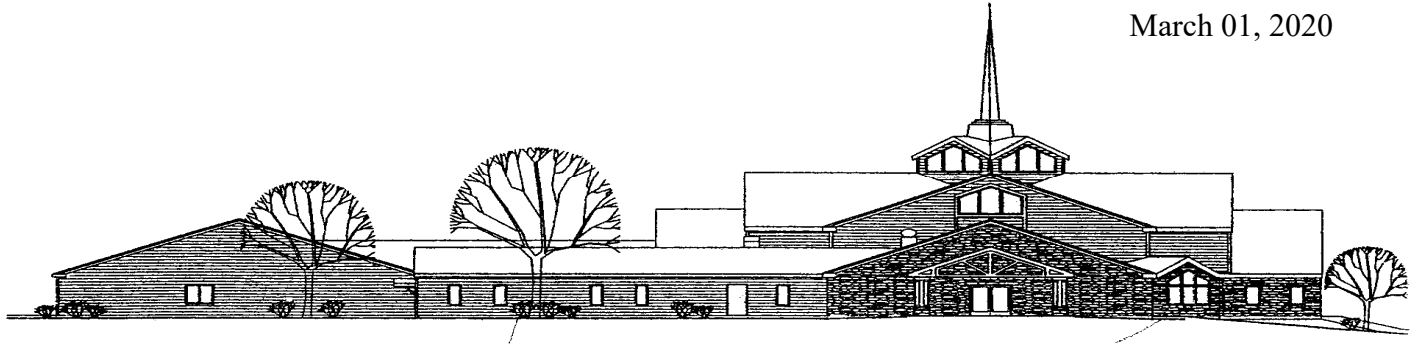


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

March 01, 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  
Jason & Denise Leininger.....Maintenance

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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

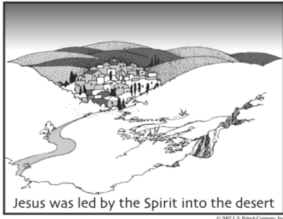
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

## 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** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O

Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

**Stewardship- Gifts of God**

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

Stewardship	02-23-20:	\$8,200.00	(224 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 526.00	
FLC Mortg.	02-23-20:	\$2,069.00	( 97 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 232.00	

**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.

**ST. BENEDICT MEMORIAL SOCIETY**— *Richard Ball* has been enrolled in our Memorial Society by *Bob & Cecelia Kacmar*. *John Thomas Waldeck* has been enrolled in our Memorial Society by *Roy & Susan Teaford*.



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

“They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters...and the land was polluted with blood...” Psalms 106:38. Our land is polluted with the blood of over 60 million aborted babies. Pray to end abortion.

**.....PRAYER LIST.....**

*For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially James Arnold, Baby Isabella, Loretta Becker, Patty Bergeron, John Bonnell, Steven DeAngelo, Irene Didyoung, Ronnie Elmo, “Charlie” Flannery, Don Fronczak, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Emily Jordan, 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, David Voelker, Jeremiah Williams, Michael Wittorf, John Yost. 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, Eric Dompkowski, Christopher Hari, Richard Hari, Matt Kurz, Adam Latshaw, Matt McGinn, Matt Palange, Andrew Sickora, James Yorke; USMC: Grant Dufin, Dan Kenyon, James Moran, Kevin Moran, Daniel Scheidel, Chris Timothy; USNavy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch, Jessica Rutkowski; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach. Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.*

**PRAYER SHAWLS** - Due to the generosity of knitters and crocheters in our parish and some outside friends, we have a supply of *Prayer Shawls blessed by Father Phil* ready to be given to anyone seriously ill and in need of comfort. Please contact Sylvia Firth at 610-286-5714.

**A Spiritual Lesson from Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.**  
*“Humility is nothing more or less than knowing our place before God.”*

**NEW PARISHIONER ORIENTATION today, Sunday, March 01 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 will welcome you and introduce the staff to you. The program is sponsored by our Parish Stewardship Committee.

**K OF C GENERAL MEETING** Monday, March 02 at 7:00 pm in the RMR

**WOMEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING** Tuesday, March 03 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL women are welcome!

**RCIA MEETS** Tuesday, March 03 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

**LANDINGS: WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS**—Our Landings Ministry of St. Benedict Church welcomes returning and inactive Catholics. 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 Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm in meeting room #1 until March 15, 2020. For more information please call or email: Joy Bandy at 484-797-5607 or email joyful0306@PTD.net

**PRIME TIMERS** invite you and your friends to join us on May 18-20, 2020 traveling to the *Finger Lakes, New York*. Cost is \$430.00 per person (double occupancy). Deadline for reservations is April 1, 2020. For information call Marie Blimline at 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575. More information on the flyer on the bulletin board.

**EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 05 after the 11:15 Mass**—Donations Needed!! Giving up candy for Lent? Bring your small wrapped candy and drop it in the Family Life Committee candy donations boxes by the church entrances. Wrapped candy donations will go to the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for your support.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our Berks Catholic students who received honors for the first semester:**

Distinguished Honors: *Brooke Burrows, Gina Coccia, Mariella Frisina.*

First Honors: *Jillian Avadanian, Paul Avadanian, Dale Belville, Luke Brezina, Cristian Eichenlaub, Megan Hatcher, Mary Henefer, Mary Kinsey.*

Second Honors: *Elise Kirwan, Robert Silver, Megan Vance.*

**BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Performing Arts Program Presents: GODSPELL** Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. Tickets available online [www.tinyurl.com/bctheater](http://www.tinyurl.com/bctheater). Reserved seats: \$15 adult; \$13 senior; \$9 student. General admission \$11 adult; \$9 senior; \$5 student.



**Message from the St. Benedict K of C Council for Men 18 years or older**—With an Admissions Interview and attendance at the new Unified Ceremonial, you can become a Full Knight of Columbus with focus on Charity, Unity and Fraternity and ready to serve. Wives and family members are also welcome and encouraged to witness these men's call to service within our Council. The Knights will put on a luncheon on March 8, 2020 after the 11:15 Mass in the FLC in order for you to see what we are all about and there will be an introductory Insurance Presentation. Please sign up in the gathering space to estimate food or for more information contact Jim Gregor at 610-858-5235.

**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, 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.

**LASALLE CYO CASH & PRIZE BINGO Sunday, March 22 at our FLC.** Doors open at 12:30 pm; games begin at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 which includes 16 games of regular bingo. There will be additional Special games including a jackpot special, as well as raffles and 50/50 tickets. You can purchase tickets after Mass or contact Denise Leininger at [leiningerdenise@hotmail.com](mailto:leiningerdenise@hotmail.com) or 570-814-4446.

**Liturgical Ministers—March 07 & 08**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Laura Kamerdze  
Servers: Paul Avadanian, Abby Thatcher, Matlyn Rhoades  
EM: Mark Brezina, Frank Burns, Karen Keenan

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Lector: Ellie Albright  
Servers: Emily & Megan Hatcher, Emily Boyer  
EM: Paul Waterman, Kelly Mazur, Mary Ann Razzano

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Lector: Charlie Jones  
Servers: Gina Coccia, Joseph & Sophie Kuszniir  
EM: Kelly Leininger, Gary Scolllick, Bo Kuszniir

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Lector: Dennis Brizick  
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Jack & Marie Riehl  
EM: John Cocco, Mary Jo Connelly, Carie Leggett

**LENT AT ST. BENEDICT'S**

**SPECIAL LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES** will be offered every Tuesday at 12 noon and every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Other days of the week we will follow the normal Mass schedule.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will take place every Friday in Lent:

- 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 p.m. Benediction

**Stations of the Cross Altar Servers:**  
 Friday, March 6  
 Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger

Friday, March 13 & Friday, March 20  
 Madeline & Mariella Frisina and Dalton Maiers

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be offered every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m. PREP confessions will be heard on Thursday, March 12. Parish Lenten Penance service Monday, March 30.

**SIMPLE SUPPER** - We eat simply so others can eat. A Free Will donation will be collected to support Kennedy Soup Kitchen and the Third World Rice Bowl program. Simple Suppers will be served on the following Fridays of Lent starting promptly at 6:00 pm:

- March 06 hosted by Lay Missionaries of Charity
- March 13 hosted by the Prime Timers
- March 20 hosted by K of C
- March 27 hosted by the Women's Club
- April 03 hosted by Family Life

*"We eat simply so others can eat".*

**Bible Study**



Invitation to a Lenten Scripture Study, *"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"*, with Dr. Ed Sri. We will walk step-by-step with Jesus in Scripture

on His journey from His Agony in the Garden to His Crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. "No Greater Love" has a choice of class times—March 03 to March 31 on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm or March 04 to April 01 Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. For more information or to register for the study, see *the information table in the gathering area* or call the rectory office.

**RICE BOWL**



**OPERATION RICE BOWL—You are invited.** As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers

and sisters around the world. Please be sure to use the Rice Bowl from your Lenten packet received on Ash Wednesday and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Altar servers will be at the doors of the church each Sunday to receive your Rice Bowl donation. 50% of this collection will go to alleviate hunger in Third World countries, and 50% will assist Kennedy House Soup Kitchen.



**FORTY HOURS** will be celebrated at St. Benedict's March 20, 21 & 22. Our guest speaker will be Father Thomas Bortz, Pastor of St. Ignatius and Dean of Berks County.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION FOR LENT** Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 am-12 noon at the Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, Nesquehoning, PA with Father John Frink, Pastor of St. John XXIII Parish, Tamaqua, Pa. You're invited to receive healing and refreshment with other women from the Diocese of Allentown. Father John Frink will share with us his rich and practical insights on the topic of healing and 5 Keys to Freedom; a message of hope and healing found in the Heart of the Father and revealed in the Five Wounds of Jesus Christ. Registration \$15 (includes breakfast). Email [allentown-diocese.org/cfw-spirituality](mailto:allentown-diocese.org/cfw-spirituality) or call Michele at 484-515-5281. Registration deadline March 7.

**FASTING AND FEASTING**

- Fast from criticism; feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.
- Fast from resentment; feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy; feast on love.
- Fast from pride; feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness; feast on service.
- Fast from fear; feast on faith.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in honor of Jeanie & Bill Hauck's 45th Wedding Anniversary.*

## Monday 03/02

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

## Tuesday 03/03

10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study

6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study

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

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

## Wednesday 03/04

6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study

## Thursday 03/05

6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

## Friday 03/06

6:00 PM Simple Supper hosted by Lay Missionaries of Charity

## Saturday 03/07

9:30 AM Ultreya meets in the FLC

## Sunday 03/08

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

10:30 AM Family Life Committee meeting in the conference room.

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

12:15 PM K of C Ceremonial in the FLC

1:00 PM Landings meets in classroom #1.



### COMING EVENTS...

03/09 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

03/12 Pastoral Council meets

03/15 "Breakfast Sunday"

03/16 CYO Board meeting

03/19 PREP First Communion Parents' meeting

**HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH** is sponsoring an Adult Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 pm. Details on the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule or can also be found on HGA website [www.hgaparish.com](http://www.hgaparish.com).



Monday 03/02 Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Elaine Sternberg

by Marie & Stanley Blimline

Tuesday 03/03 Lenten Weekday

St. Katharine Drexel

12 Noon Robert Didyoung Sr. & Jr.

by Irene Didyoung

Wednesday 03/04 Lenten Weekday St. Casimir

8:00 AM James A. Frizell

by K of C #14654

Thursday 03/05 Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM Ulisses Christo

by Valerie Christo

Friday 03/06 Lenten Weekday *First Friday*

8:00 AM Mary Gallagher

by John & Mimi Frank

*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

*Adoration until 7:00 pm*

6:30 PM *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 03/07 Lenten Weekday *First Saturday*

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

*Rosary will be recited 15 minutes before Mass*

9:00 AM Thomas P. Lavin Jr.

by M/M Robert Joyce

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 03/08 *Second Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish

8:00 AM

Anthony DelPercio

by Tim & Robinn Reidel

9:30 AM

Christopher Kuras

by the Klimachefsky Family

11:15 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society

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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.*