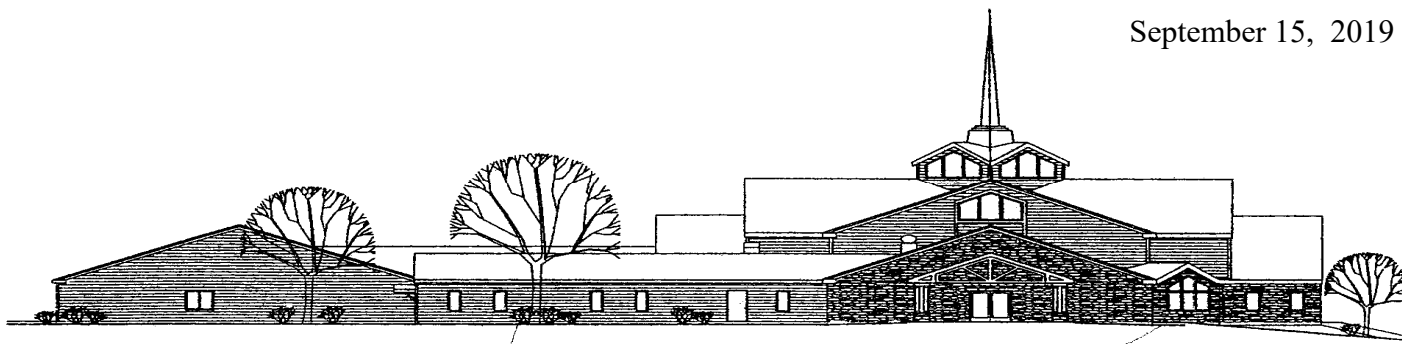


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

September 15, 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

## 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](http://www.lsabear.org)

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

[www.berkscatholic.org](http://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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[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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, 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** — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalm** — I will rise and go to

my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: “You are with me always, and everything I have is yours”. What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	09-08-19: \$8,460.00 (214 envelopes) EFT: \$ 365.00
FLCMortgage	09-08-19: \$1,670.00 ( 80 envelopes) EFT: \$ 122.00

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS** can be found on the diocese website [DioceseofAllentown.org](http://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 inspired by their beauty of human life they might seek to be co-workers with God in fulfillment of His divine plan.

**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, Pat Luther, 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.*

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**—As of this week, our parishioners have raised \$61,798.00 from 162 parishioners representing 18.73% 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](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org)

**K OF C GENERAL MEETING** Monday September 16 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 Wednesdays, until October 9 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.

**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!

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**RCIA** meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the gathering area. Anyone still interested is welcome!



**Bus Trip**

**PRIME TIMERS FALL FOLIAGE TRIP**—Join the Prime Timers on a Fall Foliage Trip to Penns Peak in Jim Thorpe on Thursday, October 17, 2019 for lunch and “The Glenn Miller Show”. Cost is

\$80.00 per person which includes: bus, lunch, show, refreshments and tips. Bus leaves at 9:00 am. Call Marie Blimline at 484-332-3241 and leave a message.

**SAVE THE DATE—December 14, 2019 Wreaths Across America National Day of Wreath Laying.** The Knights Council will sponsor a bus trip on this date to Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in order to participate in the wreath laying process. The purpose of this day is to Remember our fallen US Veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. The day will start about 8:30 am and complete by 8:30 pm including a service at 12 noon at the Memorial for the Cemetery, 12:45 to 4:00 pm Wreath laying, 4:30 pm Mass with Father Phil in an outdoor shelter and finally dinner at Ester’s before traveling back to St. Benedict. The council is paying for the bus trip; cost should be limited to dinner at night. Donations are being accepted for Wreaths at \$15 per Wreath, goal is to purchase 30 wreaths. Sign-up in the gathering space by October 6, 2-010 and additional details are available there.



**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.

*The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Silver Rose ICON Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe on this coming Thursday, September 19 starting with 5:30 pm Mass followed by dedication prayers and the Glorious Mysteries as the PREP students come into church. Before the PREP sessions start, Father Phil will give a short learning session on the devotion. We only have the ICON for one day as it makes its way from Canada to Lored, Texas and onto the Basilica in Monterey, Mexico.*



*Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Wallace & Wilma Kompa by Sandy & Jim Kozlowski*

**Liturgical Ministers - Sept. 21 & 22**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak  
Lector: Chris Mensak  
Servers: Paul Avadonian, Mary Henefer, Michael Lee  
EM: Frank Burns, Tom Henefer, Kelly Leininger, Mary Kozak, Ursita Blechman
- Sunday 8:00 AM**  
Greeter: Gerald Braddick  
Lector: Ellie Albright  
Servers: Bryce Shelly, Emily & Megan Hatcher  
EM: Cindy Miller, Glenn Unger, Joe Boylan, Sylvia Firth, Father Phil
- Sunday 9:30 AM**  
Greeter: Jim Gregor, Leslie Wohlbruck  
Lector: Lauren Lush  
Servers: Adam Brezina, Gina Coccia, Emily Ward  
EM: Mark Brezina, Wendy Clayton, Bo Kuszniir, Betsy Offutt, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**  
Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski  
Lector: Emily Coppa  
Servers: Nora & Sam Coppa, Robert Silver  
EM: John Cocco, Helen MacMinn, Matt Martini, Carol & Paul Wirkus

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be demonstrated by Father Phil at the 9:30 Mass on September 22. We highly encourage children K-5 to participate in this Mass and ministry provided for the children of our parish.

**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. 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. Sign up will be after all Masses the weekend of September 21 & 22—classes begin September 24 & 25.

**"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS"** - Want to save 25% off your shopping spree at any Boscov's on Wednesday, October 16? The Prime Timer Club is selling \$5.00 Shopping Passes, this makes the buyer eligible for a 25% discount on that date. The proceeds of the sale of the \$5 pass will be used to purchase additional audio headsets for the use of the hearing impaired who attend Mass in our church. Shopping Passes will be sold after all Masses the weekends of October 5 & 6 and 12 & 13. Questions or to pre-purchase contact either Marie Blimline at 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm beginning October 7 in classroom #1. For more information contact Deb Seidel at 610-763-6528 or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

**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](http://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](mailto: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!

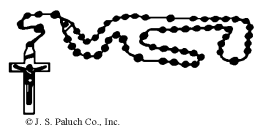


**CURSILLO WEEKEND** - Are you looking to learn more about your faith? Have you been searching for a way to know God better.? Consider making a Cursillo weekend. The Diocese of Allentown offers separate weekends for men and women. The men's weekend will be October 10-13 and the women's weekend will be 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.

**THANK YOU...**

...Many thanks to *all volunteers* at the Hay Creek Festival. Special thanks to *Roseanne Weidner* for organizing our efforts in running the hamburger and hot dog stand for Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

...St. Benedict's was the host site for the season opener of CYO Cross Country for Children K-8 grades. Many thanks to *Denise Leininger*, parishioner & county coach and organizer of the event. Over 200 students participated in the first CYO District 3 Cross Country Invitational. CYO events are open to all children in PREP and LaSalle Academy and Home School students of St. Benedict's.



**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY** - The Knights of Columbus will be leading the *Rosary before all Masses* the weekend of September 28 & 29. We will begin praying

the Rosary approximately 17 minutes before the start of Mass. Please join us in praying the rosary for healing in our country.

**ST. BENEDICT POLKA DANCE FUNDRAISER** Sunday, October 20 from 12:30-5:00 pm at our FLC. Cost \$40.00 pp includes entertainment, buffet of Polish foods, non-alcoholic beverages and snack food. For tickets email Andrew Angstadt at [andang@hgaschool.org](mailto:andang@hgaschool.org) or call the parish office at 610-856-1006. Seats are limited!

# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Father Bob Quinn-5th Anniversary by Jeanie & Bill Hauck*

## Monday 09/16

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

## Tuesday 09/17

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

7:00 PM Book Club meets in the conference room

## Wednesday 09/18

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

## Thursday 09/19

6:00 PM PREP & CGS L1 & L2 first day of class

7:00 PM Disability committee meets in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

## Sunday 09/22

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.  
Leader: Father Phil

Blessing of Backpacks at 9:30 Mass

10:45-12:00 noon—First Day for CGS L1 & L2

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

### COMING EVENTS...

09/24 Prime Timers monthly meeting

09/24 Companions of Pauline meet

09/25 Bereavement Support Group meets

09/26 PREP Parents meeting

09/28 K of C Beef & Brew

09/29 5th Sunday Rosary

**PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Buyer Beware Act** - Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) and Rep. Seth Grove (R-York) introduces companion bills to increase penalties for human traffickers and those who patronize them. The PCC was there with both lawmakers as they unveiled their legislation at the Capitol and testified on the bill at two legislative town hall meetings.



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Monday 09/16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:30 PM Daniel Leahy

by Aunt Rita & Uncle Tony

Tuesday 09/17 Weekday St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 AM Eleanor Lynn

by Terry Grundman

Wednesday 09/18 Weekday

8:00 AM Virginia Mercaldi

by Matthew & Kelly Reagan

Thursday 09/19 Weekday St. Januarius

5:30 PM Anna Priar

by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Friday 09/20 Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong & Companions

8:00 AM Steven Adam Mammarella

by Mary Ann Razzano

*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 09/21 St. Matthew

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 09/22 *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Members of St. Benedict

Memorial Society

8:00 AM John Schrum

by Sandy Dunn

9:30 AM John Reagan

by Rich & Donna Conte

*Catechetical Sunday*

11:15 AM Dolores & Clarence Cronauer

by Carol Anstette

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### **Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations:**

*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*



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*"Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendor". — St. Padre Pio, 1887-1968*  
*Mother of God, pray for your children.*  
*Mother of God, protect your children.*