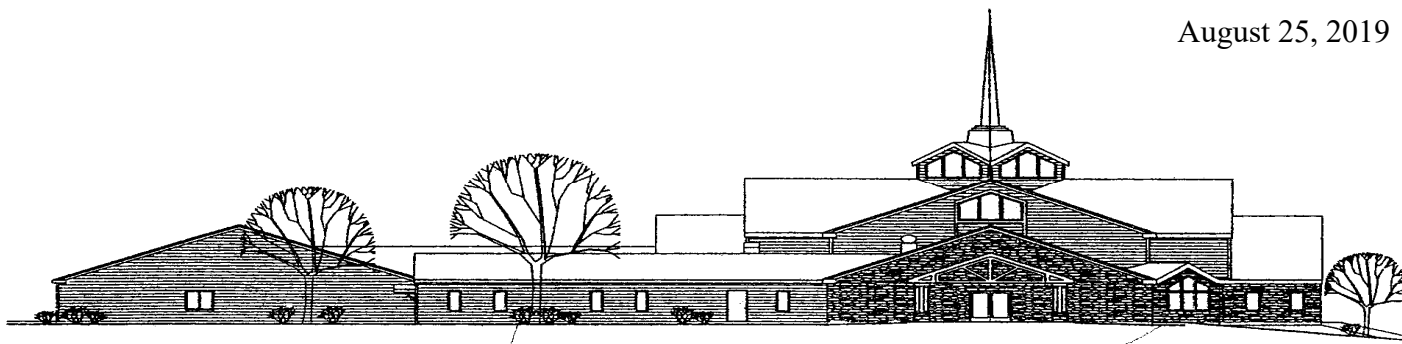


Church of Saint Benedict

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

August 25, 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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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

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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 — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your

weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels". The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God— is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

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

Stewardship	08-18-19:	\$7,402.00	(193 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 540.00	
FLCMortgage	08-18-19:	\$1,944.50	(81 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 232.00	

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.

PARISH CONTACT DIRECTORY

All parish groups welcome new members. Please feel free to contact leaders for more information.

- AD Cursillo - Mary Messner - 610-775-3154*
- Adult Altar Servers - Frank Burns - 610-913-6630*
- Altar Servers - Michelle Steinbrecher - 484-529-0562*
- Bereavement Ministry - Judy Campion - 610-775-7782*
- Book Club - Anita Harrison - 610-777-4230*
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Valerie Christo - 610-856-5146*
- CYO - Mark Brezina - 610-582-0835*
- Disabilities Coordinator - Brooke Frech - 610-777-7111*
- Eucharistic Ministers - Tom Henefer - 610-603-9196*
- Family Life - Amy Basehoar—610-554-2556*
- Food Pantry - Rosanne Weidner - 610-286-5568*
- Friendly Visitors - Treesa Schools - 610-207-6644*
- Gardens - Cecelia Kacmar - 610-856-1394*
- Greeters - Diane Roulston - 610-775-6550*
- Knights of Columbus - Richard Conte - 610-223-8846*
- Landings - Lee & Joy Bandy - 610-709-6509*
- Lectors - Susan Teaford - 610-207-5763*
- Liturgical Scheduling - Jim Helms - 610-856-7355*
- Ministry to Divorced Catholics - Joseph Boylan - 610-781-6415*
- Music Ministry—Andrew Angstadt—610-451-5664*
- Parish Outreach - Ellie Albright - 610-763-9528*
- Pastoral Council - Kathy Minnich - 610-796-9939*
- Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402*
- Picnic Grove & FLC Rentals - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575*
- Prayer Chain & Shawls - Sylvia Firth - 610-286-5714*
- PREP/Catechists—Valerie Christo—610-856-5146*
- Prime Timers - Paul Wirkus - 610-913-0910*
- Property Committee—Steven Keech—484-947-3143*
- RCIA - Mark Schrum/Father Phil - 610-856-1006*
- Respect Life - Mary Newhams - 610-777-3858*
- Rosary Group - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-1006*
- St. Vincent de Paul - Carol Nygard—484-794-0428*
- For Food - 484-336-4665 (c)*
- Stewardship Committee—John Bergandino— 610-960-4318*
- Ushers - John Coccia - 610-404-0712*
- Vocations Ministry - Sandy Bach - 610-273-7685*
- Women's Club - Lillian Meyers - 610-856-1215*
- Women's Spirituality Group - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402*
- Youth Group - Abby Pressimone-Canela— 610-769-1599*

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).

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, August 27 at 1:00 pm in the FLC. Join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship!

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 Champion-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.

PASTOR'S VACATION— *I plan to spend the next week 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 30.*

These following Masses will be said in Jim Thorpe:
Monday, Aug. 26—Mario Cagnetti Sr.
Tuesday, Aug. 27—Helen Reidel
Wednesday, Aug 28—James T. McVeigh
Thursday, Aug. 29—Bob Fondots

Masses at St. John's, Shillington are Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am and Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 pm.

PANAMA CANAL—Have you ever thought of a small ship cruise thru the Panama Canal? If you have "any" interest in joining Father Phil and Father Henry January 4, 2020 on a Windstar schooner sail ship, call for a brochure or get more information at Berkshire Travel. Ask for Kathy at 800-223-3884 or email Kathy at btgroups@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Theresa Stefanowicz & Brian Eck by the Harkers.

Liturgical Ministers - Aug. 31-Sept. 01

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
- Lector: Chris Mensak
- Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman
- EM: George Bach, Mary Brezina, Matt Martini, Rick McCarty, Debra Mazzarelli
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
- Greeter: Gerald Braddick
- Lector: Sylvia Firth
- Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Monique Baj
- EM: Rich Conte, Ray Clapper, Joy & Lee Bandy, Mary Ann Razzano
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
- Greeter: Jim Gregor, Janet Motta
- Lector: Anna Welch
- Servers: Sarah Williams, Mary Henefer, Michael Lee
- EM: Tom Dobson, Tom Henefer, Bo Kuszniir, Crystal & Chris Stein
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
- Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
- Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck
- Servers: Nora & Sam Coppa, Megan Vance
- EM: John Cocco, Helen MacMinn, Sister Eileen, Gary Scollick, Mary Alice Newhams



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE
We pray for all who are forgotten or cast off that we might value each human life, as a priceless gift from God. .

2019 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Last call—August 25th. Baby bottles may be returned this weekend to the large “hamper size” basket located in the gathering space We thank you in advance for your faithful support of respecting “all of life”.

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.

LASALLE CYO—The LaSalle CYO Board that supports both the St. John’s and St. Benedict’s parish children are looking for new members. If you have any interest in joining our group filling either the Athletic Director position or Parish Rep position for St. John’s please send an email to CYO@LSA.com for more information. We are hoping to bring new members on board during the month of September. Thank you and God bless!

BOOKS -- BAKED GOODS - The Women’s Club Annual Book Sale will be Saturday, September 14 from 9:00-5:00 and after the 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday September 15 after all the Masses. We are looking for donations of books and recent magazines. We also will need donations of baked goods for this event. A box for used books will be located in the gathering space.

“ALL YOU CAN EAT” BREAKFAST BUFFET at the Geigertown Fire Company, 3433 Hay Creek Road on Sunday, September 1 from 7:00-11:00 am. The fire company needs and appreciates your support.

ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE—Life Guards needed at their pool. Also looking for swim instructors. Contact Kathy (weekday hours 8:15 am to 3:30 pm) at 610-942-4168 or email stmaryofprov@comcast.net



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.

POSSIBILITIES

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

—St. Lawrence

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Tuesday 08/27

1:00 PM Prime Timers meeting in the FLC

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

Thursday 08/29

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Sunday 09/01

“Hospitality Sunday” hosted by RCIA

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



COMING EVENTS...

- 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
- 09/10 Prime Timers Gettysburg Trip
- 09/11 Bereavement Support Group meets
- 09/12 First day of PREP
- 09/12 Pastoral Council meets
- 09/15 “Breakfast Sunday”
- 09/19 Disability Committee meets
- 09/25 Catechetical Sunday

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Heartbeat Bill—Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R-Centre, Clinton) is sponsoring a bill which would prohibit abortions once a heartbeat is detected in the unborn baby. The PCC has talked with Rep. Borowicz about her planned introduction of the bill and has worked to help her acquire co-sponsors.



“Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children”.
—St. John Vianney
Mother of God, pray for your children.
Mother of God, protect your children.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Michael Kozak by Mrs. Klix



Monday 08/26 Weekday
NO MASS

Tuesday 08/27 St. Monica
NO MASS

Wednesday 08/28 St. Augustine
NO MASS

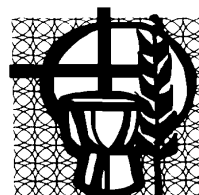
Thursday 08/29 Passion of St. John the Baptist
NO MASS

Friday 08/30 Weekday
8:00 AM Leon Borst
by Rodney & Mary Ann Focht
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 08/31 Weekday
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 09/01 *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Intentions of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert
by Susan Teaford
8:00 AM Richard Bowers
by the Parishioners of St. Benedict
9:30 AM Mike Stilianos
by John & Marianne Frank
11:15 AM Denis & Nicoletta Barse
by John & Lori Barse

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Prayer for Vocations:

Father of compassion and mercy, look benevolently upon your children and grant us your abundant grace. We trust that you continue to call numerous priests, deacons, sisters and brothers to serve your church. Grant, we beg you, that more of your sons and daughters will listen for your voice and generously respond to your call to serve the church. Give to parents the generosity and faith to encourage their children to be open to your divine call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen