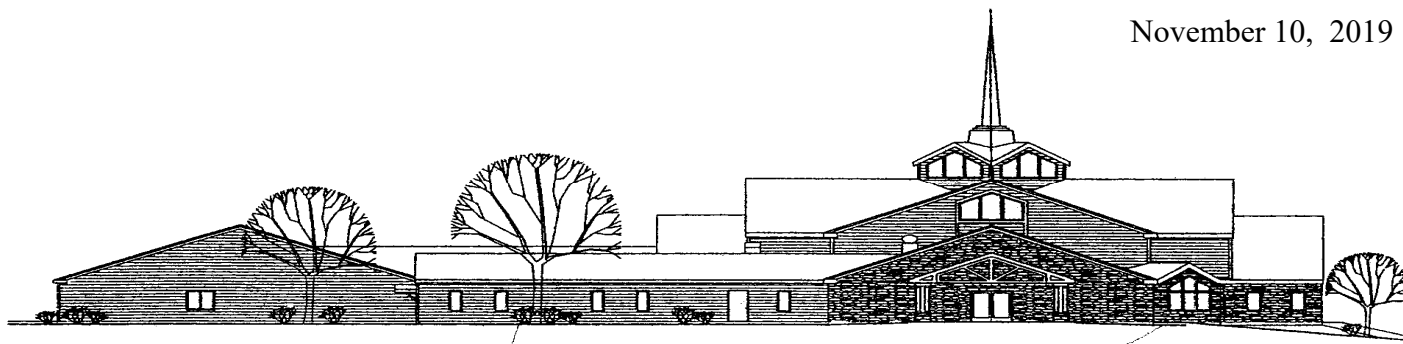


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

November 10, 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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[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.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

**Psalm** — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).

**Gospel** — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word". May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

**Stewardship- Gifts of God**

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

Stewardship	11-03-19: \$9,666.00 (224 envelopes)
EFT:	\$1,685.00
FLCMortgage	11-03-19: \$4,391.00 (99 envelopes)
EFT:	\$ 842.00
Catholic Military	\$ 477.00
All Souls	\$2,301.00

**Second Collection next weekend** will be the Diocese of Allentown Poverty Relief collection.

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS** can be found on the diocese website [DioceseofAllentown.org](http://DioceseofAllentown.org). Click on Youth Protection upper right corner. It contains a list of programs, events and clearances needed for a safe environment for the children of the diocese.



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

We pray for the leaders of the Church that they may be given wisdom and a sense of justice to speak the words of life to a world overshadowed by a culture of death.

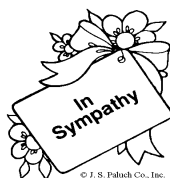
**PRAYER LIST.....**

*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, Irene Didyoung, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Cecelia Kacmar, Bob Kacmar Jr., Andy Kuzmission, Jason Leininger Jr., John Lodge, Pat Luther, Sandy & Ralph Maio, Gertrude Mastrosante, Francis Newhams, Kelly Reagan, Sam Reber, Eleanor Slanga, 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, Andrew Sickora, 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.*



Pray for the repose of the soul of Salvatore "Sam" Miccicke, husband of Antoinette. May his soul rest in peace.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of Carmel Alfiero by Gloria Alfiero.



**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.



**LASALLE ACADEMY  
VETERANS DAY  
PRAYER SERVICE**

will be held in the school gym on Monday, November 11 at 9:00 am.

All veterans, active or retired, in person or standing in for a beloved veteran's memory, are welcome to school to be remembered and thanked for their service to our country.

**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.



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



**THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE** with Robeson Lutheran Church will be at St. Benedict's this year on Wednesday, November 27. The prayer service led by both pastors, will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments after the service. All are invited - all are welcome!

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Please consider attending Mass to give thanks for all God has blessed us with.

**The SANCTUARY LAMP** burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person or a deceased loved one or any special intentions for a weekly donation of \$10.00. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.



**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.

**K OF C FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP** Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 pm at Robeson Lutheran Church, sponsored by St. Benedict Council #14654 open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 (proof of age required). Champions in all 6 age groups for both girls and boys (12 Champions!!). Contact John Coccia at 610-404-0712 or email johncoccia3@gmail.com All Champions move on to the District Shoot-Off.



**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be collecting turkeys and hams thru November 22 for distribution to the needy at Thanksgiving. Your donations may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the education wing and are greatly appreciated. Food will be delivered Saturday, November 23. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during the holiday season!

**BREAKFAST "BREAKFAST SUNDAY"** November 17. Breakfast is served in the FLC from 8:00-11:30 am. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for child. Price includes meal, hot drink and juice. Please come and join us for a time of food and fellowship.

**Liturgical Ministers - November 16 & 17**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
 Lector: Marie Blimline  
 Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman  
 EM: Tom Culbert, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Kelly Leininger, Rich McCarty, Ursita Blechman
- Sunday 8:00 AM**  
 Lector: Ellie Albright  
 Servers: Gabrielle Ney, Oleg Brann, Monique Baj  
 EM: Sylvia Firth, Cindy Miller, Joe Boylan, Chris & Crystal Stein
- Sunday 9:30 AM**  
 Lector: Susan Teaford  
 Servers: Gina Coccia, Michael Lee, Abby Thatcher  
 EM: Mark Brezina, Paul Wirkus, Gary Scollick, Joy Bandy, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**  
 Lector: Jean Ruhl  
 Servers: Jack, Mikayla & Marie Riehl  
 EM: John Cocco, Matt Martini, Betsy & Bill Offutt, Father Phil

**CYO SPELLING BEE**—*Congratulations* to Anthony Campanella of LaSalle Academy who was the 1st place winner for 6th grade in the recent CYO District Spelling Bee held at LaSalle Academy.

**LASALLE NEWS:**

- \*Re-register for 2020-2021 academic year between November 1-November 15 and get 50% off registration fee.
- \*November 11 Veteran's Day Prayer Service for all Veterans active or retired. Call office for registration.
- \*November 12 Mathletes at Berks Catholic High School.
- \*November 15 School Mass at 9:00 am. Father Phil, Celebrant. Prayer leaders grade 6A & B.



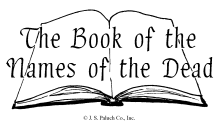
**RESERVED SEATING** - A special pew on the tabernacle side of the church has been designated for persons who need assistance at Communion time. Any person who finds it difficult to walk toward the altar for Communion is invited to sit in the handicap pew and a Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to that pew. The pew is marked with the International Blue Handicap sign.



**MONTH OF ALL SOULS** is traditionally celebrated in November. You may consider visiting a cemetery where loved ones are buried and offer the prayers for visiting a gravesite: *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Please remember in your daily prayers during this month of the Poor Souls all those who have recently died and also pray for all those poor souls forgotten by their families and friends. They need our help! Also continue to pray on behalf of your beloved deceased.



**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.



**CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on November 20 at 4:30 pm. We welcome Bishop Schlert who will preside at the Confirmation Mass. Eighth grade students from LaSalle Academy, St. Benedict's PREP, St. John's PREP and homeschoolers will all be confirmed together at St. Benedict's. Rehearsal and Confession for Confirmation candidates will be on Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 pm.

**THANK YOU....**

...*Many Thanks* to Gary & Lori Raser for removing a tree that was growing over top of the rectory roof and its roots were interfering with our sewer system.

...*Gratitude* is extended to Paul Frizzell for constructing safe and solid steps and platforms at the entrance doors of our two trailers.

...*A Million Thanks* to all *Christmas Bazaar volunteers* for the many hours of service to support the programs and projects of our parish. *Special Thanks* to all those behind the scenes for set-up and especially taking down and cleaning the FLC.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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

**Monday 11/11**  
7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meets in classroom #1  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the conference room



Monday 11/11 St. Martin of Tours  
8:00 AM Charlie Wenrich  
by the Franks

**Tuesday 11/12**  
7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

Tuesday 11/12 St. Josaphat  
8:00 AM Ed Reidel  
by Tim & Robinn Reidel

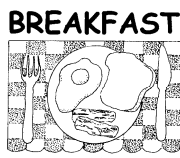
**Thursday 11/14**  
6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes  
6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1  
8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Wednesday 11/13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
8:00 AM Walter Gipprich  
by Mary Jo Gordon

**Saturday 11/16**  
6:00 PM K of C Cash Bingo

Thursday 11/14 Weekday  
5:30 PM Michael Kozak  
by Lyn Sallada

**Sunday 11/17**  
"Breakfast Sunday"  
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Lauren Machion  
10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2  
1:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal & Confession for Candidates



Friday 11/15 Weekday St. Albert the Great  
8:00 AM Jack McDonnell  
by Rich & Robin Ball  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 11/16 Weekday St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude  
9:00-10:00 AM Holy Hour for Vocations  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 11/17 *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Joseph Motta  
by Tony & Rita DelPercio  
8:00 AM Simon Meyer  
by Margaret Tully  
9:30 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society  
11:15 AM Anne Marie Fuselli  
by the Barse's

### COMING EVENTS...

- 11/18 K of C Officers meeting
- 11/19 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 11/19 Book Club meets
- 11/20 Confirmation at St. Benedict's
- 11/26 Companions of Pauline meet
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**— We will pray for vocations by holding a special Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 -10:00 AM. Please ask our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. Please come and spend an hour in adoration and prayer asking God to increase vocations in our parish and diocese.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All announcements for the December 1st bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Thursday, November 21st.



### **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*