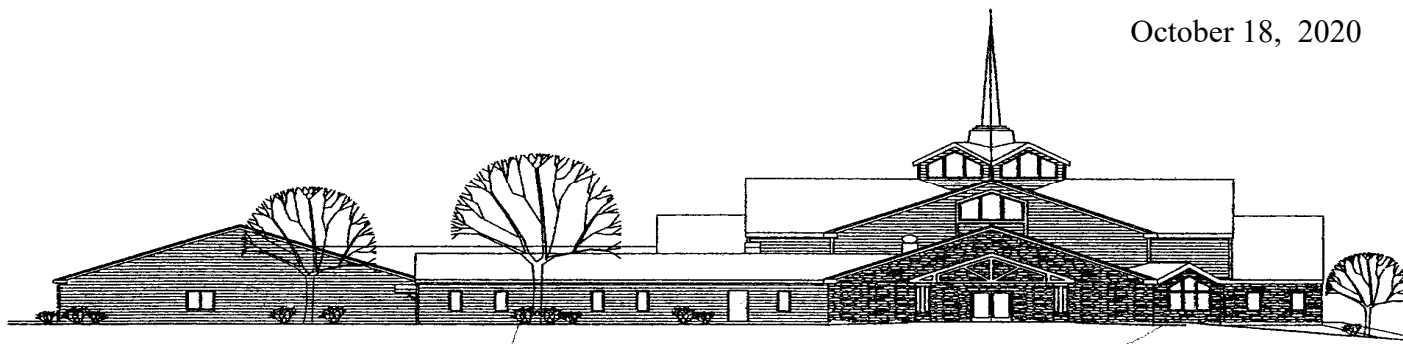


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 18, 2020



## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. 6:30pm-Thurs.5:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 9:00am  
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00am  
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

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209  
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Co-ordinator  
610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

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[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.

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization".

**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.

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>			
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>			
Stewardship	10-11-20:	\$8,593.00	(161 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 235.00	
	P.G.	\$1,940.00	
FLC Mortg.	10-11-20:	\$1,875.00	( 58 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 67.00	
	P.G.	\$ 875.00	

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** starting *Into the Breach Program* Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through small group discussion, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach. *Called to Conversion*—Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name. *Ready for Battle*—Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. For more information contact Paul Waterman at 610-283-4852.

**PARISH CONTACT DIRECTORY**

All parish groups welcome new members. Please feel free to contact leaders for more information.

- AD Cursillo - Mary Messner - 610-775-3154*
- Adult Altar Servers - Rich Conte—610-223-8846*
- Altar Servers - Michelle Steinbrecher - 484-529-0562*
- Bereavement Ministry - Robin Ball—610-804-4096*
- Book Club - Anita Harrison - 610-777-4230*
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Valerie Christo - 610-856-5146*
- CYO - Mark Brezina - 610-582-0835*
- Disabilities Coordinator - Brooke Frech - 610-777-7111*
- Eucharistic Ministers - Tom Henefer - 610-603-9196*
- Family Life - Amy Basehoar—610-554-2556*
- Food Pantry - Rosanne Weidner - 610-286-5568*
- Friendly Visitors—*
- Gardens - Cecelia Kacmar - 610-856-1394*
- Greeters - Diane Roulston - 610-775-6550*
- Knights of Columbus - Ron McClure—610-781-7330*
- Landings - Lee & Joy Bandy - 610-709-6509*
- Lectors - Susan Teaford - 610-207-5763*
- Liturgical Scheduling - Jim Helms - 610-856-7355*
- Ministry to Divorced - Joseph Boylan - 610-781-6415*
- Music Ministry—Andrew Angstadt—610-451-5664*
- Parish Outreach - Ellie Albright - 610-763-9528*
- Pastoral Council - Kelly Leininger—717-314-2705*
- Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director - Robin Ball - 610-804-4096*
- Picnic Grove & FLC Rentals - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575*
- Prayer Chain & Shawls - Sylvia Firth - 610-286-5714*
- PREP/Catechists—Valerie Christo—610-856-5146*
- Prime Timers - Paul Wirkus - 610-913-0910*
- Property Committee—Steven Keech—484-947-3143*
- RCIA - Mark Schrum/Father Phil - 610-856-1006*
- Respect Life - Mary Newhams - 610-777-3858*
- Rosary Group - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575*
- St. Vincent de Paul - Carol Nygard—484-794-0428*
- For Food - 484-336-4665 (c)*
- Stewardship Committee—John Bergandino— 610-960-4318*
- Ushers - John Coccia - 610-404-0712*
- Vocations Ministry—*
- Women's Club - Mary Sarge—484-664-0081*
- Women's Spirituality Group - Robin Ball - 610-804-4096*
- Youth Group—*



ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend in memory of Marge by Chet.

**SPIRIT WEEKEND** Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18. This is always a special weekend at St. Benedict's in which we celebrate and ask God's blessing on all the programs, committees and ministries that create the vibrant faith community of St. Benedict's. It's also an opportunity for each parishioner to ask if God is calling you this year to volunteer in one of the many outreach activities of our parish. Ministry displays and sign-ups will be set up in the FLC.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** —A program for divorced Catholics to navigate their way through a difficult situation will meet Monday, October 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm. For more information contact Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

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**RCIA** is a program of the church to assist any adult in becoming Catholic, or a Catholic adult who seeks Confirmation.

Five adults have registered for this class. New members are welcomed to weekly information meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the gathering area. For more information please contact Father Phil or Mark Schrum.

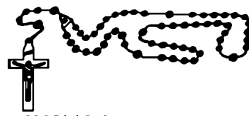
**ST. BENEDICT'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** is for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others how have experienced this difficult journey. The group will meet for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm in the classroom #1



**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be collecting food for distribution to the needy at Thanksgiving.

Please take a shopping bag from their display for your food donations. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during this holiday season!

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** has been canceled this year because of the pandemic and for the safety of all who were involved. Hopefully this multi-group parish fundraiser will return next year.



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**EVENING WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

—On October 29th at 5:30 pm we will have an evening of prayer to our Blessed Mother for world peace and healing. We will begin with Mass and conclude with a candle-lit Rosary. This will also be LIVE STREAMED for those who cannot attend.

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**—We are now in the 17th week back in church since the Pandemic forced us to close our church for public worship. While more people are attending Mass, let us not get relaxed in following safety protocols. Please maintain 6 feet distance with fellow parishioners. Remember to wear masks from leaving your car until returning to your car. Wash hands or sanitize often. Total parishioner count for the last four Sundays:

September 19/20	320
September 26/27	323
October 03/04	315
October 10/11	356

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION** has returned to its traditional time during Mass. Those coming to Communion by the center aisle should form a single line. Eucharistic ministers have been instructed to follow proper sanitation before distributing communion.

**CYO CROSS COUNTRY MEET** will be held Sunday, October 25 starting at 2:00 pm at our picnic grove. Students Grades 5-8 from LaSalle Academy and St. Catherine's will be competing. Good Luck LaSalle Bears!

**BEATIFICATION OF REV. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT on Saturday, October 31. Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus. One more miracle is needed before Father McGivney is canonized a saint.

**Liturgical Ministers—October 24 & 25**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
 Lector: Brian Heath  
 EM: Cindy Miller, Mary Kozak  
**Sunday 9:00 AM**  
 Lector: Mary Jo Lewis  
 EM: Mark Brezina, Karen Keenan  
**Sunday 11:00 AM**  
 Lector: Julie Angstadt  
 EM: Patti Brenner, Sister Eileen

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S**

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a Special Intention by Doris Yeager*

**Monday 10/19**

- 7:00 PM K of C Officers' meeting in the FLC
- 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meeting



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**Tuesday 10/20**

- 9:30-12 Noon Berks Catholic PTA meeting in the FLC
- 7:00 PM RCIA meets in the gathering area

- Monday 10/19 Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
- 6:30 PM Mary Firth  
by Mary & Bill Bildheiser

**Wednesday 10/21**

- 6:30-8:00 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in classroom #1
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout meeting

- Tuesday 10/20 Weekday St. Paul of the Cross
- 9:00 AM Dorothy Liszcz  
by Joan Fondots

**Thursday 10/22**

- 6:00 PM PREP Virtual Rosary
- 6:00-7:15 PM PREP Grade 8 meets in the FLC
- 8:00 PM AA meets

- Wednesday 10/21 Weekday
- 9:00 AM Bobby Kacmar, Jr.  
by Gary & Betty Scollick

**COMING EVENTS...**

- 10/26 Divorce Group meets
- 10/27 RCIA meets
- 10/28 Bereavement Support Group meets
- 10/29 PREP Confirmation class meets
- 10/29 "Evening with Mary"
- 11/02 Mass of Remembrance

- Thursday 10/22 Weekday St. John Paul II
- 5:30 PM Frances Yuschalk  
by Marie & Stanley Blimline

**ALL SOULS MASS** is on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm. At this Mass we will remember all parishioners that died since last year at this time. Family members are encouraged to attend and will place a candle on the altar in remembrance of their loved one.

- Friday 10/23 Weekday St. John of Capistrano
- 9:00 AM Don & Michael Ulrich  
by Sister Helen Marie Gates I.H.M.  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

**BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** will be hosting its very first *Virtual Extravaganza Gala. Extravaganza 2020 "Together We Are Stronger"* website will be open for registration beginning October 12, 2020. There is no cost to register or bid. The event will go live for bidding on November 2, 2020 and will conclude with a live broadcast on Saturday, November 14 from 7:30-8:30 pm. To register go to [bcextravaganza.maxgiving.bid](http://bcextravaganza.maxgiving.bid). You will be able to purchase 10K raffle tickets, make a donation to our Emotional Appeal, bid on many great items or just make a monetary donation to support the students of Berks Catholic. For more information, please contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-1695 or email [Extravaganza@berkscatholic.org](mailto:Extravaganza@berkscatholic.org)

- Saturday 10/24 Weekday St. Anthony Mary Claret
- 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

- Sunday 10/25 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- 5:00 PM (Saturday) Charlie Groff  
by Debbie Mazzarelli
- 9:00 AM Robert Figel  
by Gerry & Jane Ann Braddick
- 11:00 AM Willie Schloeffel  
by David & Danielle Delehanty  
George & Anna Mae Grohol  
by Bev & Andy Kuzmission

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