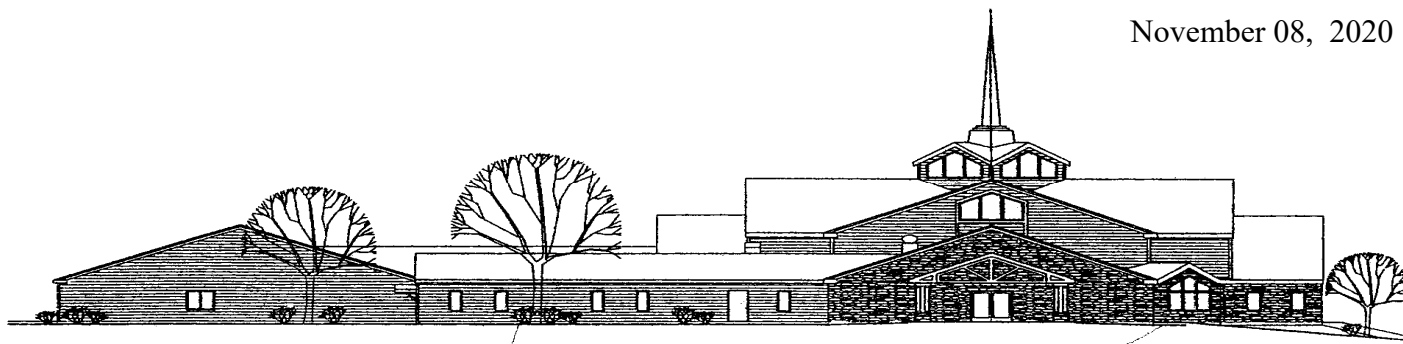


Church of Saint Benedict

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

November 08, 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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www.lsabear.org
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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
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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

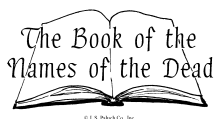
We the Parish of St. Benedict, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Benedict, are a vibrant, worshiping and welcoming community of God. The strength of our people is obtained through joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our commitment is to promote the Gospel of the Lord through our prayers, words, and actions with Jesus as our guiding light.

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Both widows in today’s reading gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

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.

Stewardship- Gifts of God			
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>			
Stewardship	11-01-20:	\$9,147.00	(155 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 420.00	
Parish Giving:		\$1,240.00	
FLC Mortg.	11-01-20:	\$2,549.00	(68 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 177.00	
Parish Giving:		\$ 215.00	



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.



Please remember in your daily prayers during this month of the Poor Souls all those who have recently died and also pray for all those poor souls

forgotten by their families and friends. They need our help! Also continue to pray on behalf of your beloved deceased.



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Equal rights begin in the womb. Abortion has two primary victims—one dead baby, one wounded mother.

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

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Father Phil, Mary Barnhard, John Bergandino, Rita DelPercio, 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, Breno Pinheiro, 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.

A Prayer as I Put on my Mask: (Ursuline Sisters of Chatham):

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth—let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” - a tangible and visible way of living Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully—and full of care—to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be Shield and Banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with Your Love. In your name and in the name of love, I pray. May it be so, May it be so.

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.



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. Rehearsal will be Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 pm at St. John's.



A VIRTUAL VETERANS' DAY PRAYER SERVICE will be held at LaSalle Academy on Wednesday, November 11 at

9:00 am to honor those who have served or are currently serving. We invite all Veterans, their families and friends to participate in a ZOOM ceremony by emailing cajigas@LSABEAR.com by Monday, November 9th. Please include the Veteran's full name, branch of service, years served, physical address to mail the certificate to and the Veteran's picture (optional). A link will be sent to you to view the service online.

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 who have experienced this difficult journey. The group will meet Wednesdays until November 18 at 6:30 pm in the conference room.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will be collecting turkeys and hams thru November 20 for distribution to the needy at Thanksgiving. Your donations

may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the education wing and are greatly appreciated. Food will be delivered Saturday, November 21. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during the holiday season!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING Monday, November 9 at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

As part of the 2020-2021 Pastoral Council plan, St. Benedict's will be forming a **Safety & Emergency Response committee**. The first meeting will be Tuesday, 11/17 at 7:00 pm in the FLC. This committee will identify & address any safety issues that could affect our church campus. If you would prefer to attend virtually instead of in person, please email Karen at Keenan3481@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to our LaSalle XC Team for running through the rain the past two Sundays and having great races. We are so proud of all our runners!

Congratulations to the following that placed at the LaSalle Invitational on October 25th:

5th/6th grade boys and girls that placed:
2nd place: CeCe Basehoar; 3rd place: Lillian Orient;
3rd place: Jack Ritter

7th/8th grade boys and girls that placed:
1st place: Gillian Gontarz; 1st place Jaydin Velasquez; 2nd place: Joseph Leininger; 3rd place: Regan McClure

Congratulations to the following 5th/6th grade boys and girls that placed at the St. Catharine's Invitational on November 1st:

2nd place: Lillian Orient; 3rd place CeCe Basehoar;
4th place: Toni Campman; 5th place: Reagan Shelly;
5th place: Sam Gable

Congratulations to the following 7th/8th grade boys and girls that placed: 1st place: Gillian Gontarz; 1st place: Jaydin Velasquez; 2nd place: Joseph Leininger; 3rd place: Regan McClure; 4th place: Kate Wise; 5th place: Trey Keating.

Thank you to Father Phil, Father Rich, Mr. Mickulik, our XC coaches; Lori McClure and Jaime Schrenk and to all the parents and volunteers for their support this season.

Liturgical Ministers—November 14 & 15

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Stephanie Hartline
EM: Mary Kozak, Rich Conte
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Lector: Anna Welch
EM: Chris & Crystal Stein
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
Lector: Marie Blimline
EM: Gary Scollick, Jeannette Bunch

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Mom & Dad Storti by Pat Luther

Monday 11/09

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meeting in classroom #2

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the conference room

Tuesday 11/10

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Wednesday 11/11

4:30 PM Confirmation at St. John's

6:30-8:00 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in the conference room

7:00 PM K of C Into the Breach program in the FLC



Thursday 11/12

6:00 PM PREP First Penance Class in the FLC

7:00 PM Parish Council meets

8:00 PM AA meets in the FLC

COMING EVENTS...

11/16 Divorce Support Group meets

11/16 K of C Officers meeting

11/17 RCIA meets

11/17 Pastoral Council Safety Subcommittee meets

11/18 K of C Into the Breach program

11/18 Bereavement Support Group meets

11/20 SVDP Packing Food Baskets

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Women's Club to benefit respective group's charities including the Church of St. Benedict and made from homemade recipes in the FLC kitchen. There will be a choice of 9-inch pies: pumpkin (\$9), apple (\$9) and pecan (\$11) to be picked up the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 21-22. Orders will be taken in the gathering space from November 01-15.



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Monday 11/09 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 PM Theresa Nelson
by John & Mimi Frank

Tuesday 11/10 St. Leo the Great

9:00 AM Tom Cioffi
by Rich & Donna Conte

Wednesday 11/11 St. Martin of Tours

9:00 AM Sharon Miller
by Mary Jo Lewis

Thursday 11/12 St. Josaphat

5:30 PM Joanne York
by Frank & Judy Burns

Friday 11/13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

9:00 AM Ed Reidel
by Tim & Robinn Reidel
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 11/14 Weekday

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 11/15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish
9:00 AM Mary Hammes
by Wayne & Marie Mast

11:00 AM Joan Cronan
by John & Mimi Frank
Charles & Nora Aims
by Mary Aims

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