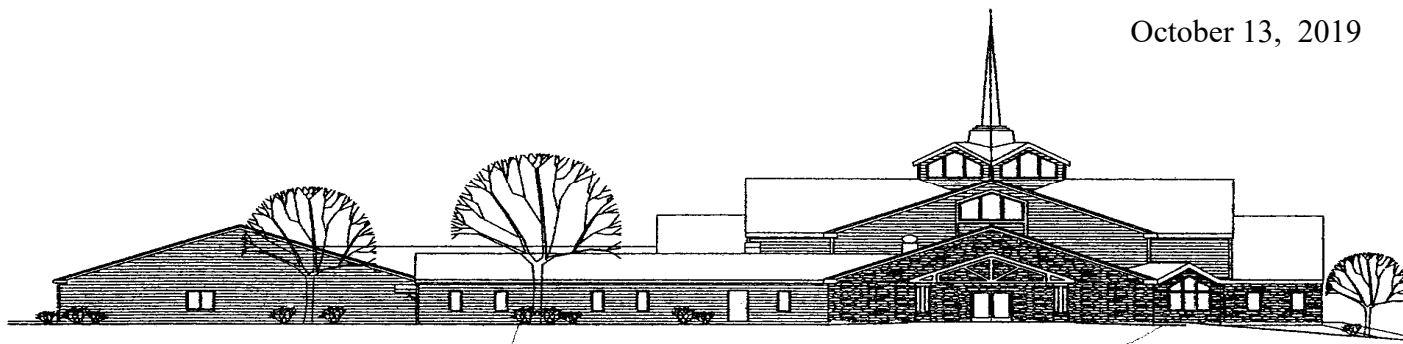


Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 13, 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

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor
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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 — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns gratefully to Elisha (2 Kings 5:14-17).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 298).

Second Reading — If we have died with Christ we shall also live with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

Gospel — Ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

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

Stewardship	10-06-19:	\$10,018.00	(213 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 1,810.00	
FLCMortgage	10-06-19:	\$3,418.00	(108 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 892.00	

Second Collection next weekend will be the Mission Sunday collection.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is a celebration for the entire world and it is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world". "The offerings that will be collected on World Mission Sunday, October 19-20, are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world". This year's message for World Mission Sunday is "Baptized and Sent".



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for doctors who perform abortions and for those who assist them that by our love, patience, and unwavering dedication to the truth they might be drawn closer to the Lord of life.

PRAYER LIST.....

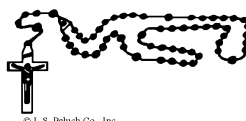
For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Baby Isabella, Rich Ball, Loretta Becker, Tom Cioffi, Steven DeAngelo, Nancy Delp, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Cecelia Kacmar, Bob Kacmar Jr., Jason Leininger Jr., John Lodge, Pat Luther, Sandy & Ralph Maio, Gertrude 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND—Father Phil and 17 parishioners will depart Sunday, October 13 at 1:00 pm and return Monday, October 21. Be assured that as we tour the Holy Shrines and Memorials in Poland that we will pray for the intentions of all our parishioners. Father Tom Kuller will say the Mass at St. Benedict's on Friday, October 18 at 8:00 am. All other Masses scheduled at St. Benedict's will be said in Poland. Father Edward Aigner will say all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 & 20. Daily Mass parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at St. John's, Shillington; St. Peter's, Chester County; or Immaculate Conception, Birdsboro.



OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm until December 23 in classroom #1. For more information contact Deb Seidel at 610-763-6528 or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING Monday October 14 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting food for the holidays. Please pick up a shopping bag in the gathering area with a list of the needed items.

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

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.

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!

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

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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 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).

OUTREACH PRIEST, FATHER EDWARD AIGNER OF CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central & South America.



SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, November 16—Cash Bingo Over \$3,000.00 in cash prizes, 50/50, raffle baskets. Doors open at 6:00 pm—games begin at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$25.00 Tickets on sale next weekend.

“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 this weekend. Questions or to pre-purchase contact either Marie Blimline at 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575.

KOLACE (NUT ROLL) can be ordered from the Prime Timers to be picked up at the Bazaar November 2 & 3. Cost is \$16.00 each. Deadline for orders is October 27. Additional flavors will be available at the Bazaar.



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.

Liturgical Ministers - October 19 & 20

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Peter Snow
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman
EM: Frank Burns, Mark Brezina, Kelly Leininger, Debra Mazzarelli, Tom Culbert

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Ellie Albright
Servers: Monique Baj, Sydney Machion, Oleg Brann
EM: Cindy Miller, Mary Ann Razzano, Ray Clapper, Sylvia Firth, Glen Unger

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Susan Teaford
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger
EM: Bo Kusznir, Karen Keenan, Tom Dobson, Tom Henefer, Gary Scollick

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck
Servers: Bryanna Gallagher, Robert Silver, Megan Vance
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Carol & Paul Wirkus, Helen MacMinn

SUMMER FESTIVAL FINANCES

The 2019 Summer Festival was a success on many different levels. Many thanks to all those behind the scenes selling tickets, counting the proceeds and depositing the collections.

Total Income	\$53,962.50
Total Expenses	\$27,685.13
Net Profit	\$26,277.37

Last year's profit was \$21,469.12

HAY CREEK FINANCIALS—Many thanks to all volunteers who served at the food stand during the Hay Creek festival. Our parish was able to bank \$1,084.45. All proceeds will assist the mortgage payments of our Family Life Center.

EIGHTH ANNUAL ALLENTOWN DIOCESE MEN'S CONFERENCE Saturday, November 23 at DeSales University, Center Valley "Standing Firm in our Faith". Key-note Speakers: Father James Greenfield, O.S.F.S., Deacon Isidro Gonzales, Sam Guzman, Gus Lloyd, Dr. Ricardo Luzoindo, M.D. and Dr. Ralph Martin with Rev. Adam Sedar (Mass Celebrant). In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for adoration and Confession. Register by November 13 at www.allentowndioces.org/mensconference. If you would like to car pool to this conference contact Lee Bandy at bandyman@ptd.net or 484-709-6509 or Gary Scollick at gscollick@ptd.net or 612-223-1593. We would be glad to have you join us.

OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES OF THE EUCHARIST invite you to a special weekend retreat Friday evening, November 1-Sunday noon, November 3, 2019. "*A Time Apart with Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life*" The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-founder of OLME and 1999-2018 EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey". The retreat is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information please contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508 or olme@oilme.org 610-582-3333 www.olme.org



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

Brandon Monk & Kristina Ciatto who will be married by Father Phil on October 25 at St. Ignatius.

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS —"*We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves*". —Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*

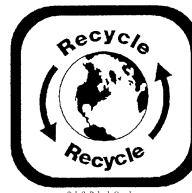
THANK YOU...

...Many thanks to *John Bergandino* and the *Stewardship Committee* for setting up the Family Life Center for our Spirit Weekend, October 5/6. Our parish hall looked very festive and welcoming. Over 50 persons signed up to get involved with one of 36 different ministries and organizations at St. Benedict's.

...Many thanks to *parishioners* who participated in *Life Chain*, October 6 in Morgantown.

...Thanks to our *Respect Life Committee* for keeping us in the loop on local, state, and national events in regard to Pro-life issues.

RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE



Please consider the many ways we can recycle here at St. Benedict's and be a friend to our environment and a good steward of our planet.

1. Paper recycling, located in the back parking lot. We will accept your newspapers, magazines, office paper, and junk mail and cereal type boxes smashed flat. Take your paper out of plastic bags before you throw it in the bin.
2. Ink cartridges of any kind or size may be placed into the small bins by the sacristy door.
3. Soda cans and plastics from events in our parish hall are recycled through the kitchen clean up service.

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 Flowers this weekend in memory of *Rodney P. Focht* by *Dad & Mom*.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Robert Didyoung Sr. & Jr. by Irene Didyoung

Monday 10/14

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

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the conference room

Tuesday 10/15

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 Book Club meets in classroom #1

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

Wednesday 10/16

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

Thursday 10/17

6:00-7:30 PM PREP classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

6:15 PM PREP Rosary for 3rd, 7th & CGS L2 in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Friday 10/18

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

5:00 PM New Altar Server training

Sunday 10/20

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

Leader: Lauren Machion

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

12:30 PM Polka Dance Fundraiser



Monday 10/14 Weekday St. Callistus I
NO MASS

Tuesday 10/15 St. Teresa of Jesus
NO MASS

Wednesday 10/16 Weekday St. Hedwig &
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
NO MASS

Thursday 10/17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
NO MASS

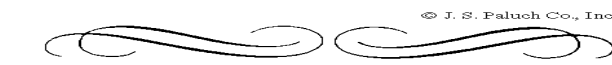
Friday 10/18 St. Luke, Evangelist
8:00 AM Anna Priar
by Ron & Lisa Priar
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 10/19 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
& Companions
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 10/20 *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Frances Yuschalk
by Marie & Stanley Blimline
8:00 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:15 AM Thomas Connolly
by Mary Jo Gordon

COMING EVENTS...

- 10/21 K of C Officers meeting
- 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



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