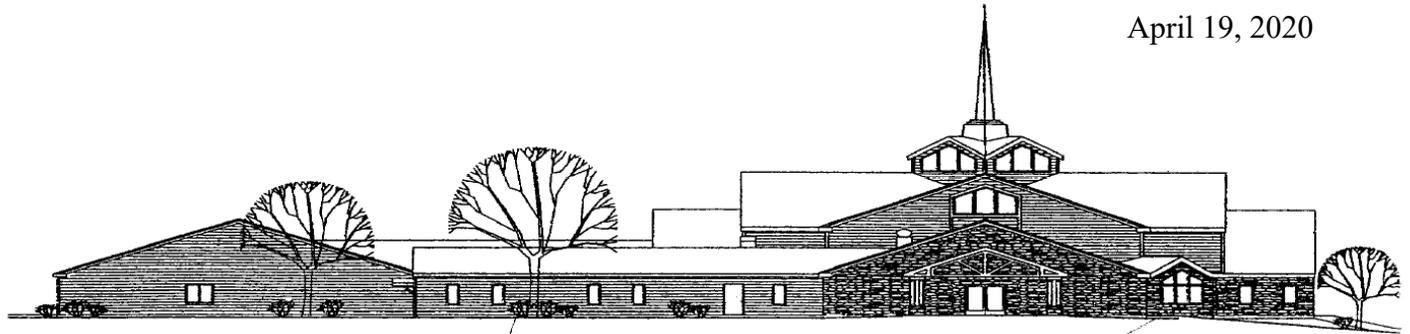


Church of Saint Benedict

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

April 19, 2020



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION for the Holy Lands has been rescheduled for the weekend of September 12-13, 2020. This is the Sunday closest to the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

Chrism Mass—The Holy Father has granted the special faculty for the Diocesan Bishop to postpone the Chrism Mass to a later date. Bishop Schlert has tentatively chosen Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. This date will be confirmed once the threat of the virus has passed.

Confessions—Individual Confessions will be heard every Saturday from 4-5pm.



St. Benedict's Live Streamed Mass:

You may join us at 9AM each Sunday morning or throughout the day. This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. Immediately following the live streamed Mass, we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit www.churchofsaintbenedict.org for the schedule of live stream events the St. Benedict page on Facebook.

Diocese of Allentown Website for churches online: www.ad-today.com. Bishop Schlert celebrates Mass every morning at 8:00am. You may also view it on YouTube.

EWTN ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK--Daily Mass 8:00am, 12 noon and 7:00pm; Sunday Mass 8am and 12 noon.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS—For the time being, the Parish Office will be open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00 noon. Voicemail and emails are continually monitored.

FUNERALS —are permitted during this period of temporary suspension. Only family members are permitted to attend. (CDC guidance—no more than 10 people)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—Fr. Phil is available anytime to anoint the sick and dying. Please don't hesitate to call.

HOSPITAL VISITS—All major hospital networks in our region are only permitting clergy visits to patients in danger of death.

COMMUNION CALLS—Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not permitted to bring Communion to the sick during this temporary suspension. A priest may bring Holy Communion to the homebound, if the priest enjoys good health and the homebound person is comfortable with the visit.

PARISH GIVING is a great way to continue your financial support of St. Benedict by an electronic transfer. Please see more information about Parish Giving on our parish website. We gratefully appreciate parishioners who are able to send in the weekly contribution during this pandemic. Website link: churchofsaintbenedict.com/parish-giving/



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — “Every day the Lord added to their numbers those who were being saved.”

(Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47)

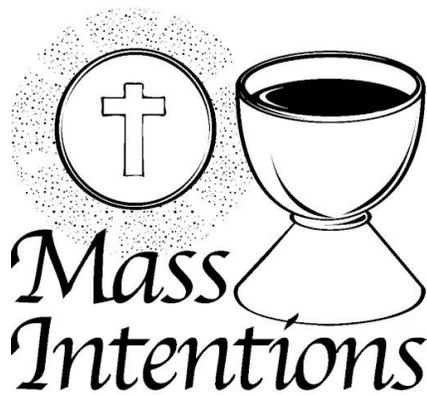
Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting. (Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24)

Second Reading - “Although you have not seen him, you love him.” (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Gospel - “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands...I will not believe.” (John 20:19-31)

OPEN CHURCH—Our church will open for private prayer the following times:

- Monday, April 20 8:00am—12 noon
- Tuesday, April 21 8:00am—12 noon
- Wednesday, April 22 8:00am—7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 23 8:00am—7:00 pm
- Friday, April 24 8:00am—7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 25 10:00am—5:00 pm
- Sunday, April 26 10:00am—5:00pm



NO PUBLIC MASS; Fr. Phil will celebrate the following Mass intentions privately.

- Monday, April 20**—Gloria Dugan, by Richard Walls
- Tuesday, April 21**—Elizabeth Voelker, by Joe Voelker
- Wednesday, April 22**—Brenda Diehm by Jim & Floss Pleitner
- Thursday, April 23**—Tony DelPercio by Charlie & Ellie Albright
- Friday, April 24**—Gerald McDevitt by Rich & Jean Ruhl
- Sunday, April 19**—Mary Reber by Linda & Joe Keller; Mary Firth by The Bierbowers; People of the Parish; Kuzmission Family by Andy & Bev Kuzmission

CANCELATIONS:

RCIA classes are canceled until further notice.
PREP classes are canceled until further notice.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Liszcz, mother of Jeff, Brian, Jerri and Kurt. May she rest in peace.

Charles Hill has been enrolled in the St. Benedict Memorial Society by the Knights of Columbus Council #14654.

ATTENTION PREP AND CGS FAMILIES—Please be sure to view an online presentation for Easter. Watch it with your children! Just go to our parish website and click under Religious Education. Then go to PREP. There will be another series of videos there for Holy Week. This is not a movie, but rather, lessons that explain all those important events of Holy Week and Easter.

Altar Flowers this weekend were offered In Memory of the Kuzmission Family

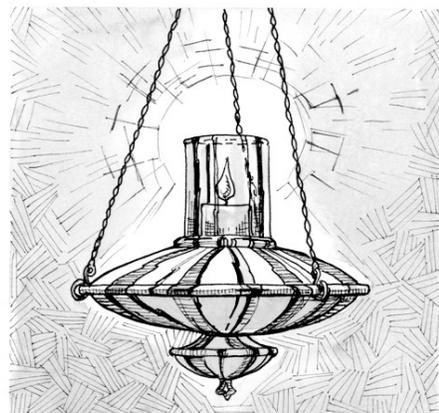
Additional Easter Flower Memorials

Adolph Wilke, Dorothy Wilke, Morris Youse, Arlene Youse, Ruth Harpel

The Sanctuary Lamp this week in memory of Joseph Luther by Patricia Luther

Previous Sanctuary Lamps:

- Week of March 22—Veda Wagner by Kurt & Michele Wagner
- Week of March 29—Robert Focht by Mary Ann & Rodney Focht
- Week of April 5—Ralph Vizza by Ralph & Lisa Vizza
- Week of April 12—Sandy Cagle by Sandy Kozlowski



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