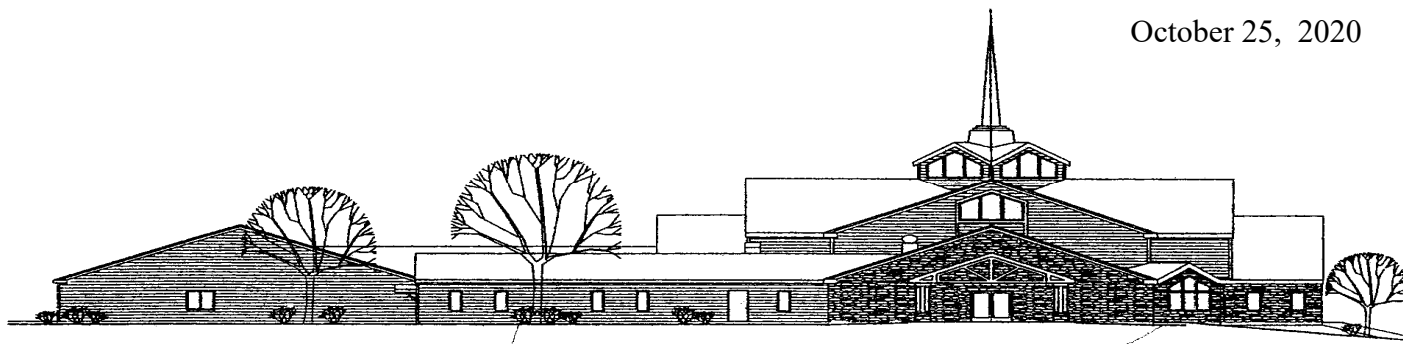


Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 25, 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

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610-856-1006 Office Hrs. Mon-Friday 9am-4:30pm
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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
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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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

Today’s Psalm says, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy”. Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

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.

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| Stewardship- Gifts of God | | | |
| <i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i> | | | |
| Stewardship | 10-18-20: | \$5,324.00 | (125 envelopes) |
| | EFT: | \$ 420.00 | |
| | P.G. | \$1,450.00 | |
| FLC Mortg. | 10-18-20: | \$1,002.00 | (52 envelopes) |
| | EFT: | \$ 177.00 | |
| | P.G. | \$ 540.00 | |

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER:



Pro-”choice”? It is not “choosing” that is an issue, but rather what is chosen. An abortion is an act of violence which victimizes another human being, and thus is not a valid “choice”.

.....PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Mary Barnhard and Gregory Schwartz. 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.

COME CELEBRATE WITH THE KNIGHTS—

On October 31 at 11:00 am from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT Father Michael J. McGivney will be beatified, be called Blessed and his Feast Day will be announced. This is after a miracle was attributed to him and declared authentic by Pope Francis. The ceremony will be live-streamed in the FLC and a pizza lunch will be served afterward. If you would like to attend and watch this rare ceremony, please call Richard Conte at 610-223-8846. We need to know numbers for the purchase of food.

Venerable Father Michael McGivney:

- Born August 1852
 - Founder of Knights of Columbus
 - Beatified October 31, 2020
- October 25—8:00 pm—20 minute documentary on Father McGivney
 October 30—7:00 pm Prayer Vigil at St. Mary’s, CT
 October 31—11:00 am Beatification live on EWTN
 November 01—12 noon Mass of Thanksgiving

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!

LASALLE CYO would like to *thank* all our parishioners who supported our Kauffman's Chicken BBQ. It was a great success!

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP —A program for divorced Catholics to navigate their way through a difficult situation will meet Mondays 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.

Six 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 Wednesdays until November 18 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.

Last call for food drive—October 31 & November 01. 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.

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.



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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.



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CONFIRMATION will be given to 37 students of our parish on November 11 at 4:30 pm at St. John's, Shillington. Please pray for our

teens as they prepare to meet Bishop Schlert and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In person retreat will be Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 pm at St. Benedict's and rehearsal will be Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 pm at St. John's.

Liturgical Ministers—October 31/November 1

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Chris Mensak
EM: Rick McCarty, George Bach
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Lector: Susan Teaford
EM: Ursita Blechman, Karen Keenan
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
EM: John Cocco, Glenn Unger

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Intention of Genevieve Swift by Doris Yeager

Monday 10/26
7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meeting



Tuesday 10/27
7:00 PM RCIA meets in the gathering area

Monday 10/26 Weekday
6:30 PM Mary Hammes
by Brian & Delia Sztukowski

Wednesday 10/28
6:30-8:00 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in classroom #1

Tuesday 10/27 Weekday
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday 10/29
6:00 PM PREP Confirmation Class meets in the FLC
8:00 PM AA meets in the FLC

Wednesday 10/28 Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
9:00 AM Maura Aparre
by Robert & Ursita Blechman

COMING EVENTS...

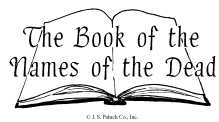
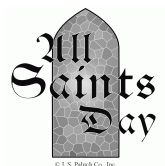
- 11/02 Mass of Remembrance
- 11/03 Election Day
- 11/05 Confirmation Retreat
- 11/08 Confirmation Rehearsal at St. John's
- 11/11 Confirmation at St. John's

Thursday 10/29 Weekday
Evening with Mary
5:30 PM Lewis Blimline
by Stan & Marie Blimline
Candle-lit Rosary with Hymns of Praise

Friday 10/30 Weekday
9:00 AM Anthony Elinausky
by Cecelia & Bob Kacmar
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 10/31 Weekday
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 11/01 *All Saints*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Salvatore Miccicke
by Antoinette Miccicke
9:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Anna & William Banis
by Gregory & Jeanette Selmer
Anthony DelPercio
by William & Anna Cranston



BOOK OF THE DEAD is a large open book in our church in which anyone can inscribe the names of loved ones who have passed away. The month of November is traditionally the time we honor and pray for all our deceased loved ones who are now numbered among the Communion of Saints. Please feel free to go to the book before or after Mass and prayerfully add the names of your deceased family and friends. As a church we will remember them throughout the month of November in our Mass intentions. The large Easter candle burning beside the book reminds us that Christ is the light of our life leading us into eternal life.

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ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend in memory of George & Anna Mae Grohol by Bev & Andy Kuzmission



“INTO THE BREACH VIDEO SERIES”

SPONSORED BY: St. Benedict Knights Council 14654

WHEN: 12 Part Series. Starting Nov. 4, 2020

First part series (6 sessions) to end Dec. 16 (no session Nov. 25)

Second part (6 sessions) Jan. 6, 2020 to Feb. 10, week before Lent

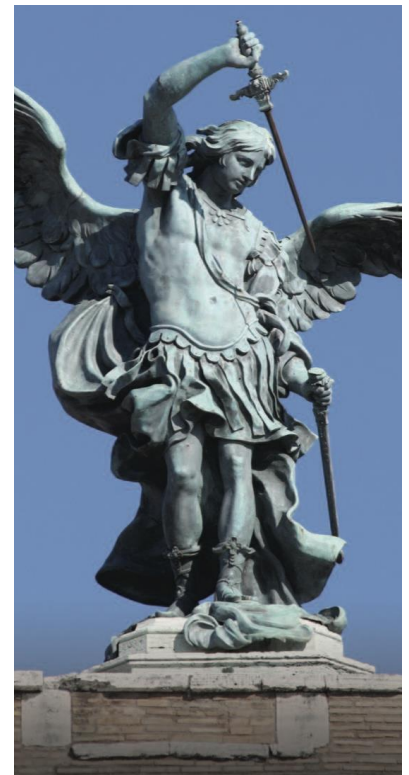
WHERE: St. Benedict Family Life Center/Hall or Conference Room

WHO: For the Men of the Parish, ages 16 and up
Session Led by Paul Waterman, Gary Scollick and Richard Conte
Contact: Richard Conte, 610-223-8846

WHY:

To assist the men of St. Benedict parish to step into the spiritual breach created by our society in the battle of good and evil. God has a plan for us and so does the devil.

To strive for a life of holiness and virtue, fulfilling the duties of fatherhood and family life, supporting one's brothers in Christ, serving others in the community, and supporting the church.



St. Michael the Archangel

Reflections



Understanding the Breach- Questions for individual reflection or group discussion after reading the specific section



Bricks for the Breach- Quotes from the document that provide a solid guide, or “bricks,” for repairing the breach in the Church.



Sword of the Spirit- Scripture passages or verses that are related back to the text of *Into the Breach*. These passages can be considered “the sword of the Spirit” (Eph 6: 17) that confronts and conquers evil. Consider using the traditional practice known as *Lectio Divina* (divine reading) when reflecting on these passages. First read the verse aloud slowly and with reverence. Then, read the verse a second time; while it is being read, begin to meditate on its meaning. Next, pray to God that he will reveal which aspects of the passage apply to your own life. Finally, contemplate these words or sentences and ask God to speak to you through them.



Call to Battle- Practical goals for implementing the message of the document. Those using this guide in a group setting should discuss their progress on these goals at each meeting.



Prayer- Meditations and petitions taken from the Church's tradition or the writings by the saints. These prayers, which may be offered individually or in a group, are provided to help men become familiar with the Church's spiritual treasures. Through prayer, we raise our minds and hearts to God and prepare ourselves for spiritual battle.

HOW/WHAT FOR EACH SESSION

