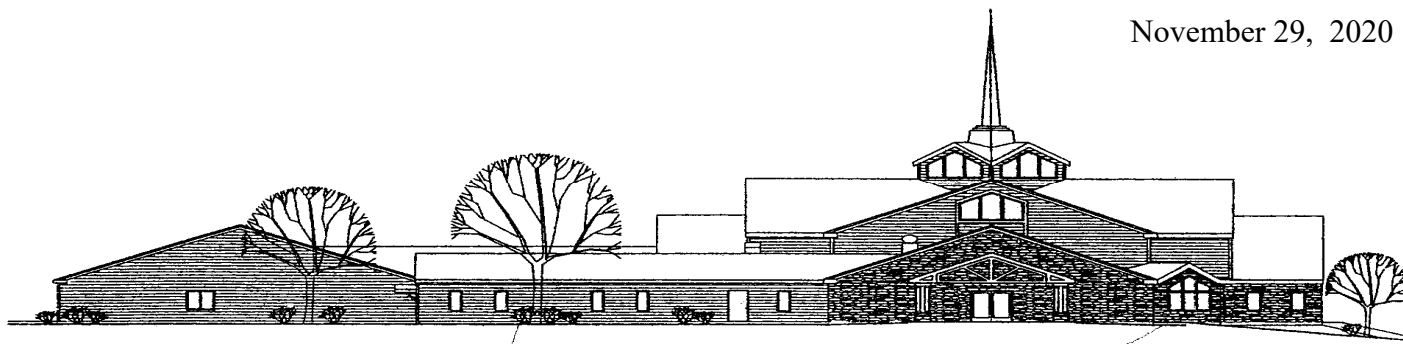


Church of Saint Benedict

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

November 29, 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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744
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

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

“Be on guard”, Jesus warns in the Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence”. Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

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.

RESPECT



LIFE

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PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Someday history and the judgement of a just God will ask of our times: “Who spoke up for life?” Will you be able to say “I did, Lord”? Join the right-to-life movement today.

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

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Vivian Barnhard, John Bergandino, Rita DelPercio, Allen Frank, Barbara Rubins, Gregory Schwartz, Susan Ward. 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, 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.

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 - Jason Leininger—610-621-7259
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 —
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 —

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.

WOMEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, December 01 at 7:00 pm in the FLC. ALL women of the parish are welcome!

"INTO THE BREACH" PROGRAM - The Knights Council will continue the 12 part series this Wednesday, December 02 dealing with the battle between good and evil and how Catholic Men can be in a Leadership roll. The session this Wednesday is No. 4 on "Fatherhood". All men ages 16 and up are invited to attend. Contact Paul Waterman at 610-283-4852 for more details.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION First Saturday December 5 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST CEREMONY will take place at the Manger Scene by the Bell Tower on Saturday, December 5 after the 5:00 pm Mass

HELP NEEDED—We are looking for more volunteers to help sanitize the church after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday. If interested, please sign up in the gathering space.

LECTORS PLEASE NOTE: New Lector Work Books are now available on the table outside the sacristy.

Liturgical Ministers—December 05 & 06

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Brian Heath
EM: Rich Conte, Helen MacMinn

Sunday 9:00 AM

Lector: Ellie Albright
EM: Paul Waterman, Ursita Blechman

Sunday 11:00 AM

Lector: Sister Eileen
EM: John Cocco, Patti Brenner

ADVENT GIVING TREES

ANGEL TREE - The annual Giving Tree Project for 2020 is underway. Our parish family is asked to share in the "spirit of giving" that serves mothers, babies and their families throughout the coming year in Berks County. Please join us during the Advent season to help a child whose mother chooses life, with ongoing support to ensure the best possible start. Choose an angel tag, listing a needed baby item from the Giving Tree located in the gathering space. Bring the new unwrapped item and place it under the tree attaching the tag to your gift. Your donation will be sent to Lifeline, Mary's Shelter/Home or given to mothers facing crisis in our local community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and respecting Life. Life is a gift!

FAMILY PROMISE TREE—Any monetary gifts may be placed in the Offertory Collection. All contributions will go directly to homeless families registered with Berks Family Promise. Family Promise is a national program to assist families with children facing difficult times to find permanent housing and employment. Please indicate on envelope that your gift is for *Family Promise*.

CHRISTMAS REFUGEE TREE—Help persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world. The Knights of Columbus has responded with Christian Refugee Relief Fund which provides humanitarian assistance primarily in Iraq, Syria and surrounding regions of the land of Jesus' birth. Simply take the small envelope off the tree and return it with your donation. (All checks payable to St. Benedict Church.) Donations may be placed in the offertory collection or dropped off in the parish office.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

will be the same as last year with an additional 2:00 pm Mass. The additional Mass was added because we only have 50% of the church available for seating. Our revised current schedule is Christmas Eve: 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 pm and Christmas day at 9:00 am.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Father Bob Quinn's 80th birthday by Jeanie & Bill Hauck.

Monday 11/30

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meeting in classroom #1



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Tuesday 12/01

7:00 PM Women's Club meets in the FLC
7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Monday 11/30 St. Andrew, Apostle
6:30 PM Marcella Kmiec—In loving memory
by Janet & Stan Kmiec, Jr.

Wednesday 12/02

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

Tuesday 12/01 Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Vince & Pat Suglia
by Clara Lush

Thursday 12/03

6:00 PM PREP meets in the FLC
7:00 PM K of C meeting in the conference room
8:00 PM AA meets in the FLC

Wednesday 12/02 Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Theresa Nelson
by Joy & Lee Bandy

Saturday 12/05

6:00 PM "Light Up For Christ" after Mass

Thursday 12/03 St. Francis Xavier
5:30 PM Emma & Harry Gallen
by Jack Mittnacht

Friday 12/04 Advent Weekday—*First Friday*
9:00 AM Rose Ballestra
by Sylvia Firth
Rosary will be recited after Mass

COMING EVENTS...

- 12/07 Divorce Support Group meets**
- 12/07 K of C Officers meeting**
- 12/08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**
- 12/08 RCIA meets**
- 12/09 K of C "Into the Breach" Program**
- 12/10 First Penance Class**
- 12/14 Adult Penance Service**

Saturday 12/05 Advent Weekday—*First Saturday*
9:00 AM Nicholas Lintz
by Lucy Concordia
Rosary will be recited after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

PLEASE NOTE: All announcements for the December 20 bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Thursday, December 10. All announcements for the December 27 bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 16.

Sunday 12/06 *Second Sunday of Advent*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Carol & Janet Morgitan
by the Welsh family
9:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM David A. Levan, Sr.
by Roy & Susan Teaford
Charles & Sarah Bross

Immaculate Conception



December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Masses are Monday, December 7 at 5:00 pm and Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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