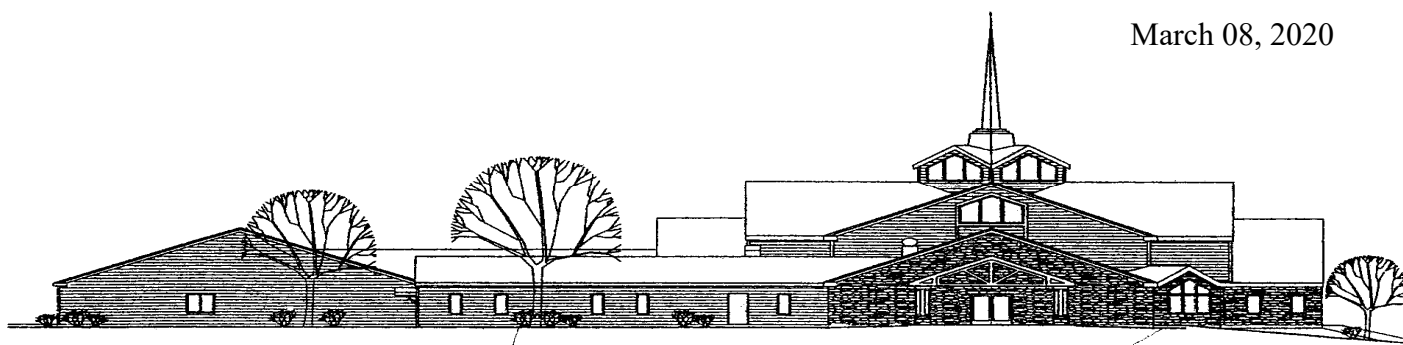


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

March 08, 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.allentowndioecese.org](http://www.allentowndioecese.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 LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails”, St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	03-01-20: \$9,480.00 (241 envelopes) EFT: \$ 595.00
FLC Mortg.	03-01-20: \$2,784.00 (104 envelopes) EFT: \$ 332.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,528.00 (129 envelopes) EFT: \$ 235.00
Earthquake Victims	\$ 770.00

**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.

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL** assists the Bishop in planning for the needs of the local church. They have the task to prayerfully deliberate the essential priorities that will enhance the mission and life of the church.

**Congratulations** to parishioner, *Susan Teaford* who has been appointed to serve on this Council for a term of two years, effective March 3, 2020.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

How much a society values its children can be measured by how well their children are treated. Abortion is the ultimate child abuse.

**.....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, John Bonnell, Steven DeAngelo, Irene Didyoung, Ronnie Elmo, “Charlie” Flannery, Don Fronczak, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Emily Jordan, Bob Kacmar Jr., Cecelia Kacmar, 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, 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 remember all our military personnel especially Zach Brann who has been deployed.*

*Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.*



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Peggy Condon-Vance, wife of Dennis*. May her soul rest in peace.

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING** Monday, March 9 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL are welcome!

**RCIA MEETS** Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

**BREAKFAST "BREAKFAST SUNDAY" March 15** featuring Irish Country Omelet OR Baked Oatmeal. Breakfast is served from 8:00-11:30 am. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for child. Join us for good food and fellowship!



**LANDINGS: WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS**—Our Landings Ministry of St. Benedict Church welcomes returning and inactive Catholics. Our last session will meet Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 pm in meeting room #1.

**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.

**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 or 570-814-4446.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**— Recently several parishioners reported a scam that is going around that names Father Philip Rodgers seeking financial help from parishioners. Please be aware of these scammers. Our office has reported this recent scam to the local police. If you get a suspicious e-mail please report it to our local police immediately.

**GRANT RECEIVED**—St. Benedict is the recipient of a Diocesan Grant that will directly help in the work of our parish SVDP Society. The Diocese of Allentown under the recommendation of the Local Poverty Relief Fund Committee has recognized the great work of our parish SVDP Society and awarded us this grant to be used solely for assistance to the poor.

**DECREASE YOUR TAX LIABILITY**—The Diocese is promoting the Special Purpose Entity Program which allows individuals and small business owners to decrease their tax liability with a substantial rebate while helping direct funds to our schools, La Salle Academy and Berks Catholic directly. A flier was included in last week's bulletin explaining the basics of the program. For anyone who would like more information please contact Mr. John Fierro, the Program Manager for Scholarships for the diocese (610-866-0581 ext. 2344 or [jfierro@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jfierro@allentowndiocese.org)) or you can speak with Mr. Mickulik, La Salle Principal. We have several large donations already this year from donors in our communities and if we can get a few more donors on board, we have the real potential to reduce the subsidy amount the church needs to give to the school while the amount of funds for scholarships and operations can increase.

**FRIENDS OF FRANCIS GALA**—Join us for dinner with Silent and Live Auctions benefiting St. Francis Home on Thursday, March 19 from 5:00-9:30 pm at the Double Tree Hotel, Reading, PA. Cost per person: \$65.00 or table of 10 for \$600.00. Please consider being a corporate sponsor by advertising your business. For ticket and sponsorship information, call the home at 610-898-4242.

**Liturgical Ministers—March 14 & 15**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
Lector: Chris Mensak  
Servers: A.J. Crisi, Allison & Natalie Clayton  
EM: George Bach, Debra Mazzarelli, Cindy Miller
- Sunday 8:00 AM**  
Lector: Sylvia Firth  
Servers: Monique Baj, Oleg Brann, Grace Kelly  
EM: Rich Conte, Crystal & Chris Stein
- Sunday 9:30 AM**  
Lector: Peter Snow  
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leininger  
EM: Ursita Blechman, Rick McCarty, Father Phil
- Sunday 11:15 AM**  
Lector: Emily Coppa  
Servers: Nora, Sam & Thomas Coppa  
EM: Kyle Mazur, Matt Martini, Father Phil

**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 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 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.

**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.

**FOOD DRIVE** organized by SVDP will take place in our parish during March. This collection of non-perishable food will be used to fill our 50+ Easter baskets for the poor. Please pick up a shopping bag with the requested items and return by March 29. Ham & turkey donations will be accepted and can be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the education wing. May St. Joseph the Provider of the Holy Family inspire us to be generous toward the poor as we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph on March 19.



**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. **LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE** will be Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 pm at the closing of our Forty Hours. This will be an evening of prayerful reflections through music, silence, and scripture. Lent is a time to meditate upon what Our Lord has done for us. Giving up his life so that we may have eternal life. Please consider joining us for this wonderful experience.

**LENTEN PRACTICES SPIRITUAL WEIGHT WATCHERS**

- Daily Mass (less than 30 minutes)
- Rice Bowl Meal (help the poor)
- The Bible 15 minutes a day
- Only words of kindness
- Stations of the Cross

# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Thanksgiving by Cecilia & Bob Kacmar*

## Monday 03/09

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



## Tuesday 03/10

10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study  
6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study  
7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Monday 03/09 Lenten Weekday  
St. Frances of Rome  
6:30 PM Charles Campion  
by Judy Campion-Burns

## Wednesday 03/11

6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday 03/10 Lenten Weekday  
**12 Noon** Deceased Prime Timers Members  
by the Prime Timers

## Thursday 03/12

6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes  
6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council meets in the conference room  
8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

Wednesday 03/11 Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Kathryn Rodgers  
by Father Phil

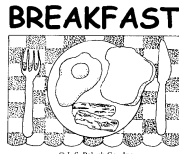
## Friday 03/13

6:00 PM Simple Supper hosted by the Prime Timers

Thursday 03/12 Lenten Weekday  
5:30 PM Margaret Mittnacht  
by Jack Mittnacht  
6:15 PM PREP Confessions

## Sunday 03/15

8:00-11:30 AM "Breakfast Sunday"  
9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Jacklyn Rhoades  
10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2  
1:00 PM Last Landings meeting in classroom #1.



Friday 03/13 Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Edna Hood  
by the Rosary Group  
*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

### COMING EVENTS...

- 03/16 CYO Board meeting
- 03/19 PREP First Communion Parents' meeting
- 03/20-22 Forty Hours
- 03/22 CYO Bingo

Saturday 03/14 Lenten Weekday  
9:00 AM Tom Cioffi  
by Sylvia Firth  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 03/15 *Third Sunday of Lent*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Janet McBryan  
by Don McBryan  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Antoinette "Dolly" Pellegrini  
by Matt & Kelly Reagan  
11:15 AM Floretta Schools  
by M/M Sam Miccicke



### *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*



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