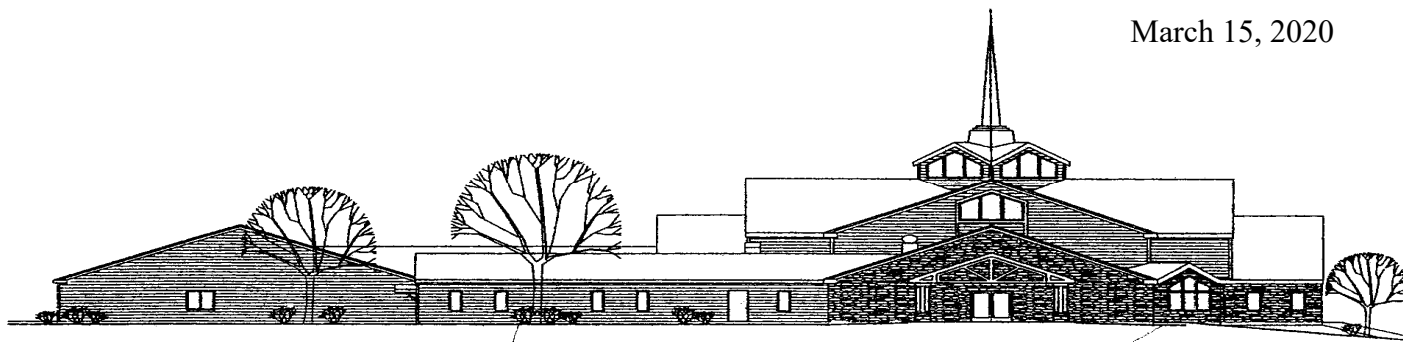


Church of Saint Benedict

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

March 15, 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

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Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
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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
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Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed.Principal LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford..... Parish Secretary
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator
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Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor
Rosanne Weidner..... Rectory Housekeeping
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Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
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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

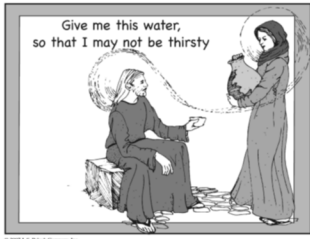
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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, worshiping 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 — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your

hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship	03-08-20: \$9,701.00 (239 envelopes) EFT: \$1,820.00
FLC Mortg.	03-08-20: \$2,236.00 (94 envelopes) EFT: \$1,107.00

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.

PLEASE NOTE: All announcements for the April 5th bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Thursday, March 26th.

“Prayer: The world’s greatest wireless connection”.
—Unknown



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

You are one of a kind, designed to glorify God as only you can. Actions prove who someone is. Words just prove who they want to be. Apply your actions to bring about an end to abortion and euthanasia.

.....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, Inge Brizick, Cathy Coffman, Steven DeAngelo, Irene Didyoung, Ronnie Elmo, “Charlie” Flannery, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Emily Jordan, Bob Kacmar Jr., Cecelia Kacmar, Doris LaMonaca, John Lodge, Pat Luther, Sandy & Ralph Maio, Gertrude Mastrosante, 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.

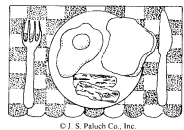
Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.



Pray for the repose of the souls of *Patty Frick, sister of Karen Quartapella; Sophia Golembiewski, mother of Brenda Unger; parishioner, Rose “Dolly” Stacherski.* May their souls rest in peace.

ST. BENEDICT MEMORIAL SOCIETY—Margaret Vance has been enrolled in our Memorial Society by *M/M Sebastiano Lombardo, M/M Christopher Kerber and the Gutherman Family.*

BREAKFAST



"BREAKFAST SUNDAY" today, 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!

RCIA MEETS Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

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.

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.

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.

SVDP MEETING takes place the second Monday of each month. This meeting is teleconferenced for any member. Highlights of the monthly meeting are shared on the fourth Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass in classroom #2. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to see what SVDP Society is all about.

PRAYER BOX for your intentions is coming soon to St. Benedict's Church under the guidance of SVDP and Lay Missionaries of Charity.

"A COMMON HEART" is an interfaith panel that discusses various topics of faith. This program was started by St. Benedict's parish and it includes representatives of the Jewish and Islam faith. This year Lo Sang, a Buddhist monk, will join the panel. Lo Sang was an assistant to the Dalai Lama. The program will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm at the McGlenn Conference Center on the campus of Alvernia University. The topic is "In Search of the Common Heart in a Global World".

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. 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) 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.

"EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES" to be showcased at Immaculate Conception Church, Douglassville. The age of miracles is not over—or so says an exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles which will be on display in the Social Hall of Immaculate Conception Church, 905 Chestnut Street, Douglassville the weekend of March 28-29, 2020. The exhibit consists of 140 panels that explain and illustrate the phenomenon of Eucharistic Miracles in the Catholic Church through the centuries, from the earliest years to the current day. The display is meant to strengthen the faith of believers and is an appropriate activity for the holy season of Lent. The display will be open Saturday evening, March 28 from 4:00-7:00 pm and Sunday morning, March 29 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE CENTER is looking for a year-round groundskeeper for mowing, maintenance of flower beds, weed removal and mulching, bush and hedge trimming, light tree trimming, weed-wacking, snow removal, leaf pick-up and some painting. Knowledge of equipment and mechanical ability is a must! Contact Sr. Brenda at 610-942-4166 or st.maryofprov@comcast.net

Liturgical Ministers—March 21 & 22

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Jean Ruhl
Servers: Mary Creamer., Karyn & Nathan Creelman
EM: Frank Burns, Tom Dobson, Jeanne Leib

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Anna Welch
Servers: Timothy Machion, Sarah & Lauren Williams
EM: Cindy Miller, Ray Clapper, Sydney Machion

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
Servers: Jadon & Mark Scheidel, Christopher Mangan
EM: Kelly Eichenlaub, Carol Wirkus, Glenn Unger

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Kathy Appleton
Servers: Riley Knapp, Mikayla & David Riehl
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Sister Eileen

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 20
 Madeline & Mariella Frisina and Dalton Maiers

Friday, March 27 & Friday, April 03
 Emily & Megan Hatcher, A. J. Crisi

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 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.



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 30+ Easter baskets for the poor. Please pick up a shopping bag with the requested items and return by March 31. 30 hams or turkeys are needed by March 31 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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration will take place during 40 hours. Individuals are welcome to sign up on the charts in the gathering space for private adoration. Adoration is also open for everyone even if you do not sign up for a private time.

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**

- Morning & Evening Prayer
- Time with your children
- No snacks between meals
- A visit to a shut-in
- Sacrament of Reconciliation

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Floyd Kremp by Millie & Family.

Monday 03/16

7:00 PM CYO Board meeting in the conference room

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

Tuesday 03/17

10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study

6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Wednesday 03/18

6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study

7:00 PM "A Common Heart" presentation at Alvernia University

Thursday 03/19

6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes

6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1

6:30 PM First Communion Parents meeting in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meets in the RMR

Friday 03/20

6:00 PM Simple Supper hosted by the K of C

Sunday 03/22

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

Leader: Lisa Boyer

10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2

12:30 PM CYO Bingo-Doors Open

2:00 PM CYO Bingo

COMING EVENTS...

03/24 Prime Timers monthly meeting

03/24 RCIA meets

03/27 Simple Supper

03/29 Fifth Sunday Rosary

03/30 Parish Penance Service



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Monday 03/16 Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Annaliese Novak
by Ted & Mary Kozak

Tuesday 03/17 Lenten Weekday St. Patrick

12 Noon Anthony Raschitore
by Anthony & Ruth Guillo

Wednesday 03/18 Lenten Weekday

St. Cyril of Jerusalem
8:00 AM Joseph Lintz
by Lucy Concordia

Thursday 03/19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

5:30 PM Floyd Kremp
by Millie & Family

Friday 03/20 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Margaret Vance
by Clara Lush

*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
Forty Hours

Saturday 03/21 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Kathleen Laverty
by Wendy & David Mortimer Jr.

Forty Hours Adoration

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

4:45 PM Simple Benediction

Sunday 03/22 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Charlotte Skiba
by Penny Phillips

8:00 AM Mary Firth
by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:15 AM Bill Joerger
by the Appleton Family

Forty Hours Adoration

6:30 PM Rosary

7:00 PM Taize Service and
Conclusion of Forty Hours



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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

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