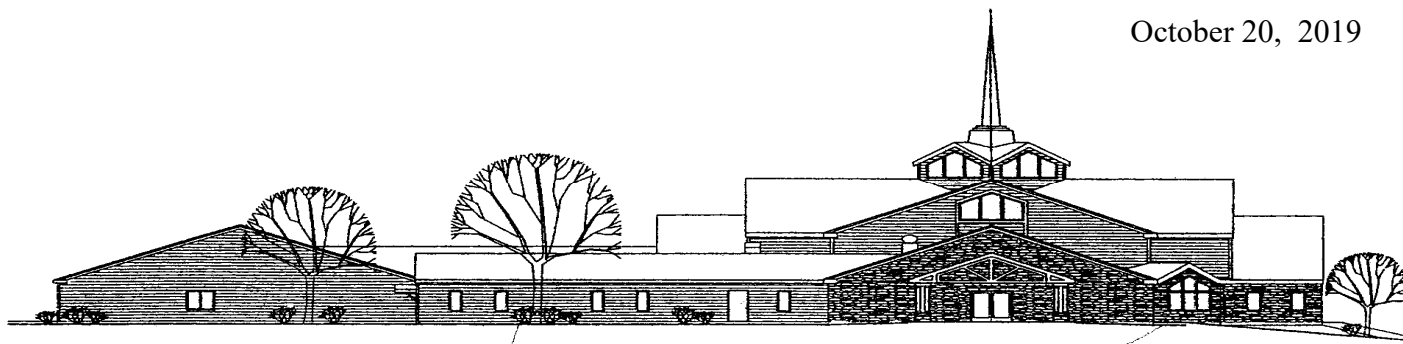


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 20, 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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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](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** — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (Exodus 17:8-13).

**Psalm** — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

**Second Reading** — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (Luke 18:1-8).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Today's Gospel calls *all* of us—not just the apostles—to “go...and make disciples”. If we cannot actually go to the missions, we can answer Jesus' call by giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

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

Stewardship 10-13-19: \$9,521.00 (221 envelopes)  
 EFT: \$ 540.00

FLCMortgage 10-13-19: \$7,671.00 (102 envelopes)  
 EFT: \$ 232.00

Hurricane Dorian Victims \$ 904.00

**Second Collection next weekend** will be the All Souls' envelope.

**WE WELCOME FATHER EDWARD AIGNER OF CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH** who is speaking this weekend at all 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 priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

We pray for teachers in schools of medicine and nursing that their love for life and healing might inspire their students.

**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, John Bonnell, Tom Cioffi, Steven DeAngelo, Nancy Delp, Irene Didyoung, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Cecelia Kacmar, Bob Kacmar Jr., Jason Leininger Jr., John Lodge, Pat Luther, Sandy & Ralph Maio, Gertrude Mastrosante, Sam Miccicke, 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.*



Please remember in your prayers **Brandon Monk & Kristina Ciatto** who will be married by Father Phil on October 25 at St. Ignatius.



*Congratulations to Peter and Julia Bernetsky* who were recently married at St. Benedict's.

**ST. BENEDICT MEMORIAL SOCIETY**—*Mary Firth* has been enrolled in our Memorial Society by *Mary Jo & Randy Lewis*.

**ST. BENEDICT POLKA DANCE FUNDRAISER** today 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!

**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.

**K of C OFFICERS' MEETING** Monday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in the RMR.

**PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING** Tuesday, October 22 at 1:00 pm featuring "Prime Timer Baked Potato Bar". Join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship!

**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.

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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.

**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.

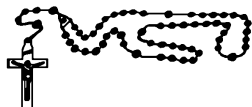
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Altar Servers

**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).



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**OCTOBER  
MONTH OF THE ROSARY**



**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 this weekend. Start thinking about your costumes!! Questions contact Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575.



**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 starting this weekend.



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
ALL SAINTS DAY  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
Thursday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm  
Friday Masses at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**  
A special Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. to remember all the Faithful Departed. Special candles will be lit for each person of our parish who died since last year at this time.

**Liturgical Ministers - October 26 & 27**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Brian Heath  
Servers: Allison & Natalie Clayton, A.J. Crisi  
EM: George Bach, Jeannette Bunch, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Tom Culbert, Cindy Miller

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Lector: Brent Musser  
Servers: Bryce Shelly, Megan & Emily Hatcher  
EM: Joe Boylan, Chris & Crystal Stein, Paul Waterman, Glen Unger

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Lector: Anna Welsh  
Servers: Emily Ward, Sarah Williams, Sean Bigelow  
EM: Rick McCarty, Paul Wirkus, Ursita Blechman, Rich Conte, Father Phil


**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Lector: Jean Ruhl  
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Nicholas Barse, Christopher Mangan  
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Matt Martini, Father Phil



On Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate Priesthood Sunday. We encourage everyone to unite in prayers for our priests and to show them our support by remembering

them by praying the rosary, attending a daily Mass for their intention, lighting a votive candle, or praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



**ST. BENEDICT'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
 Saturday November 2- 8:00 am-7:00 pm  
 Sunday November 3- 8:00 am-1:00 pm

**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.allentowndioeces.org/mensconference](http://www.allentowndiooces.org/mensconference). If you would like to car pool to this conference contact Lee Bandy at [bandyman@ptd.net](mailto:bandyman@ptd.net) or 484-709-6509 or Gary Scollick at [gscollick@ptd.net](mailto: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](mailto:olme@oilme.org) 610-582-3333 [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org)



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Marge by Chet.

**LIFELINE OF BERKS COUNTY**

([www.lifelineofberks.org](http://www.lifelineofberks.org)) has opportunities for a passionate and compassionate registered nurse to assist us in our mission of providing services and education to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. This position will be part-time or 12-16 hours and is a wonderful way to use your skills in a ministry that has served women with dignity for over 47 years. The successful candidate will learn to perform ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy as part of the Options Education process. This position is perfect for young nurses who wish to add more hours in a less hectic setting or for older nurses who are looking to learn something new and reduce their workload while providing younger women with the benefit of your experience. To access a downloadable application for employment, please go to our website <https://lifelineofberks.org/make-a-difference/join-our-team/>

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings*

### Monday 10/21

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

7:00 PM K of C Officers' meeting in the RMR

### Tuesday 10/22

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

1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the FLC

5:00 PM New Altar Servers' training

7:00-8:30 PM Companions of Pauline meet in classroom #1

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

### Wednesday 10/23

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

### Thursday 10/24

6:00-7:30 PM PREP classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

6:15 PM Protecting God's Children in church

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

### Friday 10/25

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

5:00 PM New Altar Server training

### Saturday 10/26

11:00 AM New Altar Server training

6:00 PM Parish Halloween Party

### Sunday 10/27

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

Leader: Jacklyn Rhoades

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

12:15 PM High School Confirmation Class



Monday 10/21 Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Tuesday 10/22 Weekday St. John Paul II  
8:00 AM Chuck Mittman  
by the Prime Timers

Wednesday 10/23 Weekday St. John of Capistrano  
8:00 AM Francesco Carpino  
by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

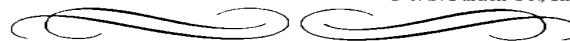
Thursday 10/24 Weekday St. Anthony Mary Claret  
5:30 PM Elizabeth Voelker  
by Clara Lush

Friday 10/25 Weekday  
8:00 AM Diane Pawlewicz  
by Charles & Patty Jones  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 10/26 Weekday  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 10/27 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Margaret Albert  
by Stephanie Hartline  
8:00 AM Alice Mary Reuscher  
by Michael Lee & John Hrynczyszyn  
9:30 AM Joseph Offutt  
by the Prime Timers  
11:15 AM George & Anna Mae Grohol  
by Andy & Bev Kuzmission

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### COMING EVENTS...

- 10/29 Bible Study
- 10/30 Bible Study
- 11/01 Bible Study
- 11/01 All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation
- 11/02 Ultreya meets
- 11/02-03 Christmas Bazaar
- 11/04 All Souls' Memorial Mass



### *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*