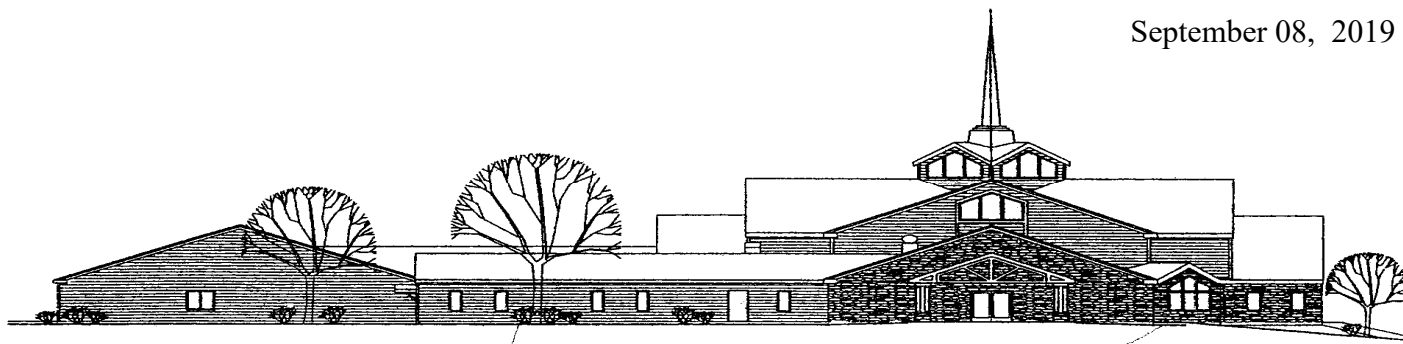


Church of Saint Benedict

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

September 08, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. 6:30pm-Thurs.5:30pm 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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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
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Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor
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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 610-750-5414.

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 — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	09-01-19: \$10,181.00 (234 envelopes) EFT: \$ 1,870.00
FLCMortgage	09/01-19: \$ 3,233.00 (99 envelopes) EFT: \$ 952.00
	08-25-19: \$ 2,922.50 (91 envelopes) EFT: \$ 122.00
Mission Co-op:	\$ 1,559.00 (94 envelopes)

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.

RESPECT



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for medical researchers that they may be inspired and strengthened by a love for every human person from the first moment of conception.

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; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach.

Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Charles A. Buechley, father of Patrick Buechley.* May his soul rest in peace.

PRAYER TO ST. BENEDICT FOR PEACE:

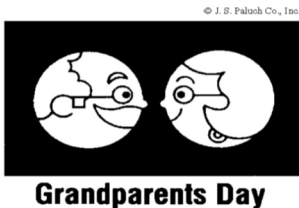
St. Benedict, you were a man of peace. Through your powerful intercession with God help us to be peacemakers.

Aid us to work for peace, to take the first step in ending bitterness, to be the first to hold out our hands in friendship and forgiveness.

Help us to achieve peace; peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our sorely troubled world.

And at the end of our lives obtain for us the reward of peacemakers, the eternal blessed vision of God in heaven. Amen.

September 8
Happy Grandparents
Day to all our
Grandparents!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING
Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the conference room.
ALL are welcome to join us!

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for teens who have not been confirmed: this is an invitation to you to complete your formation as a Catholic Christian. Please contact Father Phil, or come to our meeting, Sunday, September 15 at 12:15 pm in the conference room.



RCIA OPENING INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday, September 10 extends an invitation to all who are interested in being Baptized or in joining the Catholic Church to attend.

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.

BREAKFAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



BREAKFAST SUNDAY: 8:00-11:30 AM—join us for good food and fellowship!



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Tom & Ceal Smith by Cecelia & Tom Smith



K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES: SEPTEMBER—CHARITY—

The theme for September is Charity. We learn of God's love through scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that "whatever you did for these least brothers of mine, you did for me".

Therefore, God teaches all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy. The project for the month is to volunteer as a family in your parish or local community, such as a soup kitchen. September 11 has become a day dedicated to service and a great opportunity if you can. Find out more in the K of C Family Fully Alive Booklet that was distributed in December 2018. If you would like a booklet call Knightline at 484-263-0322, also use this number to provide any feedback on the use of this series.

BEEF & BREW FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT SEMINARIAN AND DIACONATE TUITION COSTS

The Knights Council is sponsoring a Beef & Brew on Saturday, September 28 at 6:00 pm for this worthwhile cause for Aaron Scheidel and Mark Brezina. It has been a fun evening with plenty of fellowship, great beef sandwiches (prepared by our own Rosanne Weidner), all the "fixins", drinks included, and DANCING provided by DJ Ron Lewars. There will be two opportunities for 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$20 advance sale; \$25 at the door and after 9/22/19. Please show your support for these great Catholic gentlemen.

Liturgical Ministers - Sept. 14-15

Saturday 5:00 PM

Greeter: Cindy Miller
Lector: Peter Snow
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman
EM: George Bach, Tom Dobson, Rick McCarty, Debra Mazzarelli, Cindy Miller

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Mary Jo Gordon
Servers: Sydney Machion, Gabrielle Ney, Monique Baj
EM: Chris & Crystal Stein, Mary Ann Razzano, Ray Clapper, Paul Waterman

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Mary Messner, Janet Motta
Lector: Charlie Jones
Servers: Jadon & Mark Scheidel, Abby Thatcher
EM: Jeannette Bunch, Tom Culbert, Karen Keenan, Lee Bandy, Tom Henefer

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski
Lector: Kathy Appleton
Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Marie Riehl
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Sister Eileen, Gary Scollick, Bo Kusznir

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS—Please join us on Sunday, September 22 for a Blessing of Backpacks! We are sending our students back to school with blessings and prayers. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, September 22 for a special blessing as they prepare for a new and exciting school year! The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a light breakfast following Mass. ALL are welcome!

FALL ADULT STUDY—on two of the Catholic Church's Pivotal Players—*St. Augustine & St. Benedict*. Bishop Barron traces the lives and contributions of these two important pivotal players of our Catholic faith and culture. St. Augustine of Hippo had a tumultuous life journey going from great sinner to Baptism, to Bishop, to saint and Doctor of the Church. Augustine's transformation happens when he realizes that Christ is the way, truth, and life. His writings and leadership helped mold the course of western civilization as the Roman empire was collapsing and his influence continues today. AND St. Benedict of Nursia, our parish patron saint, was born just after Rome fell. He founded a religious community and wrote a Rule that contributed to preserving the best of the old and allowed for the emergence of an authentic, Christian way of life, still popular today.

LASALLE ACADEMY POSITION OPENING—LaSalle Academy is searching to fill the following educator positions immediately: Full-time Middle School Science Teacher, Full or Part-time Library Media Specialist, Part-time Classroom Aide. Check the school web-site: www.lsabear.com for an application. All applications and materials should be sent to Mr. Stephen Mickulik Principal, 440 Holland Street, Shillington, PA 109607

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!

ROBESON LUTHERAN CHURCH CHICKEN BAR-BECUE Sunday, September 15 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Dinners include half a chicken, baked potato, coleslaw and roll. Cost is \$10. Baked goods will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to fund ongoing ministries in our community. Tickets are available in the church office or by calling 610-856-7242.



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 09/09

5:30-8:00 PM PREP Teachers' meet in the FLC
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the conference room
7:00 PM Respect Life meeting in the Chapel
7:00 PM Presidents' meeting in classroom #1

Tuesday 09/10

Prime Timers trip to Gettysburg
7:00 PM RCIA Information Session in church

Wednesday 09/11

6:30 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in the classroom #1



Thursday 09/12

6:00 PM PREP & CGS L1 & L2 first day of class
7:00 PM Pastoral Council meets in the FLC
8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Saturday 09/14

9:00-6:30 PM Women's Club Book Sale in the FLC

Sunday 09/15

8:00-11:30 AM "Breakfast Sunday"
Women's Club Book Sale after all the Masses
12:15 PM Teen Confirmation meeting in the conference room
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7

COMING EVENTS...

09/16 K of C General meeting
09/17 Book Club meets
09/18 Bereavement Support Group meets
09/19 Disability Committee meets

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) - This program gives tax breaks for donations to scholarship funds that help needy private school students. It has greatly benefitted Catholic schools and their students. House Speaker Mike Turzai proposed a \$100 million increase in the program but that was vetoed by Governor Tom Wolf. Thanks to Speaker Turzai, the final budget included a \$15 million increase for the EITC program.



"Do whatever he tells you" - (Jn 2:5)
Mother of God, pray for your children.
Mother of God, protect your children.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Alice Elinausky by Cecelia & Bob Kacmar



Monday 09/09 St. Peter Claver
6:30 PM Bob Fondots
by Clara Lush

Tuesday 09/10 Weekday
8:00 AM Michael Kozak
by Kathie Fillman

Wednesday 09/11 Weekday
8:00 AM Mary Margaret Kukuchka
by the Beecham & Munkatchy Families

Thursday 09/12 Weekday *Most Holy Name of Mary*
5:30 PM M/M Joseph Morgitan &
M/M Carl Welsh
by Mary & Gary Welsh & Family

Friday 09/13 St. John Chrysostom
8:00 AM Margaret Sabol
by Clara Lush & Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 09/14 Exaltation of the Cross
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 09/15 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Sonia & Bill Joerger
by their Children
8:00 AM Joseph Motta
by Tim & Robinn Reidel
9:30 AM Charles Cush
by the Dupell Family
11:15 AM People of the Parish

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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