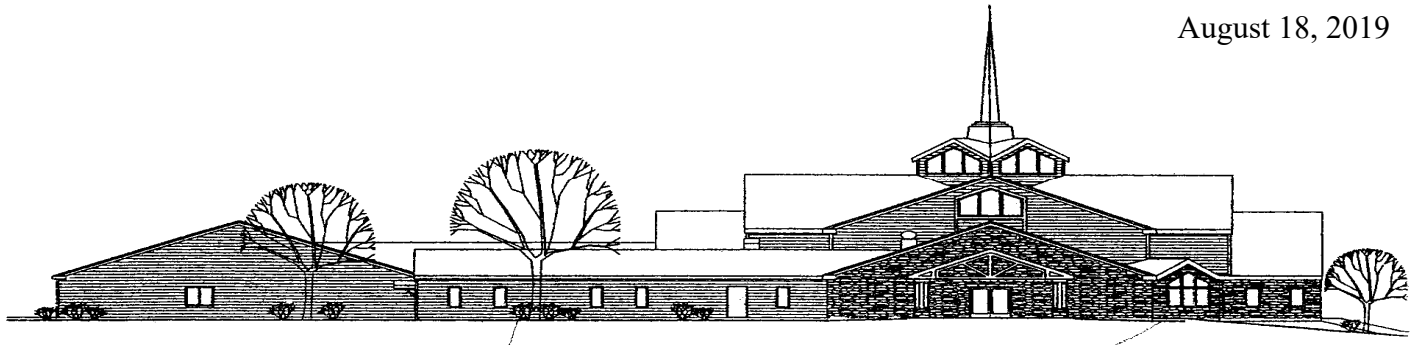


Church of Saint Benedict

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

August 18, 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

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744
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
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
Jeanie Hauck... Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator
Anne Long..... Bookkeeper
Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor
Rosanne Weidner..... Rectory Housekeeping
Richard Ball..... Maintenance

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Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J. Safe Environment Coordinator
610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website
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, 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 — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	08-11-19: \$7,794.00	(218 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 355.00	
FLCMortgage	08-11-19: \$1,949.50	(84 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 all who are lonely or afraid, for teenagers on the street, old people in nursing homes, prisoners with no one to visit them, and all whom the world has forgotten that Christ might lead us to them.

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, Steven DeAngelo, 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 \$53,328.00 from 149 parishioners representing 17.23% 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

K OF C OFFICERS' MEETING Monday, August 19 at 7:00 pm in the RMR.

ST. BENEDICT'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others who have experienced this difficult journey. The group meets for five (5) consecutive Wednesdays, beginning September 11 in the Family Life Center, Room #1. To register contact Judy Campion-Burns at 610-775-7782 (please leave a message) or the parish rectory office, 610-856-1006.

PREP FALL REGISTRATION—All public school and home schooled children should enroll in the PREP program. New students and Level I (first grade) should meet Valerie Christo, our DRE and register for fall classes (610-856-5146). 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. This year we are offering Level 2 Sunday & Thursday at the same time for 7,8,9 year old children who have finished Level 1. Children attending CGS need not attend PREP and they will receive preparation for their First Holy Communion while participating at CGS sessions. 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.

HAY CREEK FESTIVAL - Fall is just around the corner - time for the Hay Creek Fall Festival. Once again, St. Benedict's has been asked to man the hamburger stand at the festival, Friday, Saturday & Sunday - September 6, 7 & 8. We are asking for volunteers to sign-up for a 2-hour shift at the stand. Volunteers receive an all-day pass so you can enjoy the festival before or after your shift. Please consider volunteering for this event. All proceeds will benefit St. Benedict Parish. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

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.



Bus Trip

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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.

PASTOR'S VACATION— *I plan to spend the next two weeks with family in Jim Thorpe. Weekday Masses scheduled for St. Benedict's Monday-Thursday will be said at St. Joseph or Immaculate Conception Church in Jim Thorpe. Father Tom, S.J. will offer Mass at St. Benedict's on Friday, August 23 and Friday, August 30.*
These following Masses will be said in Jim Thorpe:
 Monday, Aug. 19—Paul Richard Blachman
 Tuesday, Aug. 20—Dolores Hrynczyszn
 Wednesday, Aug. 21—Joseph Motta
 Thursday, Aug 22—Marian Yanitis Zielinski

 Monday, Aug. 26—Mario Cagnetti Sr.
 Tuesday, Aug. 27—Helen Reidel
 Wednesday, Aug 28—James T. McVeigh
 Thursday, Aug. 29—Bob Fondots

Liturgical Ministers - August 24 & 25

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
 Greeter: Mary Kozak
 Lector: Susan Teaford
 Servers: Mary Henefer, Regan McClure, Abby Thatcher
 EM: Frank Burns, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Tom Henefer, Mary Kozak, Debra Mazzarelli
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
 Greeter: Clara Lush
 Lector: Ellie Albright
 Servers: Dalton Maiers, Gabrielle Ney, Sydney Machion
 EM: Cindy Miller, Paul Waterman, Robin Ball, Jeannette Bunch, Sylvia Firth
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
 Greeter: Leslie Wohlbruck, Mary Messner
 Lector: Lauren Lush
 Servers: Allison & Natalie Clayton, Adam Brezina
 EM: Wendy Clayton, Kelly Leininger, Carol Wirkus, Mark Brezina, Rick McCarty
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
 Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
 Lector: Sister Eileen
 Servers: Riley Knapp, Nicholas Barse, Robert Silver
 EM: Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Rich Conte, Bill & Betsy Offutt

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 REGISTRATION—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.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of *Theresa Vizza* by *Ralph & Lisa Vizza*

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



CURSILLO WEEKEND - Are you looking to learn more about your faith? Have you been searching for a way to know God better.? Consider making a Cursillo weekend. The Diocese of Allentown offers separate

weekends for men and women. The men's weekend will be October 10-13 and the women's weekend will be October 17-20. The retreat is held at the St. Francis Center for Renewal (Monocacy Manor) in Bethlehem PA. Cost for the weekend is approximately \$250 but do not let a lack of affordability deter you from coming. There are inspiring talks by both a priest/deacon and laypersons, group discussions, opportunity for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass each day as well as lots of food and laughter. There are also many pleasant surprises throughout the weekend. If you have any questions, would like more information or would like to sign up, please call Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763.

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

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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.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND—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).

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 08/19
7:00 PM K of C Officers' meeting in the RMR

Tuesday 08/20
7:00 PM Book Club meets in the conference room

Thursday 08/22
8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Sunday 08/25
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7

COMING EVENTS...

- 08/27 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 08/27 Companions of Pauline meet
- 09/01 "Hospitality Sunday"
- 09/02 K of C General meeting
- 09/07 Eucharistic Adoration
- 09/07 Ultreya meets
- 09/07 Lay Missionaries of Charity meet
- 09/09 Presidents' meeting
- 09/09 PREP Teachers meet
- 09/12 First day of PREP

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Perinatal Hospice Bill—The bill sponsored by Rep. Kathy Rapp (R-Crawford, Forest, Warren) would require that information be given to a woman on the option of perinatal hospice care after her unborn child is diagnosed with a life-limiting condition. The PCC supported the measure throughout the process and sat in on committee hearings.



"Although the Church is exposed to the negative influences of the world, she always finds in Mary the star to guide her so that she may follow the route pointed out to her by Christ." - Angelus, December 8, 2009
Mother of God, pray for your children.
Mother of God, protect your children.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Marian Yannis Zielinski by Patti Brenner

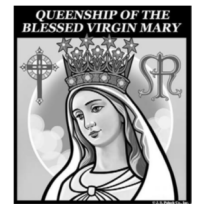


Monday 08/19 Weekday St. John Eudes
NO MASS

Tuesday 08/20 St. Bernard
NO MASS

Wednesday 08/21 St. Pius X
NO MASS

Thursday 08/22 *Queenship of the BVM*
NO MASS

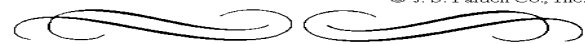


Friday 08/23 Weekday St. Rose of Lima
8:00 AM Andrew Martin
by Rich & Robin Ball
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 08/24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 08/25 *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Michael Kozak
by Mrs. Klik
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM David Ryan—40th Anniversary
by Larry & Alexis Ryan
11:15 AM Elizabeth & Andy Potochney
by Terry Grundman

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Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations:



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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