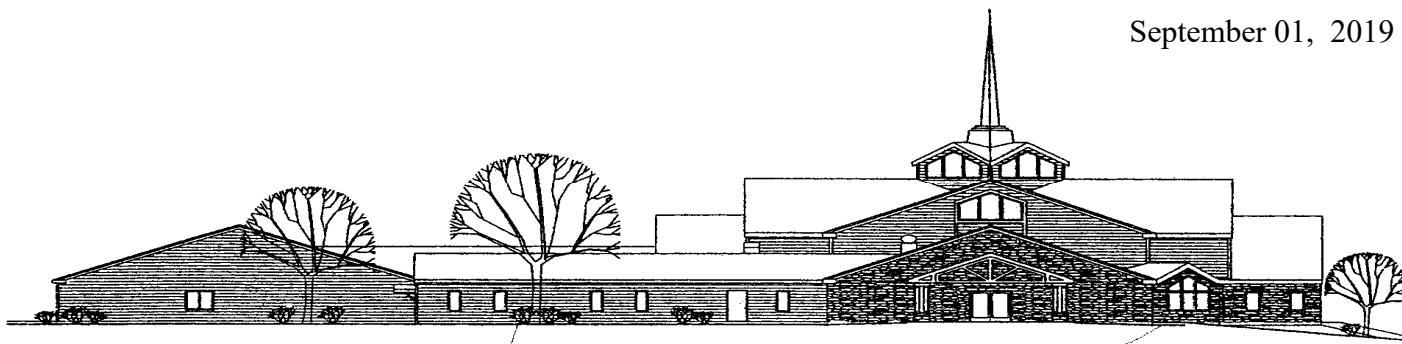


Church of Saint Benedict

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

September 01, 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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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

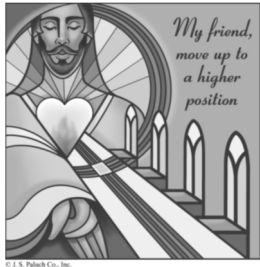
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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 610-750-5414.

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 — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

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

Stewardship 08-25-19: \$8,236.00 (220 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 355.00

Second collection next weekend will be for Mary's Shelter.

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.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for those who are mentally disabled that we might cherish the gifts God has given them, and in their lives hear the voice of our loving God.

LIFELINE OF BERKS COUNTY is in need of baby bottles, baby wash, and newborn outfits and onesies for boys and girls. We would greatly appreciate any of these items that you are able to donate to us for our clients. Thank you in advance!

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.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Dolores Bowers*. May her soul rest in peace.

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).

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2**
Mass is at 9:00 am.



K OF C GENERAL MEETING Monday, September 2 at 7:00 pm in the RMR

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.

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.

Congratulations Council #14654 and Worthy Grand Knight Richard Conte.
"It is with great pleasure that we inform you that Council #14654 has been awarded the Star Council Award for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. All awards are currently in production and will be shipped to State and District leaders to be presented to your council. We wish you much success this fraternal year and encourage you to strive for Star Council status in 2020". *Fraternally, Fraternal Mission Department*

The above message was received this week. Also, in competition among state councils of our comparable member numbers, we swept the award in the categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Many thanks to the parishioners of St. Benedict Parish for their support and for helping us achieve this most notable achievement. *Richard Conte, Grand Knight*

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Roberta Wirkus by Paul & Carol Wirkus

Liturgical Ministers - Sept. 07-08

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak
Lector: Jean Ruhl
Servers: Christopher Mangan, Allison & Natalie Clayton
EM: Mark Brezina, Frank Burns, Wendy Clayton, Karen Keenan, Glenn Unger
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Greeter: Gerald Braddock
Lector: Stephanie Hartline
Servers: Dalton Maiers, Sydney Machion, Oleg Brann
EM: Joe Boylan, Ray Clapper, Joy & Lee Bandy, Sylvia Firth
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Greeter: Jim Gregor, Lil Meyers
Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger
EM: Ursita Blechman, Kelly Leininger, Matt Martini, Carol Wirkus, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski
Lector: Sister Eileen
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Riley Knapp, Megan Vance
EM: Betsy & Bill Offutt, John Cocco, Helen MacMinn, Father Phil

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—First Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 am-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.

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!

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.

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 bt-groups@gmail.com

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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.

WORKERS

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.
—Eugene V. Debs



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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God’s plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus’ presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September’s shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means “high place,” yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar’s three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or “I will go to the altar of God,” followed by the altar servers’ response, “The God who gives joy to my youth.” Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.
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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 09/02



7:00 PM K of C General meeting in the RMR

Tuesday 09/03

7:00 PM Women's Club monthly meeting in the conference room

Thursday 09/05

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Saturday 09/07

**9:00 AM Ultreya meets in the conference room
Lay Missionaries of Charity meet in classroom #1**

Sunday 09/08

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

COMING EVENTS...

- 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**
- 09/22 Catechetical Sunday**

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—OCTC and Private School Security Grants—This allows Catholic schools to apply for security grants. There is a list of items they can choose from, like building enhancements to keep intruders out of school buildings or paying for a school psychologist to help students. The PCC supported this.



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"The world being unworthy to receive the son of God directly from the hands of the Father, he gave his son to Mary for the world to receive him from her."

—St. Augustine

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Robert Focht by Mom & Dad



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Monday 09/02 Weekday

9:00 AM Alfred Symborski

by Jean Ruhl

Tuesday 09/03 St. Gregory the Great

8:00 AM Dolores McGinn

by Clara Lush

Wednesday 09/04 Weekday

8:00 AM Rev. John Manno

by Bernie Stanz

Thursday 09/05 Weekday St. Teresa of Calcutta

6:30 PM Sister Kathleen McMullin O.S.F.

by John & Mimi Frank

Friday 09/06 Weekday *First Friday*

8:00 AM Intention of Father Phil & the Staff of St. Benedict's

by Diane Arnold

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 09/07 Weekday *First Saturday*

9:00 AM John Reagan

by K of C Council #14654

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 09/08 *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Mary & Don Keninitz

by Terry Grundman

8:00 AM

Sylvia Kane

by Lisa Alderman

9:30 AM

Mary Hammes

by the Parishioners of St. Benedict

11:15 AM

Edwin Stoner

by the Razzano's

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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.