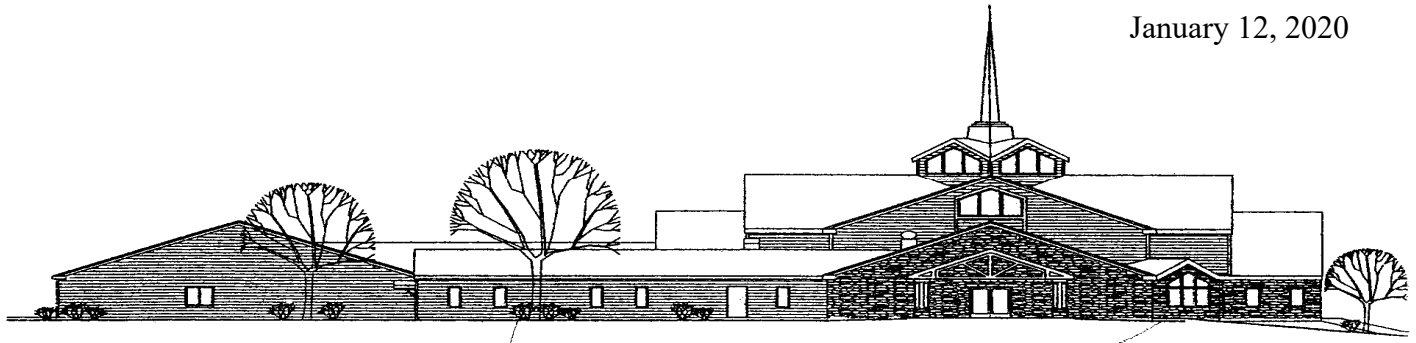


Church of Saint Benedict

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

January 12, 2020



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 LongBookkeeper
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 — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was

anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves—at God's service in and through the Church".

Stewardship- Gifts of God		
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>		
Stewardship	12-29-19:	\$7,678.50 (225 envelopes)
FLC Mortg.	12-29-19::	\$2,215.50 (96 envelopes)
Christmas		\$26,867.00 (335 envelopes)
Stewardship	01-05-20:	\$9,592.00 (226 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,710.00
FLC Mortg.	01-05-20::	\$3,608.00 (100 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 867.00
Solemn. of Mary		\$1,791.00
	EFT:	\$ 190.00

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS can be found on the diocese website 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 that the rule of law in this land might protect and preserve the lives of every person.

**MARCH FOR LIFE—WASHINGTON DC
JANUARY 24, 2020**

St. Benedict's will run a bus to the March. Please see the sign up list in the Gathering Space. A Pro-life rally will take place in the mall area near the Washington Monument. The March will proceed from the rally area to the steps of the Supreme Court. Please consider attending this peaceful protest of an immoral law on the books in our nation, namely the destruction of human life in the womb.

LIFE AD - JANUARY 22, 2019 *"A Nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."* **St. John Paul II.** Sign ups will take place this weekend after all Masses for the Life Ad to be published in the Reading Eagle Newspaper Tuesday, January 22, Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Donations to this ad also benefit Mary's Shelter/ Mary's Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of house and care. Deadline is January 13 - \$6/person - \$12/couple or family. Please make your donation check payable to: St. Ignatius Loyola Church. This is a change from previous years. Our bank will no longer accept checks payable to "Life Ad". No cash please. You can also mail your donation directly to *St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Reading, Pa 19608-1028.* Stand up and be counted. Thank you.

.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, "Charlie" Flannery, Don Fronczak, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Bob Kacmar Jr., Andy Kuzmission, Doris LaMonaca, Jason Leininger Jr., John Lodge, Pat Luther, Sandy & Ralph Maio, Gertrude Mastrosante, Francis Newhams, Matt & Kelly Reagan, Sam Reber, Eleanor Slanga, Karen Stoner, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Judy Tamagno, Peggy Condon-Vance, Jeremiah Williams, Michael Wittorf, Doris Yeager, 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, 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING Monday January 13 at 7:00 pm in the conference room .

RCIA MEETS Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY—Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Mimmo's Restaurant, 290 Morgantown Road. Cost: \$25.00. Sign up sheet in the gathering area.

THANK YOU!!! The Woman's Club of St. Benedict Parish would like to extend their deepest appreciation to *Lillian Myers* who is retiring as president effective the New Year. She has devoted her talents, time and respect unceasingly to the Woman's Club for 10 years and she will always remain in the heart of the Woman's Club. **THANK YOU LILLIAN FOR EVERYTHING!!!** The president elect, Mary Ann Sarge will begin her duties on January 1, 2020. And as always ALL women of the parish are cordially welcome to attend our monthly meetings held the first Tuesday of each month to support our ever growing parish here at St. Benedict's.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY is scheduled for January 19 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. If you volunteered at any event, activity, ministry, etc. during 2019 you are most welcome to attend this party. Come join the happiest people in Berks County and rub

elbows with the most famous people in our parish—our volunteers. Sign up ahead of time is a must. Please call Susan in the parish office (610-856-1006) or sign your name to the list in the gathering space.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DESIGNER BAG BINGO is returning Saturday, January 25, 2020. Doors open at 6:00 pm with games to start at 7:15 pm. Tickets on sale after Masses beginning this weekend. Last year the event was sold out. Get your tickets early!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 am-12 noon. *All lecturers, EM's, choir, cantors, greeters, and ushers are asked to attend this workshop.* Keynote Speaker: State policeman on church safety. Our workshop will start with morning prayer at 9:00 am followed by keynote speaker, followed by breakout groups, with speakers addressing each liturgical group. The workshop will conclude by 12 noon. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. This workshop is a great opportunity to address some changes in procedures and be reminded of the noble work we do to ensure great celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

FLU SEASON IS UPON US! In light of the heightened cases of Influenza being reported in our five-county area and the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status of "widespread", His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended beginning with the Vigil and Sunday Masses beginning this weekend. This suspension will be in effect until further notice is given when the incidence of influenza subsides in our region. As a pastoral provision, His Excellency allows the option for the Exchange of the Sign of Peace for funerals or wedding Masses, if the pastor/administrator deems it appropriate. The Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice is only permitted by priests and deacons during this temporary suspension. In those parishes where the Reception of Holy Communion is given under both forms, please use this as a catechetical moment to reinforce the church's constant teaching that the entire Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ is present in the Sacred Host.

LANDINGS: WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS—Our Landings Ministry of St. Benedict Church welcomes returning and inactive Catholics. If you are a Catholic and have been away from the church know that we have been thinking of you. Perhaps you feel the need to refresh or strengthen your faith base. Landings offers a safe place to land and a way to return home to the faith. We invite you to be an active part of us again. Our winter session will begin on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Each of the eight consecutive meeting sessions will be conducted on Sunday afternoons in meeting room #1. For more information please call or email: Joy Bandy at 484-797-5607 or email joyful0306@PTD.net

Liturgical Ministers—January 18 & 19

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Stephanie Hartline
Servers: Allison & Natalie Clayton, Matlin Rhoades
EM: George Bach, Mark Brezina, Debra Mazzarelli, Cindy Miller, Mary Kozak

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Anna Welch
Servers: Dalton Maiers, Sarah & Lauren Williams
EM: Joe Boylan, Mary Ann Razzano, Joy & Lee Bandy, Father Phil

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Marie Blimline
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger
EM: Tom Dobson, Bill Offutt, Paul Waterman, Tom Henefer, Father Phil

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
Servers: Mikayla & David Riehl, Nicholas Barse
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Matt Martini, Carol & Paul Wirkus



NOVENA FOR LIFE - The Novena for Life begins January 16 and ends January 24 the day of the March for Life in Washington DC. Novena prayers will be recited at every daily Mass for 9 days. For more information see the insert in this week's bulletin or the Knight's table in the gathering space for flyers on participating in the Novena and the Gospel of Life Prayer.

YOUTH GROUP HOAGIE SALE - Order form is included in this week's bulletin. Orders will be accepted every weekend in January. Pick up will be the weekend of February 1 & 2 after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Join other High School students from St. Benedict's and St. Catharine's for a fun and faith filled weekend at Camp Manatawney in Douglassville. It is an experience you will never forget! Dates: February 21-23, 2020. Cost: \$50.00 plus fundraising participation (scholarships available). Permission slips available at the Youth Group table or contact Rosemary Connelly at 610-368-1288.

\$26,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS! On Saturday, April 25, 2020 the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding ten college scholarships totaling \$25,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County High Schools. They are also available in the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington Street, Reading and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org. / Completed application forms are due no later than Saturday, March 28, 2020 to the PABEBC Scholarship Secretary, Ronald Savitski, 159 Texter Mountain Road, Wernersville, PA 19565-9442. Telephone 610-693-9792 or email him at rsavitski@msn.com

In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a Berks County high school senior of Polish-American descent. The guidelines for obtaining this scholarship are also available in the office of the high school guidance counselors, the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, the scholarship chair for PAHABC at sahummel@ptd.net or by calling her at 610-207-7065.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND HELP LASALLE ACADEMY PLAN FOR DELICIOUS SUCCESS!

This spring on Palm Sunday weekend, April 4 & 5 after all the Masses LaSalle Academy is hosting "A Taste of LaSalle" at the school with a kitchen full of traditional Easter foods to eat, to buy as well as family attractions. We will also have a pre-order coming out mid-February for you to get your holiday favorites in time for Easter. We want to invite members from the parish to help us turn it up a notch this year.

We met on January 7 for planning and some tasting and we will meet again on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 pm to taste even more. If you are great at making traditional Polish foods or just want to help us plan to have some great things to enjoy, please join us to help the school plan for an outstanding "Taste of LaSalle!"

LASALLE ACADEMY CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS— "TELLING OUR STORY"

Friday, January 17—Parents & Prayer Partner Board Games—Students can dress down and bring in their favorite board game. We will play those games together with prayer partners and moms and dads are welcome too to join their child for lunch and then to play a board game with them and their prayer partners after lunch.

Friday, January 24—Week of Christian Unity Prayer Service and Lunch with Grandparents—The whole school will gather at church at 10:00 am for an Interfaith Prayer Service with Father Clement and Father Rodgers and some of the Pastors from the various denominations of faith of students who attend LaSalle Academy. After the service, the pastors and students will head back to the school to see their classrooms and have lunch. All students' Grandparents are welcome to join us for the prayer service and for lunch. Also, our Book Fair opens this day and students and families can preview the books they would like to purchase in the library.

Sunday, January 26—Open House, Book Fair and Science Fair

Wednesday, January 29—9:00 am Catholic School's Week Mass
—Family Dinner at Victor Emmanuel's

Thursday, January 30—Penny Walk

Friday, January 31—Start the weekend early with a 12:00 pm Early Dismissal

BERNARDINE FRANCISCAN SISTERS Event supports over 90 retired nuns. The Sisters invite you to *Bernardine Bonanza* on February 22 from 6:00-9:30 pm at their motherhouse, 450 Bernardine Street, Reading. To make a donation for their retired Sisters or to purchase tickets, visit bfranciscan.org or call Sister Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 01/013

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

Tuesday 01/14

6:30 PM Women's Club Holiday Party at Mimmo's

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Thursday 01/16

6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

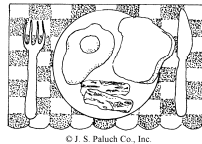
Sunday 01/19

"Breakfast Sunday"

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

12:15 Volunteer Appreciation Party

BREAKFAST



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COMING EVENTS...

01/20 K of C Officers meeting

01/25 Ministry Workshop

01/25 Designer Bag Bingo

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 love one or any special intentions for a weekly donation of **\$10.00**. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.

LITERATURE RACK - The St. Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to check out the literature rack located in the gathering area. The display contains pamphlets and booklets from Paulist Press for all parishioners from pre-schoolers to adults. The literature is sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for all our living & deceased veterans and in thanksgiving for their service.



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Monday 01/13 Weekday (First week in Ordinary Time)

6:30 PM Philip Rogers, Sr.

by Father Phil

Tuesday 01/14 Weekday

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday 01/15 Weekday

8:00 AM Anthony DelPercio

by Frank & Judy Burns

Thursday 01/16 Weekday

5:30 PM John & Veronica Racilla

by Tony & Carol Rowan

Friday 01/17 St. Anthony

8:00 AM Helen & Ed Reidel

by Tim & Robinn Reidel

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 01/18 Weekday

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 01/19 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Theresa Nelson

by Terry Grundman

8:00 AM Ben & Floretta Schools

by Charlie & Ellie Albright

9:30 AM Theresa Nelson

by Pete Nelson

11:15 AM People of the Parish

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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