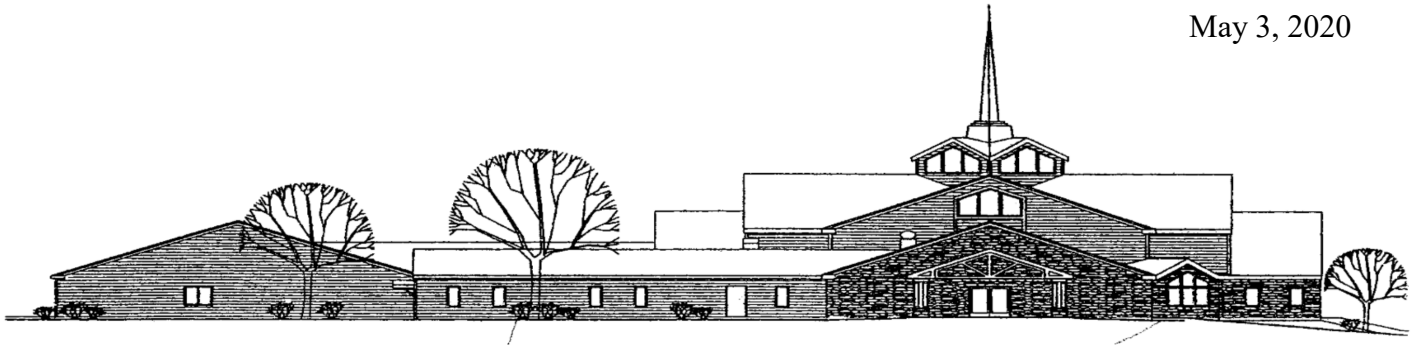


# Church of St. Benedict

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

May 3, 2020



## PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let us entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care: Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

A Pastor for his parish:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

Families, groups, or individuals:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**EASTER COLLECTION**—Many thanks for all parishioners that are able to keep up your financial support of our church during this suspension of public worship. Listed below is our Easter Collection.

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
\$19,808	\$19,935*	*This figure includes a \$5,000 contribution from the Knights of Columbus

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>4 Sundays before pandemic</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
\$37,399	-\$15,026 (actual Mar 15-Apr 15)
<u>4 Sundays during pandemic</u>	
\$22,373	-\$15,026 (projected Apr 15-May 15)
	-\$30,052 (total projected)

**THANK YOU** is extended to all parishioners who were able to continue their contributions during the pandemic. During these uncertain times, families were able to sustain their financial support of our parish. For this I am most grateful because salaries need to be paid, grass needs to be cut and mortgages, assessments and bills need to be paid.

**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/](http://churchofsaintbenedict.com/parish-giving/)

**Scam Alert**—Please be advised that scammers are getting desperate and seeking cash any way they can. The more recent scams are pretending to be a priest asking for funds. If you are the victim of a scam, call local police immediately.

**BISHOP SCHLERT** meets with the priests of the Diocese of Allentown via Zoom this Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss opening of the churches. More to come.

## St. Benedict's Live Streamed Mass:

You may join us at 9AM each Sunday morning or throughout the day.

Visit [www.churchofsaintbenedict.org](http://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](http://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



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter addresses the house of Israel.

(Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41)

**Psalm** - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)

**Second Reading** - "By His

wounds, you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:20b-25)

**Gospel** - "Jesus said: 'Whoever enters through me, will be saved.'" (John 10:1-10)

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

**Monday, May 5**—Joan Rodgers by Fr. Phil

**Tuesday, May 6**—Marie & John Sentenac by Jack Mitnacht

**Wednesday, May 7**—Clara McGinnis by Janet Finn

**Thursday, May 8**—Paul Marella by John & Mimi Frank

**Friday, May 9**—Int. of Cecelia Kacmar by Staff of St. Benedict

**Sunday, May 10**—All Mothers Living and Deceased

**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.

**SCHOOL DESKS**—We have a trailer full of old student desks. If you are trying to create a quiet space for your children to do schoolwork, these might be helpful. Please call the parish office for more information. The desks are free.

**Confessions**—Individual Confessions will be heard every Saturday from 4-5pm in the chapel.

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

Monday, May 4 8:00am—7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 5 8:00am—7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 6 8:00am—12 Noon

Thursday, May 7 8:00am—7:00 pm

Friday, May 8 8:00am—7:00 pm

Saturday, May 9 10:00am—5:00 pm

Sunday, May 10 10:00am—5:00pm

**Altar Flowers** this weekend were offered In Memory of Edward & Dorothy Petusky by the Brezina Family.

### ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Joseph Leisner, Kenneth Brennan, M/M Kenneth Brennan, M/M George Leisner

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the intention of Dolores Meyers by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski

**YOUTH ACTIVITY**—All students of St. Benedict's Parish registered in PREP, LaSalle, CGS or home school are welcome to participate in a scavenger hunt and story-telling contest. A \$25 gift certificate from Rita's Italian Ice will be awarded to the best presentation from each of the following groups: Grade K-1, Grade 2-3, Grade 4-5, Grade 6-7. Go online to our parish website to find more information.

**LET US PRAY FOR YOU**—The St. Vincent de Paul Society, together with the Lay Missionaries of Charity, are accepting prayer requests. They have a box next to the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church but they are also accepting intentions via email. You can send them directly to [SVdP-LMC-prayer-intentions@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:SVdP-LMC-prayer-intentions@churchofsaintbenedict.org). You can also find the link on the parish website under the "How Do I...?" drop down menu, scroll to the bottom to the "Request a Prayer Intention."

### 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. Amen.

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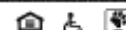
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