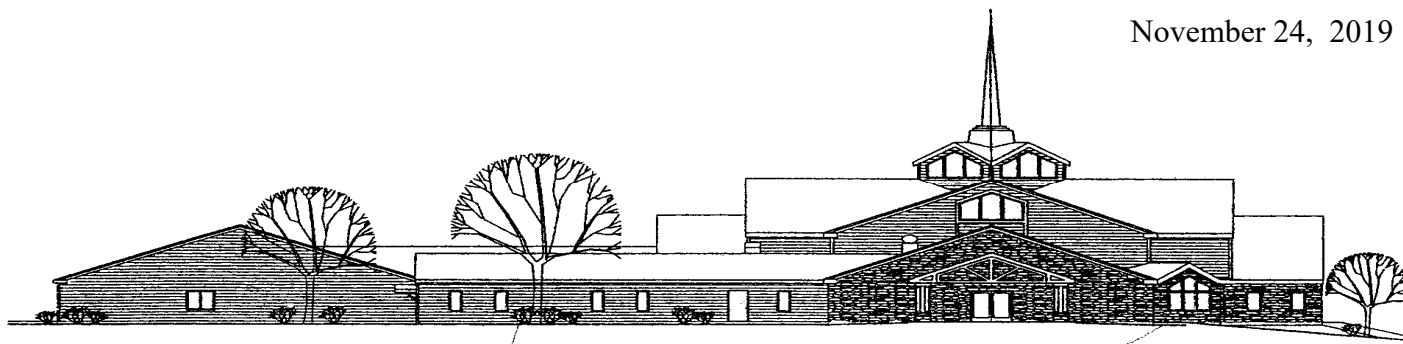


Church of Saint Benedict

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

November 24, 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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

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

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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

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

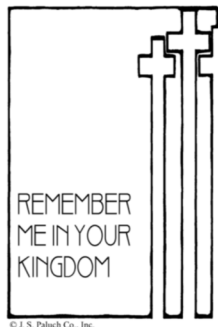
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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 Lord said to David, “You shall shepherd my people Israel” (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

Stewardship- Gifts of God		
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>		
Stewardship	11-17-19: \$7,640.50	(234 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 540.00	
FLCMortgage	11-17-19: \$3,401.50	(94 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 232.00	
Utility Fund	11-10-19: \$2,641.00	(128 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 140.00	
DOA Poverty Relief	\$1,761.30	(111 envelopes)
	EFT: \$ 150.00	

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 - Treasa 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*



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Tony DelPercio, husband of Rita.* May his soul rest in peace.

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.

Bible Study



ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY 2019

Join us as we take four weeks to journey to Christmas through the eyes of St. Joseph—**"Rejoice"** - a guided retreat for busy people. Learn truths about St.

Joseph hidden in the Gospel and in Church tradition. Choice of morning or evening: Tuesday at 9:00 am, or Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Four sessions:

- November 26—St. Joseph in Nazareth;
- December 3—St. Joseph in Galilee;
- December 10—St. Joseph's Journey;
- December 17—St. Joseph in Bethlehem.

Please call the church office @ 610-856-1006 to reserve your book!

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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.

WOMENS' CLUB COOKIE SALE - The Women's Club will have their Cookie Sale December 14 & 15. If anyone would like to donate cookies for the sale, please bring them to church before noon on Saturday, December 14.

WINDSTAR SCHOONER SAIL CRUISE—Father Phil and Father Don Henry are joining parishes to sponsor a wonderful sail cruise. It begins with 2 nights in Athens, Greece with Tauck leading us on a tour of Athens and then on the 118 passenger schooner sail boat called Windstar. This is for August 21 returning to the USA August 30 of 2020! Contact Father Henry at hk8655@aol.com or Kathy at Berkshire Travel 800-223-3884 for more information.



The Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a **Light-up for Christ Spaghetti Dinner** in conjunction with the Light-up Ceremony at the Manger Scene on Saturday, December 7 after the 5:00 pm Mass. The Dinner is complimentary. To estimate food, please sign up in the gathering space or contact Rich Conte at 610-223-8846.

You will also be able to participate in the Adopt a Priest Program.

ADOPT-A-PRIEST PROJECT - The Vocations Committee cordially invites you to its Annual Adopt-a-Priest Project! This is a unique way for our parish family to express our appreciation to all the retired priests of the Diocese of Allentown. Each person will choose a priest to adopt, and will then create a homemade Christmas card with a personal greeting which will be sent to the priest. All necessary supplies will be provided and refreshments will be served. This special activity will take place in the Family Life Center after all the Masses on December 7 & 8. Don't miss this opportunity to show your gratitude and bring the spirit of Christmas to those who have done so much for our faith community!

MOVIE NIGHT "UNPLANNED" will be co-sponsored by the Knights Council and the Respect Life Committee in order to raise funds for the March for Life Bus Trip in January starting at 6:00 pm on Friday December 13. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and other hot foods will be sold before the movie which starts at 7:00 pm. The movie is "Unplanned". To estimate food, please sign up in the gathering space or contact Rich Conte at 610-223-8846.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of *Sylvia Kane by Stephanie Hartline.*

Liturgical Ministers—Nov. 30-Dec. 01

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Laura Kamerdze
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman
EM: George Bach, Mark Brezina, Frank Burns, Karen Keenan, Debra Mazzarelli
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Lector: Dennis Brizick
Servers: Gabrielle Ney, Oleg Brann, Monique Baj
EM: Lee & Joy Bandy, Glenn Unger, Cindy Miller, Paul Waterman
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Allison & Natalie Clayton, Emily Ward
EM: Jeannette Bunch, Matt Martini, Rich Conte, Bill Offutt, Rick McCarty
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Nicholas Barse, Megan Vance
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Sister Eileen, Bo Kusznir



K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES: November 2019 Communion of Saints—The theme for November is the

Communion of Saints. By virtue of graces and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian Family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life. Each member of the family has the task of helping others to grow in holiness through faith, hope and charity. The project for the month is to select a saint and as a family study that person's time and culture and how they stood out in holiness. Make a family meal from that culture. This is the final month in the twelve part series. Find out more in the K of C Family Fully Alive Booklet that was distributed in December 2018. If you would like the complete list of summaries or a booklet call Knightline at 484-263-0322 also use this number to provide any feedback on the use of this series this year.

RESPECT



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for bishops who seek to guide Catholic politicians in the ways of truth that by their example and their words they might witness the Gospel of Life.

LASALLE ACADEMY is hiring a *night-time security lock-up attendant*. Applications and clearances may be sent to Mr. Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed., Principal, LaSalle Academy, 400 Holland Street, Shillington, PA 19607—also *Adult Library Assistant Volunteers* are needed for Wednesdays at school to help students check books in and out and to reshelve returned books. Volunteers must have or be able to obtain Diocesan clearances. Contact the Principal at LaSalle Academy for more information (610-777-7392).

LASALLE ACADEMY THANKS THESE COLOR RUN SPONSORS: *Andrea Ache-Witmer DMD, LLC; Campanella & Pearah Eye Care Associates; Glass and Sons Collision; Misco Products; Orthopaedic Associates of Reading; The Tomsho Family; Berks Oral Surgery; Bernard C. Morrissey Insurance, Inc.; Burkey Construction; Charles Frisina, D.C.; GenPore; LaSalle CYO; NurSelect Healthcare Employment Service; Premier Foot & Ankle Associates-The Stringer Family; Reading Dermatology Associates; The Gontarz Family; West Reading Radiology Associates.*

THANK YOU....

...Thanks to *John Bergandino* for taking the time to set up his cherry picker and replacing some parking lot lights.
 ...Gratitude is extended to *Patti Brenner and Pete Snow* for providing music for the Country-Wide CYO Mass held November 24 at 11:00 am at Berks Catholic High School auditorium.
 ...God Bless our *Vocation Committee* led by *Sandy Bach* for celebrating a Holy Hour for Vocations on Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN—ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION—

The Commission for Women hosts an Advent Day of Reflection, Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the McGlenn Conference and Spirituality Center, 460 Bernardine Street, Reading, PA (adjacent to Alvernia University). Be encouraged as we listen to talks by Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki, Parochial Vicar, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, Easton and Mr. Matthew Kuna, Parish Son of St. Thomas More, Allentown and diocesan seminarian. Pray the Rosary together, participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and enjoy great food and fruitful conversation. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality by December 1. Cost \$20.

"All You Can Eat" breakfast buffet at the Geigertown Fire Company, 3433 Hay Creek Road, on Sunday, December 1st from 7:00-11:00 am . The fire company needs and appreciates your support. Thank You.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 11/25
7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meets in classroom #1

Tuesday 11/26
9:00 AM Advent Bible Study in the conference room
6:30 PM Advent Bible Study in the conference room
7:00 PM Companions of Pauline meet in classroom #1
7:00 PM RCIA meets in church

Wednesday 11/27
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Thursday 11/28
8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR



Sunday 12/01
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.
Leader: Lisa Boyer
10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

COMING EVENTS...

- 12/02 K of C General meeting
- 12/03 Prime Timers Christmas Luncheon
- 12/03 Women's Club monthly meeting
- 12/05 PREP Confessions
- 12/07 Ultreya meets
- 12/07 Lay Missionaries of Charity meet
- 12/07 Light up for Christ Spaghetti Dinner
- 12/08 Hospitality Sunday
- 12/13 Movie Night
- 12/14 Bus Trip to Ft. Indiantown Cemetery
- 12/14-15 Women's Club Cookie Sale

THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.
—Henry Van Dyke

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Eleanor Lis-trani by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski



Monday 11/25 Weekday St. Catherine of Alexandria
6:30 PM Clarence & Lenore Hauck
by Bill & Jeanie Hauck

Tuesday 11/26 Weekday
8:00 AM Lois Stockdale
by Cloyd Geedy

Wednesday 11/27 Weekday
8:00 AM Anna Priar
by Tony & Rita DelPercio
7:00 PM *Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service*

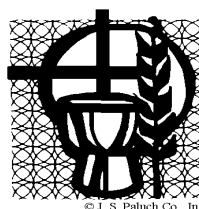
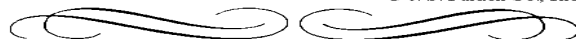
Thursday 11/28 Weekday
9:00 AM Mary Lou Denitz
by Theresa & Rudy Fox

Friday 11/29 Weekday
NO MASS

Saturday 11/30 St. Andrew, Apostle
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 12/01 *First Sunday of Advent*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Marcella Kmiec
by Janet & Stan Kmiec Jr.
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Virginia Johnson
by Sylvia Firth
11:15 AM Sarah & Charles Bross
by Mary Bross-Aims

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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.