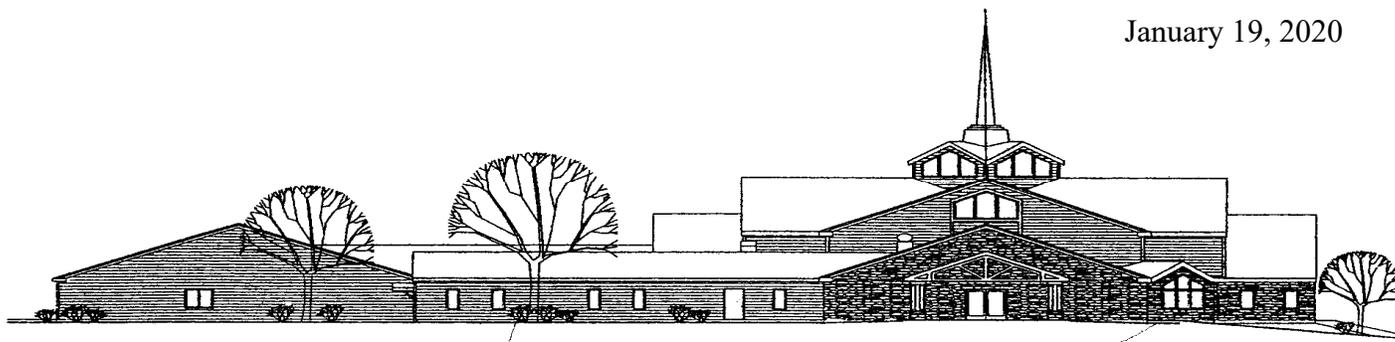


Church of Saint Benedict

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

January 19, 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

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hrs. Mon-Friday 9am-4:30pm
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org



Church of St. Benedict

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, 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 — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who

call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will". May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship 01-12-20: \$10,779.50 (274 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 355.00

FLC Mortg. 01-12-20: \$ 2,346.50 (104 envelopes)
EFT: \$ 122.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be the Utility/Fuel collection.

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.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *James Beningo*, husband of Shirley. May his soul rest in peace.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for an end to all laws which legalize the taking of a human life that our nation might embrace truth and justice.

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

Schedule as follows:

- 7:00 AM Mass
- 7:45 AM Depart St. Benedict's for DC
- 11:00 AM Arrive at DC—Rally on Mall followed by MFL
- 4:15 PM Meet at Union Station for Return Trip Home
- 4:30 PM Depart DC for St. Benedict's
- 7:30 PM Arrive at St. Benedict's.

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 Knight's table in the gathering space for flyers on participating in the Novena and the Gospel of Life Prayer. A Holy Hour will take place at St. Benedict's 1:00-2:00 pm on Friday, January 24.

.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.

K OF C OFFICERS' MEETING Monday, January 20 at 7:00 pm in the RMR.

RCIA MEETS Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 am-12 noon. **All lectors, 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.



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 this weekend. Last year the event was sold out. Get your tickets early!

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

YOUTH GROUP HOAGIE SALE - Order form was included in last 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.

Dear Parishioners,

We are in Ordinary Time, but the times seem to be anything but ordinary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kindness, prayers, and support during the recovery from my hip surgery. Your good will certainly made a positive difference in my returning to health and wholeness. Bringing the Christmas Spirit to me through your cards, greetings, and other kind remembrances, reminded me how much God is present to the St. Benedict family. I look forward to the upcoming year serving you at Mass and other liturgical and community events. Know of my blessings to all of you and prayers for everything good, now and always.

*In the hope of Christ's peace,
Father Kuller*



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is celebrated nationally from January 18 to January 25. During this time we pray for all the Christian denominations in the Twin Valley Ministerium that we remain committed to following Jesus in word and deed. As instruments of

God's peace and love may we lead by example in respecting one another.

Liturgical Ministers—January 25 & 26

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Chris Mensak
Servers: Paul Avadonian, Abby Thatcher, A.J. Crisi
EM: George Bach, Tom Culbert, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Karen Keenan, Kelly Leininger

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Brent Musser
Servers: Timothy Machion, Madeline & Mariella Frisina
EM: Crystal & Chris Stein, Ray Clapper, Sydney Machion, Cindy Miller

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Sean Bigelow, Emily Ward, Christopher Mangan
EM: Lee Bandy, Matt Martini, Ursita Blechman, Rick McCarty, Glenn Unger

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Dennis Brizick
Servers: Riley Knapp, Megan Vance, Robert Silver
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Kyle Mazur, Sister Eileen



**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
"TELLING OUR STORY"**

LASALLE ACADEMY

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

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will have an Open House, Thursday, January 23.

5:00-5:15—Welcome Address

5:15-7:00 pm—Activity Fair, tours, meet & greet Faculty.

For more information please go to BerksCatholic.org

CONGRATULATIONS is extended to two students from LaSalle Academy that won first and second place in the Diocesan Stand-up for Life essay contest. First place was awarded to *Sara Witmer* and second place was awarded to *Tyler Nolt*.



Altar flowers this weekend in memory of *Harry Mazzarelli* by *Debbie Mazzarelli*.

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, February 6 at St. Ambrose Church, 201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm by Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration and Confessions until 7:00 and then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer and fellowship. (Questions: Fr. Bobbin: 610-866-0791x332 or kbobbin@allentowndioocese.org)

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS:

- (1) Cards with inspirational verses
- (2) Breads and nut rolls made with love
- (3) Chocolates and cookies with calories galore
- (4) Wine for toasting and good cheer
- (5) Fruit and cheese for good health
- (6) Biscotti for dipping
- (7) Teas and coffees to warm the soul & body
- (8) Children's voices and pageants to lift our spirits
- (9) Gift cards to make the season last
- (10) Christmas parties with festive foods
- (11) Musical settings and liturgies to contemplate the mystery
- (12) And a partridge in a pear tree!

Many thanks for all the blessings we received in the rectory and office. May the Holy Family guide us joyfully in 2020

*Gratefully,
Father Phil*

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for an end to abortion and a greater respect for the dignity of human life..

Monday 01/20

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

Tuesday 01/21

7:00 PM Book Club meets in the conference room

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Thursday 01/22

6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

Saturday 01/25

9:00 AM Ministry Workshop

6:00 PM Doors open for K of C Designer Bag Bingo—Bingo starts at 7:15

Sunday 01/26

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

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

1:00 PM Landings meet in classroom #1.

COMING EVENTS...

01/28 Prime Timers meeting

02/02 "Hospitality Sunday"

02/03 K of C General meeting

02/04 Women's Club monthly meeting

02/04 RCIA meets

02/10 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

02/16 "Breakfast Sunday"

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.

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available. If you received one last year, you will automatically get one for 2019. If you didn't receive one, please call the office or email Susan to request a statement. .



Monday 01/20 Weekday Sts. Fabian & Sebastian
6:30 PM Janet Dolan
by Carol & Tony Rowan

Tuesday 01/21 St. Agnes
8:00 AM Marian Lambert
by the Terifay Family

Wednesday 01/22 *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*
8:00 AM Tom Connelly
by Rosemary Connelly

Thursday 01/23 Weekday St. Marianne Cope & St. Vincent
5:30 PM Intention of Richard Lanser
by Barbara Stark

Friday 01/24 St. Francis de Sales
7:00 AM Mary Lou Corcoran
by Ray & Sharon Ullman
1:00-2:00 PM *Holy Hour*

Saturday 01/25 Conversion of St. Paul
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 01/26 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Klement & Julia Kremp
by Children & Spouses
8:00 AM Helen Ann Zelonis
by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar
9:30 AM John Schrum
by Mark & Tim Schrum
11:15 AM Mary Collini
by the Appleton Family



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