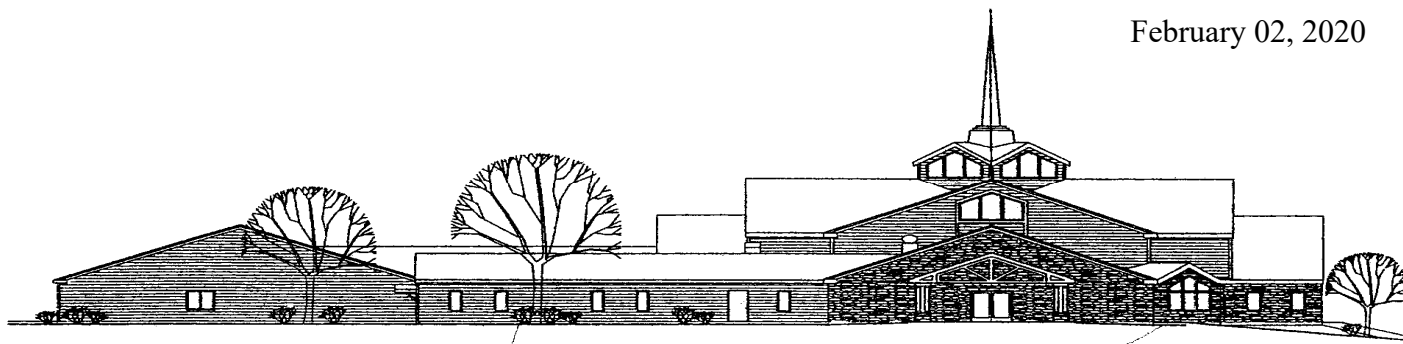


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

February 02, 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

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

[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

## 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](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, 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** — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

**Psalm** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will be rewarded!*

**Stewardship- Gifts of God**

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

Stewardship	01-26-20:	\$8,788.00	(229 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 355.00	
FLC Mortg.	01-26-20:	\$2,390.00	( 89 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 122.00	
Utility Fund		\$2,036.00	(114 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 165.00	

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Utility Fund.

**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.



Altar flowers this weekend in memory of *George Groff* by *Debbie Mazzarelli*

**RESPECT**



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

We pray for our president and members of Congress and the Supreme Court that they may have the courage and wisdom to establish and promote laws which protect the dignity of human life from conception until natural 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, 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.*



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Rose A. Sullivan, mother of Pat Koch*. May her soul rest in peace.

**ST. BENEDICT MEMORIAL SOCIETY**— *Tom Cioffi* has been enrolled in our Memorial Society by *St. Benedict K of C #14654*.

**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.

**K OF C GENERAL MEETING** Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm in the RMR.

**PRESIDENTS' MEETING** Tuesday, February 4 at 1:00 pm. The leadership of all parish ministries and organizations and committees are expected to attend. The main purpose of this meeting is to coordinate scheduling of meetings and events between now and August. This meeting will take place in the conference room.

**RCIA MEETS** Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

**WOMEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING** Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL women are welcome to join us!

**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.

**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 meet until March 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Each of the 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

**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.

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**Blood Mobile**

**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.*



**K of C & LA SALLE CYO NIGHT AT THE RACES**—Saturday, February 22 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 the weekends in February. Proceeds will benefit the LaSalle CYO and youth charities for the St. Benedict K of C Council.



**PALM BURNING**—Parishioners 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.

**TASTE OF LA SALLE HOMEMADE PIEROGI MAKING:** We could use help preparing for our upcoming Taste of LaSalle and you can learn how to make homemade pierogis at the same time. One of our very own LaSalle grandparents will be leading this effort. Join us Saturday, February 8 from 8:00-12 noon making Traditional Potato & Cheddar Pierogi; Sunday, February 23 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm making Ham, Swiss & Spinach Pierogi and Saturday, March 14 from 8:00 am -12 noon making Sausage & Mushroom Pierogi. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering area. You do not have to stay for the whole time but we appreciate any time you can help.

**TASTE OF LA SALLE FOOD PRE-ORDERS** for pick up on Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5 are also available in the gathering area.

**CYO SPORTS**—Basketball playoffs begin this weekend. La Salle Academy will play St. Margaret's School at 4:30 pm on Sunday, February 2 at Holy Guardian Angels Gym.

**Liturgical Ministers—February 08 & 09**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Peter Snow  
Servers: Mary Creamer, Karyn & Nathan Creelman  
EM: Frank Burns, Debra Mazzarelli, Tom Dobson

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Lector: Mary Jo Lewis  
Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Monique Baj  
EM: Mary Ann Razzano, Glen Unger, Father Phil

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Lector: Lauren Lush  
Servers: Sean Bigelow, Emily Boyer, Abby Thatcher  
EM: Jeanette Bunch, Paul Wirkus, Father Phil

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Lector: Emily Coppa  
Servers: Nora & Sam Coppa, Christopher Mangan  
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Mary Alice Newhams



**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

will be celebrated in parishes the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day! Here at St. Benedict's we especially pray for Sr. Eileen Doherty, OSF, Sr. Helen Marie Gates, IHM, and Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist, OP. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

**BOARD MEETINGS**—Father Phil represents our parish on several boards. Upcoming meetings are as follows: *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 19.

**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](mailto:kbobbin@allentowndioocese.org))

**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-[lianni@verizon.net](mailto:lianni@verizon.net) or Susan Teaforde-610-207-5763-[smtsews4csb@aol.com](mailto:smtsews4csb@aol.com) or talk with your pastor or local priest.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT March 6-8, 2020**  
"An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion". In a safe supportive non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Sister Meg Cole - 1-866-3 RACHEL (toll free) or 610-332-0442 ext. 2019 or [projectrachel@heard](mailto:projectrachel@heard). Deadline for registration is March 1.

**\$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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:sahummel@ptd.net) or by calling her at 610-207-7065.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?  
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Josephine Bukowski by Irene Didyoung*

### Monday 02/03

7:00 PM K of C General meeting in the RMR

### Tuesday 02/04

1:00 PM Presidents' meeting in the conference room

7:00 PM Women's Club meets in the conference room

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

### Thursday 02/06

6:00 PM First Penance for Level 3

6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

### Sunday 02/09

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.  
Leader: Lauren Machion

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

1:00 PM Landings meets in classroom #1.

### COMING EVENTS...

02/10 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

02/16 "Breakfast Sunday"

02/20 Palm Burning

02/21-23 High Schoolers weekend at Camp Manatawney

02/22-23 Brownie Troop Cookie Sale

02/22 K of C & LaSalle CYO Night at the Races

02/24 Blood Drive

02/25 Prime Timers monthly meeting

*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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Monday 02/03 Weekday St. Blaise & St. Ansgar  
6:30 PM Ernie Schiefer

by Marian Boulanger-McCoy

*Blessing of Throats after Mass*

Tuesday 02/04 Weekday

8:00 AM Mary Hammes

by Miriam Ulrich

Wednesday 02/05 St. Agatha

8:00 AM Julia Kremp

by her Children & Spouses

Thursday 02/06 St. Paul Miki & Companions

5:30 PM Helen Reidel

by Tim & Robinn Reidel

Friday 02/07 Weekday *First Friday*

8:00 AM Mary Firth

by Jim & Floss Pleitner

*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 02/08 Weekday St. Jerome Emiliani &

St. Josephine Bakhita

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 02/09 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Peter Gozzi

by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Agnes Ogrodnick

by Regina Dvarshak

11:15 AM Robert Focht

by his Parents

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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.*