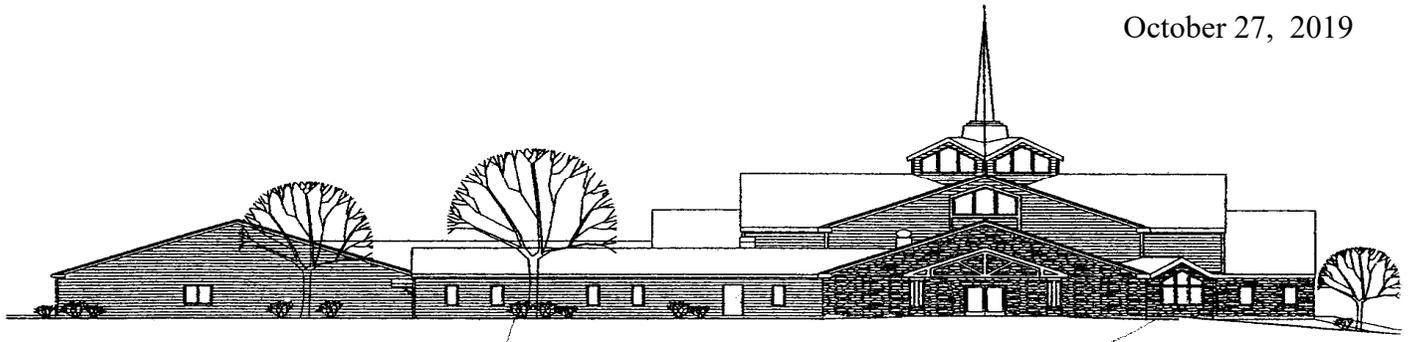


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 27, 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  
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[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  
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610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

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[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, 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.



All who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts—of time or money or abilities—to be the means by which God answers their need?

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

Stewardship	10-20-19: \$6,408.00 (193 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 355.00
FLCMortgage	10-20-19: \$2,437.00 ( 82 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 122.00
World Missions	\$1,408.00 (95 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 145.00

**Second Collection next weekend** will be the Catholic Military Collection. Please see insert for complete details.

**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 Campion - 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*

**RESPECT**



**LIFE**

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**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

We pray for medical researchers and all scientists that the holy work they do may ever be guided by God.

**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.

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



**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



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
**ALL SOULS' DAY**  
Mass is at 9:00 am

**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.

**BOOK OF THE DEAD** is a large open book in our church in which anyone can inscribe the names of loved ones who have passed away. The month of November is traditionally the time we honor and pray for all our deceased loved ones who are now numbered among the Communion of Saints. Please feel free to go to the book before or after Mass and prayerfully add the names of your deceased family and friends. As a church we will remember them throughout the month of November in our Mass intentions. The large Easter candle burning beside the book reminds us that Christ is the light of our life leading us into eternal life.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** First Saturday November 2 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.



**K OF C CASH BINGO**— *Saturday, November 16*. 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 includes 15 regular Bingo games with 6 cards per game. Additional special games and jackpot. Food will be available. Tickets on sale this weekend.

**K OF C BLOOD DRIVE**—The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be here on Monday, November 4 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are approaching a season in which the need for blood increases. Please sign up in the gathering space hallway entrance.

**MANY THANKS FROM THE ST. BENEDICT K OF C COUNCIL** for all parishioners and friends who helped support the Beef & Brew. The net profit was \$724.84 that will benefit Seminary Tuition and Diaconate Training costs. While this was off our goal of \$1,500 we hope to make up the difference during the Bazaar on November 2-3. Many thanks to the Knights who served the event and especially to Rosanne Weidner for preparing the beef and many delicious desserts.



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

*Breakfast with Santa, Crafts, Good Food and White Elephant Treasures especially Christmas items. No electrical items or clothing including shoes & boots.*

**Liturgical Ministers - November 02 & 03**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
Lector: Chris Mensak  
Servers: Paul Avadanian, A.J. Crisi, Regan McClure  
EM: George Bach, Debra Mazzarelli, Ursita Blechman, Frank Burns, Mary Kozak
- Sunday 8:00 AM**  
Lector: Mary Jo Lewis  
Servers: Megan & Emily Hatcher, Bryce Shelly  
EM: Cindy Miller, Paul Waterman, Ray Clapper, Mary Ann Razzano, Father Phil
- Sunday 9:30 AM**  
Lector: Lauren Lush  
Servers: Mary Henefer, Mariella & Madeline Frisina  
EM: Tom Henefer, Tom Dobson, Bo Kuszniir, Mark Brezina, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**  
Lector: Mary Alice Newhams  
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Robert Silver, Bryanna Gallagher  
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Carol & Paul Wirkus



Today we 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.

**HEALING MASS** is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 pm. During this Mass the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Who should receive the sacrament? Anyone who is in need of physical, spiritual or emotional healing. We celebrate God's great mercy that comes to us through Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician. You may receive this sacrament whenever your condition changes and gets worse. Many receive this sacrament before any kind of surgery. The K of C will provide transportation for anyone in need. Please call the parish office (610-856-1006) if you are in need of transportation.

**LASALLE NEWS**—The CYO District *Spelling Bee* will be hosted by LaSalle Academy on Tuesday, October 29 at 9:00 am. *Good luck to LaSalle. Congratulations to LaSalle Girls' Volleyball Team.* They are one game away from the County Championship Title.

**LASALLE ADVISORY BOARD** is made up of representatives from St. Benedict's and St. John's, the two pastors and principal, Mr. Stephen Mickulik. The next meeting will be held at St. Benedict's on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 pm.

**EIGHTH ANNUAL ALLENTOWN DIOCESE MEN'S CONFERENCE** Saturday, November 23 at DeSales University, Center Valley "Standing Firm in our Faith". 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.allentowndioeces.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.



Please remember in your prayers *Shaun Clinton & Brittany Brown* who will be married in St. Benedict's.



*Congratulations to Brandon & Kristina Monk* who were married by Father Phil at St. Ignatius Church.



**NOVEMBER 1  
ALL SAINTS' DAY**

This feast day honors all of the saints in Heaven. It was first celebrated in Rome in 610, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon to Our Lady and all the martyrs.

The feast day was later moved to November 1 and expanded to honor all the saints. Traditionally, special foods for this feast day came from the fall harvest. In some countries, it was traditional to eat cakes and drink cold milk. Church bells rang to praise and thank God for the example of the holy ones. Children dressed in costumes to imitate their favorite saints. Plays depicting the lives of the saints were performed. On the evening of All Saints' Day, people would visit cemeteries to decorate the graves of loved one with flowers and candles.

In a world where authentic heroes are few and far between, celebrating All Saints' Day is a wonderful way to remind ourselves that we can model our lives after these holy people.



*Altar Flowers* this weekend in memory of *George & Anna Grohol* by *Andy & Bev Kuzmission*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Annie Hofert by Jeanie & Bill Hauck*

## Monday 10/28

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

7:00 PM LaSalle Advisory Board meeting in the conference room

## Tuesday 10/29

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

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

## Wednesday 10/30

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

## Thursday 10/31

NO PREP Classes

8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR



## Friday 11/01

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

## Saturday 11/02

Christmas Bazaar

9:00 AM Ultreya meets in the conference room

Lay Missionaries of Charity meet in Classroom #1

## Sunday 11/03

Christmas Bazaar

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

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2



Monday 10/28 Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

6:30 PM Anne Enright

by Paul & Randy Waterman

Tuesday 10/29 Weekday

8:00 AM Robert Pouleson

by Beulah Screpesi

Wednesday 10/30 Weekday

8:00 AM Elizabeth F. Galdi

by Rich & Robin Ball

Thursday 10/31 Weekday

*Vigil of All Saints*

5:00 PM Msgr. Dennis T. Hartgen

by Jim & Sharon Helms

Friday 11/01 *All Saints*

*First Friday*

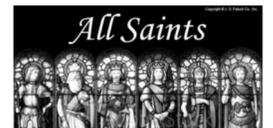
8:00 AM Joseph Lintz

by Lucy & Larry Concordia

*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

7:00 PM Rev. James Bechtel

by Jim & Sharon Helms



Saturday 11/02 *All Souls' Day*

*First Saturday*

9:00 AM John Schrum

by Rich & Robin Ball

*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

*Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon*

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions



Sunday 11/03 *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Mary Jane Butt

by Jim & Floss Pleitner

8:00 AM

Rev. James Bechtel

by Mary Jo Gordon

9:30 AM

People of the Parish

11:15 AM

Nora & Charles Aims

by Mary Bross Aims

### COMING EVENTS...

11/04 Blood Drive

11/04 All Souls' Memorial Mass

11/04 K of C General meeting

11/05 Election Day

11/07 PREP Classes

11/10 Hospitality Sunday

11/10 Confirmation Class

11/10 Healing Mass

11/11 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

11/16 K of C Cash Bingo

11/17 Confirmation Rehearsal

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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.*

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