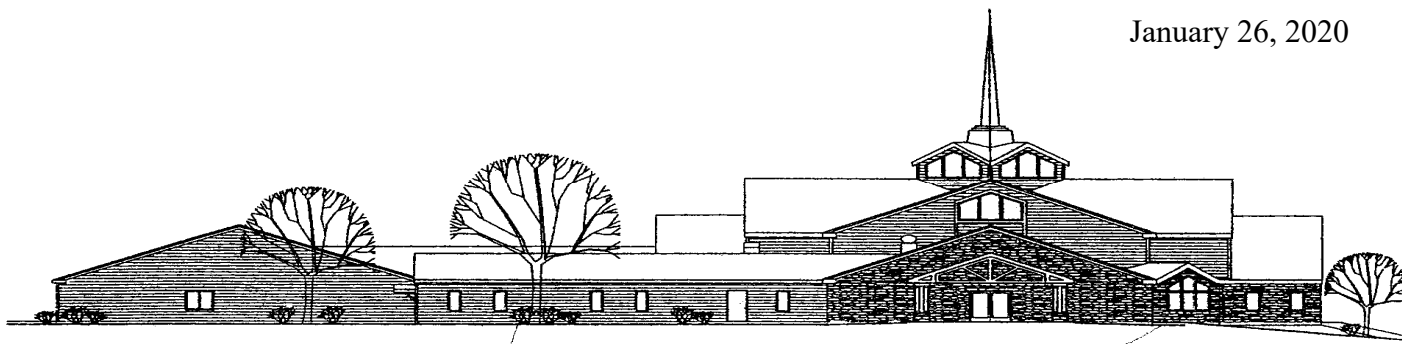


Church of Saint Benedict

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

January 26, 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
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Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org



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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

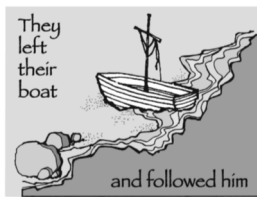
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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, 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 — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people. (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is

one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The watchword today is "immediately". Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	01-19-20:	\$6,446.00	(171 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 540.00	
FLC Mortg.	01-19-20:	\$1,893.00	(74 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 232.00	

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.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Tom Cioffi, husband of Debbie*. May his soul rest in peace.

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 - Kelly Leininger—717-314-2705*
- 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 - 610-856-7575*
- 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 - Mary Sarge—484-664-0081*
- Women's Spirituality Group - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402*
- Youth Group - Abby Canela—610-769-1599*



Altar flowers this weekend in memory of *John & Jean McCahon* by *John & Joan McCahon*.

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, January 28 at 1:00 pm in the FLC. Join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship!

RCIA MEETS Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.



FEBRUARY 2 CANDLEMAS DAY—

Today Mass will begin in the unusual way as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Today's feast recognizes that the Lord has come before us. We now wait to see Him in our coming into heaven.

While we wait, we are to help others know that the Lord has come.

BLESSING OF THROATS on the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Father Phil will offer this traditional blessing at the end of Monday's 6:30 pm Mass.

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 previous 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.



MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, February 24 from 2:00-7:00 pm
Sign up sheet will be available or call Susan at 610-856-1006. Online registration sponsor code 49522. *Live here—give here.*

Blood Mobile

THANK YOU...

Gratitude is extended to all parishioners and visitors who contributed to our Christmas collection and/or made year-end contributions to benefit the mission and outreach of St. Benedict's parish. Our Christmas collection for 2019 was \$28,172.00. Our Christmas collection for 2018 was \$24,999.00. Many thanks for your sacrificial gift to our parish.

A huge thank you to the K of C for setting up and taking down tables and chairs for 5 major events in our parish this weekend.



K OF C COUNCIL 14654 announces the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. For age 5-7 Division: 1st Place *Avery Butler*; 2nd *Sophie Strick*; 3rd *Catherine Basehoar*. For age 8-10 Division: 1st Place *Bryn Boyle*; 2nd *Elizabeth Bayer*; 3rd Tie *Natalie Strick & Mary Ann Rhoades*. For age 11-14 Division: 1st Place *Riley Butler*; 2nd *Regan McClure*; 3rd *Jason Leininger*. Congratulations to all winners and the first place winners will move on to district competition.

K OF C & LA SALLE CYO NIGHT AT THE RACES—SAVE THE DATE for Saturday, February 23 at 6:00 pm (snow date March 2. Call 484-263-0322 for a message on inclement weather postponement.) Ticket sales are in the gathering area for the weekends in February. Proceeds will benefit the LaSalle CYO and youth charities for the St. Benedict K of C Council.

Liturgical Ministers—February 01 & 02

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Laura Kamerdze
Servers: Paul Avadanian, A.J. Crisi, Mary Henefer
EM: Cindy Miller, Kelly Leininger, Tom Henefer

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Sylvia Firth
Servers: Oleg Brann, Timothy Machion, Grace Kelly
EM: Joe Boylan, Paul Waterman, Sydney Machion,

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Susan Teaford
Servers: Allison & Natalie Clayton, Gina Coccia
EM: Tom Culbert, Karen Keenan, Father Phil

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Kathy Appleton
Servers: Jack & David Riehl, Madalyn Cocco
EM: John Cocco, Mary Jo Connelly, Father Phil



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

LASALLE ACADEMY

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

BOARD MEETINGS—Father Phil represents our parish on several boards. Upcoming meetings and Masses are as follows:

La Salle Academy Advisory board Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm.
Berks Catholic High School Advisory Board will meet Monday, February 10 at 6:30 pm.
CYO Berks County Executive Board will meet Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 pm.
St. Francis Advisory Board next Gala March.
La Salle Academy Catholic Schools Week Mass is Wednesday, January 29 at 9:00 am.
John Paul II Center Catholic Schools week Mass is scheduled for January 30 at 10:00 am

FIRST PENANCE is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm. Several visiting priests will be here to help with the children's confessions. Parents are also welcome to participate in this special communal penance service.

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to a parish orientation on Sunday, February 2 after the 11:15 Mass. Anyone who has registered in our parish since last year at this time is warmly welcome to attend this meeting. Father Phil and staff will offer opportunities for parish involvement. The program is sponsored by our Parish Stewardship Committee.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY. Free coffee, tea, milk, donuts. ALL are welcome!

—Hospitality Sunday hosted by the Prime Timers
—New Member Orientation



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE
We pray that justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life might inspire all legislators, governors and our President.



PALM BURNING—Parishioner are invited to bring their old palm to church. Father Phil will conduct a special outdoor ceremony on February 20 with the PREP students as we burn all the palm collected and prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Old palm may be deposited in baskets near the door of the church anytime before February 20.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS—Come and discover Diocese of Allentown Cursillo. Men's Weekend October 8-11, 2020 (Thursday to Sunday). Women's Weekend October 15-18, 2020 (Thursday to Sunday). St. Francis Center for Renewal - Monocacy Manor, Bethlehem, PA. A once in a lifetime opportunity for Catholics. For more information, please contact: Lisa Ianni-610-223-21230-IIanni@verizon.net or Susan Teaford-610-207-5763-smtsews4csb@aol.com or talk with your pastor or local priest.

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)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION First Saturday February 1 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Sam Miccicke by Antioinette & Family



Tuesday 01/28
1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the FLC
7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Thursday 01/30
6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes
6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1
8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

Saturday 02/01
9:00 AM Ultreya meets in the FLC

Sunday 02/02
"Hospitality Sunday" hosted by the Prime Timers
Youth Group Hoagie Sale
Girl Scout Cookie Sale
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Heather Yohn
10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2
12:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation
1:00 PM Landings meet in classroom #1.



Monday 01/27 Weekday St. Angela Merici
6:30 PM Marian Condon
by Christopher Kerber & Family

Tuesday 01/28 St. Thomas Aquinas
8:00 AM Anthony DelPercio
by Pete Nelson

Wednesday 01/29 Weekday
8:00 AM Rose Bodnar
by Joy & Lee Bandy

Thursday 01/30 Weekday
5:30 PM Anna Tacyn
by John & Mimi Frank

Friday 01/31 St. John Bosco
8:00 AM Tom Cioffi
by Bill & Diane Arnold
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 02/01 Weekday *First Saturday*
9:00 AM Salvatore Miccicke
by the Creamers
Rosary will be recited after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 02/02 *Presentation of the Lord*
5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish
8:00 AM Intention of Jeanie Hauck
by her Friends
9:30 AM Chester & Catherine Selmer
by Gregory & Jeanette Selmer
11:15 AM Eleanor Listrani
by Sandy & Jim Kozlowski

COMING EVENTS...

- 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. .

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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.