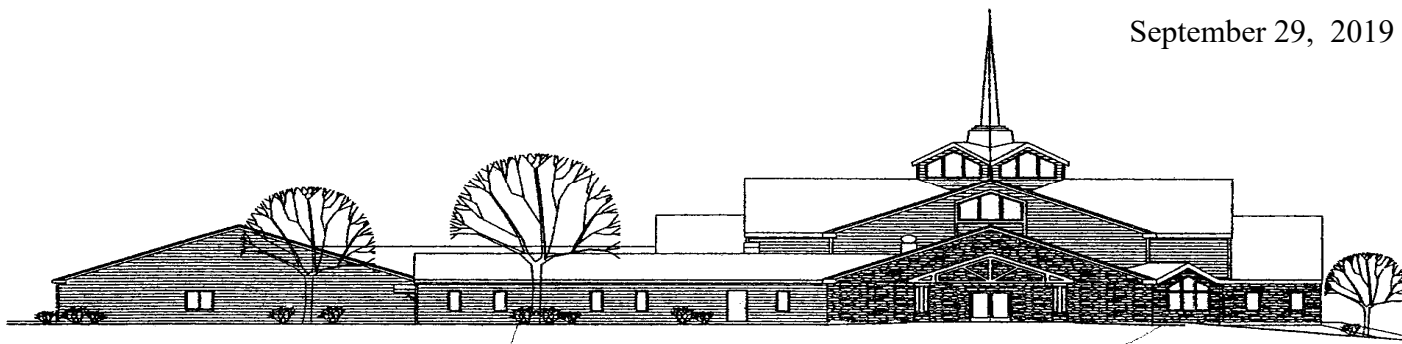


Church of Saint Benedict

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

September 29, 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

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540
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Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org



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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 LongBookkeeper
Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor
Rosanne Weidner Rectory Housekeeping
Richard Ball.....Maintenance

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J. Safe Environment Coordinator
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

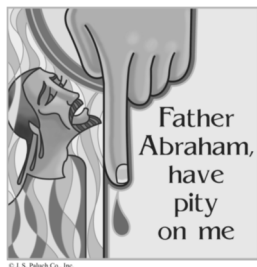
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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, 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 — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

Second Reading — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	09-22-19: \$9,536.00 (216 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 355.00
FLCMortgage	09-22-19: \$3,500.00 (112 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 122.00

HURRICANE VICTIMS COLLECTION—Hurricane Dorian's intensity and slow progress wreaked havoc on parts of Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and the coastal areas of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. In response to the needs of the victims of Dorian, Bishop Schlert has authorized that a special collection be taken up across the Diocese of Allentown October 12 & 13, 2019. These funds will be distributed to the victims of Dorian through Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your support of the victims.

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 Champion - 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 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).

POLAND TRIP DOCUMENT PARTY Monday, September 30 at 7:00 pm in the FLC



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

WOMEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, October 01 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL women of the parish are welcome!

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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS in conjunction with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Father Phil will bless all pets, farm animals and local critters. The blessing will take place Friday, October 4 at 6:00 pm in the barking lot.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION First Saturday October 5 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.

"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.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm beginning October 7 until December 23 in classroom #1. More details on the poster in the gathering space or for more information contact Deb Seidel at 610-763-6528 or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Robin Albright-Himmelberger by Charlie & Ellie Albright.



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.

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EVENING WITH MARY/ROSARY - Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 pm the Music Ministry is offering an Evening with our Blessed Mother. This evening will be filled with song, scripture, prayer, and meditation in honor of our Blessed Mother. We will begin in church with evening vespers and song for Mary and end with a Candle-lit Rosary. Please consider joining us for this prayerful evening, out of love, for our Blessed Mother, Mary.

WEDDING— Please remember in your prayers *Julia Coppa & Peter Bernetsky* who will be married at St. Benedict's Saturday, October 12 at 12 noon.

Liturgical Ministers - October 5 & 6

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Cami Beyer
Servers: Mary Henefer, Michael Lee, Abby Thatcher
EM: Frank Burns, Tom Dobson, Tom Henefer, Karen Keenan, Mary Kozak
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Lector: Mary Jo Lewis
Servers: Sydney Machion, Gabrielle Ney, Monique Baj
EM: Joy & Lee Bandy, Ray Clapper, Sylvia Firth, Mary Ann Razzano
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Lector: Charlie Jones
Servers: Gina Coccia, Jadon & Mark Scheidel
EM: Tom Culbert, Betsy Offutt, Jeanette Bunch, Adam Scheidel, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Lector: Kathy Appleton
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Riley Knapp, Robert Silver
EM: John Cocco, Helen MacMinn, Rich Conte, Sister Eileen, Father Phil

FALL ADULT STUDY—on two of the Catholic Church’s Pivotal Players—*St. Augustine & St. Benedict*. 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. All meetings in the conference room.

“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.

RESPECT



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SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for those who study medicine that they may be driven by a desire to heal and protect every human person..

**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.

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Religious Garb Bill - This bill would remove a prohibition forbidding teachers from wearing a crucifix or another representation of their faith while teaching. Pennsylvania is currently the only state in the nation that hasn’t repealed such a law. The PCC has worked with legislative leadership and is hopeful for final passage in the fall.



“May the mother of Jesus and our mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her most holy son, every heavenly blessing.”—Saint Padre Pio

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

GET WELL prayers and wishes are directed to Father Thomas Kuller, S.J. Father had hip replacement surgery on September 23. Please send get well cards to:
Rev. Thomas Kuller, S.J.
P. O. Box 223
Wernersville, PA 19565

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!

XCOUNTRY RESULTS—Over 200 students participated in the CYO XCountry meet September 8 at St. Benedict’s Picnic Grove. The following are placement winners from the LaSalle Team:
K-2 Girls: Ainsely Gontarz, 3rd place and Teagan Rodgers, 4th place.
K-2 Boys: Anthony Romeo, 1st place and Carson Frutchey, 2nd place.
3-4 Boys: Christian Hendrix, 2nd place.
5/6 Girls: Gillian Gontarz, 1st place and Regan McClure, 3rd place.
5/6 Boys: Braedan Stringer, 2nd place and Jaydin Velasquez, 3rd place.
7/8 Boys Nathan Orient, 2nd place, Matthew Schrenk, 3rd place; Owen Ziolkowski 5th place.
A heartfelt **Thank You** to all our volunteers, without your help and support, our home meet would not have been such a huge success! Thank you to the Berks Catholic Cross Country team for being our pacers. Thank you to Father Phil for opening our meet with a special prayer. A special thank you to Andy Gontarz for capturing some amazing moments during the race.
We are so blessed to have amazing support from our parishes and school. We **Thank You** our coaches.
*Lori McClure, Laura Stringer,
Jaime Schrenk, Denise Leiningler,
and Lindsay Romeo*

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS continues on Sundays after the 11:15 Mass. Bishop Schlert will visit our parish and offer the Sacrament to all students prepared. Class times remaining: September 29, October 6, October 17 and November 10. Rehearsal November 17 at 1:00 pm; Confirmation November 20 at 4:30 pm.

AD TIMES is the Diocesan newspaper for the Diocese of Allentown. It is published every other week. If you do not get this newsletter and would like to receive it, at no charge to you, please call the parish office at 610-856-1006.

MARRIAGE— Congratulations to Lewis & Sara Frame who were recently married at St. Benedict’s!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 09/30

7:00 PM Poland Trip Document Party in the FLC

Tuesday 10/01

10:00-11:30 AM Bible Study in the conf. room

6:30-8:00 PM Bible Study in the conf. room

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

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

Wednesday 10/02

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

6:30-8:00 PM Bible Study in the conference room

Thursday 10/03

6:00-7:30 PM PREP classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1 & L2

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Friday 10/04

9:00-10:30 AM Bible Study in the conference rm.

6:00 PM Blessing of Animals at the Bell Tower

Saturday 10/05

9:30-11:00 AM Ultreya meets in the conf. room

Lay Missionaries of Charity meet in Classroom #1 "Spirit Weekend"

Sunday 10/06

"Spirit Weekend"

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

Leader: Lisa Boyer

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

12:15 PM High School Confirmation Class

2:00-3:00 PM Life Chain in Morgantown

COMING EVENTS...

10/07 K of C General meeting

10/07 Divorce Support Group meets

10/10 1st Penance & Confirmation Parents meeting

10/12 Garden Clean-up

10/13 K of C Pancake Breakfast

10/17 PREP Rosary

10/20 Polka Dance

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Robin Albright-Himmelberger by Charlie & Ellie Albright



Monday 09/30 St. Jerome

6:30 PM Charles "Bud" Gring
by Marian Gring

Tuesday 10/01 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 AM Tina Macko
by the Beecham Family

Wednesday 10/02 The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 AM Robin Albright-Himmelberger
by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Thursday 10/03 Weekday

5:30 PM Diane Pawlewicz
by Felicia & Steve McDevitt & Family

Friday 10/04 St. Francis of Assisi *First Friday*

8:00 AM Sister Kathleen McMullin O.S.F.
by Robin & Rich Ball
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 10/05 Weekday *First Saturday*

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
9:00 AM Intention of John Prydban
by John & Mimi Frank

Rosary will be recited after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 10/06 *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Intention of Aaron Scheidel
by the Vocations Committee

8:00 AM Rita Braddick-Kaplan
by Gerald & Jane Braddick

9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:15 AM Christopher Kuras
by Anna Klimachefsky

6:00 PM *Evening with Mary/Rosary*

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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.