 K of C Officers meeting**
- 08/20 Book Club meets**
- 08/27 Prime Timers monthly meeting**
- 08/27 Companions of Pauline meet**

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—PIAA Championship Bill—

The PCC worked closely with Rep. Aaron Bernstine (R-Beaver, Butler, Lawrence) to craft a bill that would create separate championships for public and private schools with the winners coming together for a state title game. The PCC had become increasingly concerned that several public schools in the western part of the state would break away from the PIAA to form their own conferences and shut out Catholic schools.



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“Mary was the first person to take the ‘way’ to enter the Kingdom of God that Christ opened, a way which is accessible to the humble, to all who trust in the word of God and endeavor to put it into practice”.—Pope Benedict XVI

*Mother of God pray for your children.
Mother of God protect your children.*

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Mary Carr by Joy & Lee Bandy



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Monday 08/12 Weekday St. Jane Frances de Chantal
6:30 PM Christopher Wirkus
by the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday 08/13 Weekday Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
8:00 AM Stanley J. Kmiec, Sr.
by Janet & Stan Kmiec, Jr.

Wednesday 08/14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
NO MORNING MASS

Vigil of the Assumption
5:00 PM Mary & Paul Radosza, Sr.
by Terry Grundman

Thursday 08/15 Assumption of the BVM
8:00 AM Lewis & Emma Willis
by Clara Lush

7:00 PM Frank Firth
by Sylvia Firth



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Friday 08/16 Weekday St. Stephen of Hungary
8:00 AM Christopher Peil
by the Riebe Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 08/17 Weekday
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 08/18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (Saturday) Anna Priar
by St. Benedict Book Club
8:00 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society
9:30 AM Stephen Mammarella
by the Razzano's
11:15 AM James & Jean Roland
by the Roland & Leininger Families

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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