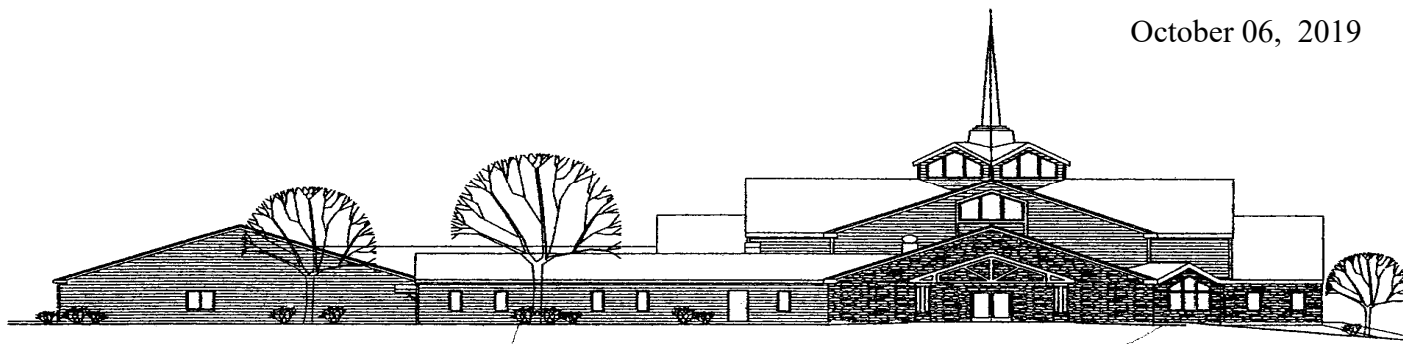


Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 06, 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.berkscatholic.org

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Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor
Fr. Thomas Kuller, S.J..... Weekend Ministry
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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, 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 — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from

God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only *total* stewardship will do: “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say ‘We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.’”

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

Stewardship	09-29-19: \$9,695.00	(242 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 540.00	
FLCMortgage	09-29-19: \$3,402.00	(105 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 232.00	

Second Collection next weekend will be the Hurricane Dorian Victims collection

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.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for doctors, nurses and other medical personnel especially those tempted by abortion that God might change their hearts and give them the conviction of the Gospel of Life.

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.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of James McCahon by the McCahon's.

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

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

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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.

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.

K OF C GENERAL MEETING Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the RMR.

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RCIA meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the gathering area.

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 Wednesday in classroom #1.

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.

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: October 6, October 27 and November 10. Rehearsal November 17 at 1:00 pm; Confirmation November 20 at 4:30 pm.



K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES: TOGETHER ON MISSION—

The theme for October is *Together on Mission*. By understanding its mission, the family can more fully embrace God's plan for the fullness of divine life and love that he wishes to share with the family.

The Christian Family, as a domestic church and as missionaries at home, is entrusted with the mission to guard, reveal, and to communicate love. What makes the task unique is that the family does this mission together. The project this month is as a family to pray together, especially the rosary as October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, such as on a Sunday after a brunch. 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.

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!



GARDEN CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 12
9:00 am-12 noon.
ALL volunteers are welcome!

Liturgical Ministers - October 12 & 13

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Stephanie Hartline
Servers: Paul Avadonian, A.J. Crisi, Regan McClure
EM: George Bach, Frank Burns, Debra Mazzarelli, Cindy Miller, Ursita Blechman

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Sylvia Firth
Servers: Dalton Maiers, Gabrielle Ney, Bryce Shelly
EM: Crystal & Chris Stein, Paul Waterman, Lee & Joy Bandy

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Julie Angstadt
Servers: Adam Brezina, Madeline & Mariella Frisina
EM: Mark Brezina, Mary Alice Newhams, Matt Martini, Rick McCarty, Glen Unger

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Sister Eileen
Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Marie Riehl
EM: Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Bo Kuszniir, Sister Eileen, John Cocco



SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 pm at the picnic grounds. In case of rain, the activities will be moved to the FLC. Any family wishing to do the Trunk or Treat please sign up in the gathering space the weekends of October 12/13 and 19/20. Start thinking about your costumes!! Questions contact Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST hosted by the K of C Sunday, October 13. Free food for all the Sunday Masses. Everyone welcome!



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 Indian-town 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.

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE (PCC) RECAP—Career Licensing Bill - Companion bills were introduced by Senator John DiSanto (R-Dauphin, Perry) and Rep. Sheryl Delkozier (R-Cumberland) that would permit people convicted of crimes to get certain occupational licenses as long as their convictions were unrelated to that profession. The PCC supported this as a way to give people a second chance at life and stay out of prison.



"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary". St. Thomas Aquinas
Mother of God, pray for your children.
Mother of God, protect your children.

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.



Altar Servers

NEW ALTAR SERVERS are needed to serve at Sunday Mass. Students grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer in this important ministry. Students must attend any two training sessions: October 11 at 5:00 pm, October 22 at 5:00 pm, October 25 at 5:00 pm and October 26 at 11:00 am. Please sign up at the front door bulletin board, or call the parish office (610-856-1006).

BOY SCOUT CHICKEN BBQ SALE—Troop 237 is selling tickets for its 60th Annual Chicken BBQ to be held on October 13, 2019. The dinners cost \$7.50 and include 1/2 chicken, baked potato and applesauce. The dinners may be picked up in the gathering space at St. Benedict's on Sunday, October 13 from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm OR they may be picked up at LaSalle Academy in Shillington from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased after the 11:15 Mass on October 6. Tickets and more information may be obtained from Anne & Steve Rosenhoover (610-334-4935) or Renee & Rick Premici (610-775-5854). Proceeds from the sales support scouting. Thank you for your support of Troop 237!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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OPTIMISM

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in thanksgiving for prayers answered by Joan Fondots.

Monday 10/07

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meets in classroom #1

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

Tuesday 10/08

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 RCIA meets in church

Wednesday 10/09

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

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

Thursday 10/10

6:00 PM 1st Penance Parents' meeting in the FLC

6:00-7:30 PM PREP classes

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

6:45 PM Confirmation Parents meeting in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Friday 10/11

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

5:00 PM New Altar Server training

Saturday 10/12

9:00-11:30 AM Garden Clean-up

Sunday 10/13

K of C Pancake Breakfast

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

Leader: Heather Yohn

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

COMING EVENTS...

10/14 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

10/15 Book Club meets

10/17 PREP Rosary

10/20 Polka Dance

10/22 Prime Timers monthly meeting

10/22 Companions of Pauline meet

10/22 New Altar Server training

10/24 PREP Protecting God's Children

10/25 New Altar Server training

10/26 New Altar Server training

10/26 Parish Halloween Party

10/27 High School Confirmation Class



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Monday 10/07 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

6:30 PM Barbara Radosza

by Terry Grundman



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Tuesday 10/08 Weekday

8:00 AM James Ahern

by Paul & Randy Waterman

Wednesday 10/09 Weekday St. Denis & Companions and St. John Leonardi

8:00 AM Joseph Scargle Jr.

by John & Mimi Frank

Thursday 10/10 Weekday

5:30 PM Thomas Lavin

by Robert & Joyce Joyce

Friday 10/11 Weekday St. John XXIII

8:00 AM Joseph Motta

by the Prime Timers

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 10/12 Weekday

12 Noon *Julia Coppa & Peter Bernetsky wedding*

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 10/13 *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Charles Aims

by Tony & Rita DelPercio

8:00 AM People of the Parish

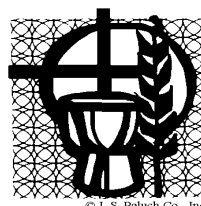
9:30 AM Shirley Miller

by Marie & Wayne Mast

11:15 AM Charles Groff Jr.

by Debbie Mazzarelli

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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.