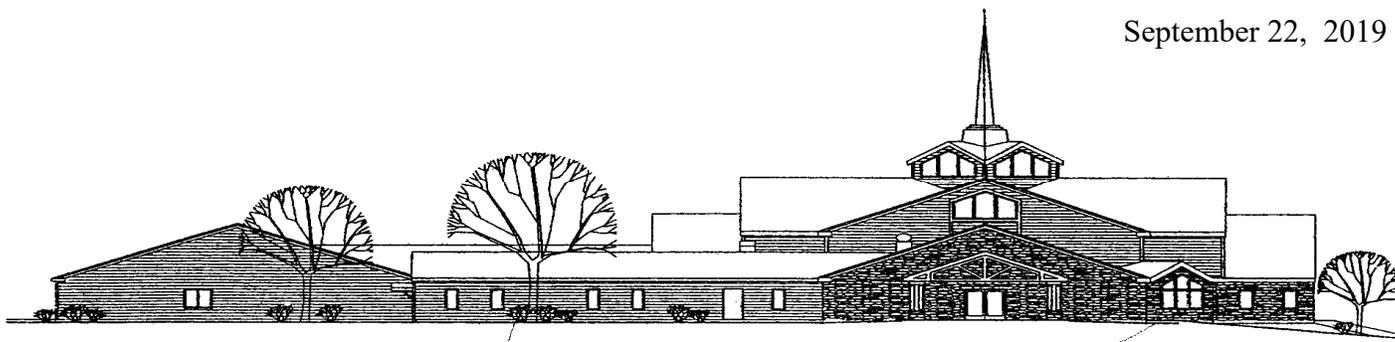


Church of Saint Benedict

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

September 22, 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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www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

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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
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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

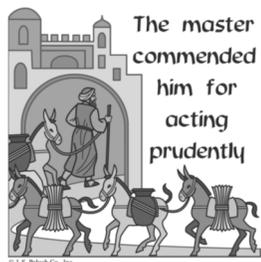
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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 — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — God our savior wills everyone to be saved

(1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	09-15-19: \$7,667.50 (216 envelopes) EFT: \$ 540.00
FLCMortgage	09-15-19: \$2,420.50 (94 envelopes) EFT: \$ 232.00
Mary's Shelter	\$2,293.00 (118 envelopes) EFT: \$ 155.00

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.

WEDDINGS— Please remember in your prayers *Sara McTish & Lewis Frame* and *Julia Coppa & Peter Bernetsky* who will be married at St. Benedict's .



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for doctors who in their practice abort unborn children that God might give them the grace to turn from sin and remember the Gospel.

**LIFE CHAIN MORGANTOWN
OCTOBER 6, 2019**

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00-3:00 pm. St. Benedict's will be participating in the Morgantown Life Chain at Brady's Rock Shop located at 3312 Main Street, Morgantown by the Rte. 10 intersection.

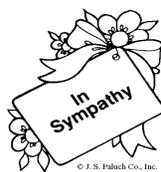
PRAYER LIST.....

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., Jason Leininger 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.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Mary Firth, mother of Mary Jo (Gordon) Lewis*. May her soul rest in peace.



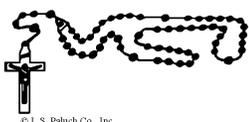
Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of *Thomas J. Smith by the Smith Family*

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, September 24 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 Wednesdays, until October 9 in the Family Life Center, Room #1.



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



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.

"SPIRIT WEEKEND" Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6. This is always a special weekend at St. Benedict's in which we celebrate and ask God's blessing on all the programs, committees, and ministries that create the vibrant faith community of St. Benedict's. It's also an opportunity for each member to ask if God is calling you this year to volunteer in one of the many outreach activities of our parish. Ministry displays and sign-ups will be set up in the FLC.



Bus Trip

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, 3:00 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, 2019 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.

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. Entertainment by Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push. There will also be a beer garden, a bottle pull, basket raffles, bake sale, 50/50 chances and more! For tickets email Andrew Angstadt at andang@hgaschool.org or call the parish office at 610-856-1006. Seats are limited!

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.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Friday, October 4 at 6:00

pm at the Bell Tower.

Liturgical Ministers - Sept. 28 & 29

Saturday 5:00 PM

Greeter: Ted & Mary Kozak
Lector: Anna Welch
Servers: A. J. Crisi, Regan McClure, Sarah Williams
EM: George Bach, Debra Mazzarelli, Rich McCarty, Cindy Miller, Tom Culbert

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Brent Musser
Servers: Dalton Maiers, Gabrielle Ney, Oleg Brann
EM: Paul Waterman, Mary Kozak, Joy & Lee Bandy, Mary Ann Razzano

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Mary Messner, Janet Motta
Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
Servers: Sean Bigelow, Madelina & Mariella Frisina
EM: Rich Conte, Bill Offutt, Gary Scollick, Tom Dobson, Crystal Stein

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski
Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck
Servers: Bryanna Gallagher, Madalyn Cocco, Nicholas Barse
EM: Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, John Cocco, Matt Martini, Sister Eileen

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 after all Masses this weekend. Scheduled classes are: Tuesday: 10:00-11:30 am and 6:30-8:00 pm. Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm. Friday 9:00-10:30 am.

"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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER at Victor Emmanuel Wednesday, September 25 from 4:30-7:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome. Proceeds support the CYO program at St. Benedict's and St. John's.

CYO CROSS COUNTRY—Next race will be at Holy Guardian Angels campus on Sunday, September 29. This race is for children K-8th grade.

COLOR RUN Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm- one mile fun run with no color, then a 5K color run followed by a color Festival/Carnival at LaSalle.

LASALLE PARENTS' SURVEY—Parents are invited to fill out survey on school performance. We would like to hear from you about how well we are doing meeting the needs of your family.

LASALLE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER -

- *This week we inducted our new student council and class representative in a ceremony on September 12.
- *This week we kicked off the upcoming Color Run festival. This is our biggest fund raiser each year.
- *Please see our new E-newsletter to keep families and the community in the know about events at our Catholic grade school www.lsabear.org



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...

...to the volunteers who helped with the last mailing: *Marie Blimline, Sylvia Firth, Joan Fondots, Mary Anne Kremp, Clara Lush, Rosemary Morris, Robin Schlottman, Paul Wirkus.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Tuesday 09/24

1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the FLC

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

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

Wednesday 09/25

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

Thursday 09/26

6:15 PM PREP Prayer Service

6:45 PM PREP Parents' meeting in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Saturday 09/28

6:00 PM K of C Beef & Brew

Sunday 09/29

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.
Leader: Jacklyn Rhoades

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

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

COMING EVENTS...

09/30 Poland Trip Document party

10/01 Women's Club monthly meeting

10/02 Bereavement Support Group meets

PREP OPENING PRAYER SERVICE is scheduled for 6:15 on September 26. All parents are welcome to attend. A Parent meeting will follow the prayer service in the FLC from 6:45-7:30 pm

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Marriage Bill - Companion bills were introduced by Rep. Jesse Topper and Senator John Sabatina to establish 18 as the minimum age for marriage in Pennsylvania. The PCC has been a staunch supporter of the measure, which is seen as a way to help combat human trafficking. Topper found out that many children are being forced into pre-arranged marriages that were permitted because of parental consent.



"Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God's Heart". —St. Maximilian Kolbe
Mother of God, pray for your children.
Mother of God, protect your children.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Wilma & Wallace Kompa by Sandy & Jim Kozlowski



Monday 09/23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina
6:30 PM Christopher Wirkus
by Debbie Dartnell

Tuesday 09/24 Weekday
8:00 AM Gary Krieger
by Alison & Joe Drahus

Wednesday 09/25 Weekday
8:00 AM Rose Firth
by Sylvia Firth

Thursday 09/26 Weekday Sts. Cosmas & Damian
5:30 PM Marie, John & Eugene Radosza
by Terry Grundman

Friday 09/27 St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 AM Intention of the Poor & All Served by SVDP
by Diane Arnold
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 09/28 Weekday St. Wenceslaus &
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 09/29 *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Rosary will be recited 15 minutes before each Mass
5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish
8:00 AM Edward Palmer
by Diona Lovejoy
9:30 AM Jean Roland
by the Roland/Leininger Families
11:15 AM Bob Fondots
by Tony & Rita DelPercio

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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