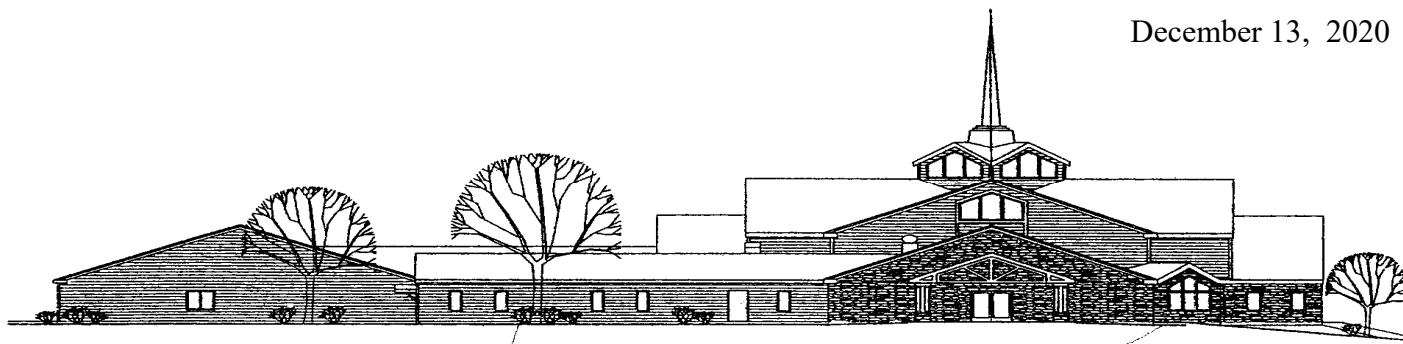


Church of Saint Benedict

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

December 13, 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
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, 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 Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same”.

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

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	12-06-20:	\$8,398.00	(146 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,080.00	
Parish Giving:		\$1,630.00	
Thanksgiving:		\$ 858.00	(43 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 140.00	
Christmas Flowers:		\$1,749.00	(97 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 100.00	

PLEASE NOTE: All announcements for the December 27 bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 16. All announcements for the January 02, 2021 bulletin must be received in the parish office by 5:00 pm Tuesday, December 22.

DECK THE HALLS—We will decorate our church for the great feast of Christmas on Tuesday, December 22 at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the creche, flowers, bow, etc. We greatly appreciate whatever help you can give.

Liturgical Ministers—December 19 & 20

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Jean Ruhl
EM: Rich Conte, Cindy Miller

Sunday 9:00 AM

Lector: Steve Keech
EM: Jeannette Bunch, Ursita Blechman

Sunday 11:00 AM

Lector: Charlie Jones
EM: John Cocco, Sister Eileen



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

We should note that a legal abortion is NEVER a “safe” abortion for the unborn child whose life is ended.

.....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, Robin Schlottman, 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.

CHURCH PROTOCOL –Everyone is welcome to St. Benedict’s Church for Christmas. While you are with us please follow our protocol:

1. Wear mask while in church.
2. Wash hands or sanitize hands before entering church.
3. Follow social distancing of 6 feet on entering or leaving church.
4. Follow social distancing when finding a seat.
5. All enter thru main entrance. Exit at any door.
6. If not feeling well, please stay home.

If or when our church becomes full of guests, we will be ready to open the Family Life Center for an overflow Mass at the 2:00 & 4:00 pm Masses.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, December 14 at 7:00 pm ALL are welcome!



CHRISTMAS HAMS/TURKEYS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting turkeys and hams thru Thursday, December 17 for distribution to the needy at Christmas. Your donations may be

placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the education wing and are greatly appreciated. Food will be delivered Saturday, December 19. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during the holiday season!

“INTO THE BREACH” PROGRAM - The Knights Council last program will be this Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in the FLC.

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.

USHERS/GREETERS are needed for all Christmas Masses. Please sign up at the front door bulletin board. Ushers and Greeters are asked to help with sanitizing church after each Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS are needed for our Christmas Masses. One server per Mass. Please sign up at the front door bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- 2:00 pm Teens & Young Adults
- 4:00 pm String Quartet/Live Streamed**
- 6:00 pm Traditional
- 10:00 pm Candlelight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

- 9:00 am Contemporary Group

*Christmas music program 20 minutes before each Mass.

**Live Streamed Mass will be recorded and can be viewed at any time after the 4:00 pm Mass.

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! Click here to donate online.

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*. Click here to donate online.

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. Click here to donate online.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE will be held at St. Benedict’s on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. Safe distancing will be practiced. Participants are asked to wear a mask as well.

ADVENT VESPERS/MORNING PRAYERS will be recited 20 minutes before each Mass starting on Thursday, December 17. Come to Mass early and experience the richness of Church prayer especially during Advent.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Annaliese Novak by Ted & Mary Kozak

Monday 12/14

- 6:00 PM Physical Security ZOOM meeting**
- 7:00 PM CYO Board meeting in the conference room**
- 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting**
- 7:00 PM Fire Safety Meeting in classroom #3**
- 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group ZOOM meeting**



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- Monday 12/14 St. John of the Cross
- 9:00 AM** Nicholas James Fantanarosa
by K of C #14654
- 7:00 PM *Advent Penance Service*

Tuesday 12/15

- 7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1**

- Tuesday 12/15 Advent Weekday
- 9:00 AM Carol Ann Burns
by Frank Burns

Wednesday 12/16

- 6:00 PM Physical Security ZOOM meeting**
- 7:00 PM K of C Into the Breach program in the FLC**

- Wednesday 12/16 Advent Weekday
- 9:00 AM Joan Ball
by Rich & Robin Ball

Thursday 12/17

- 6:00 PM PREP First Penance**
- 8:00 PM AA meets in the FLC**

- Thursday 12/17 Late Advent Weekday
- 5:10 PM *Advent Vespers*
- 5:30 PM Klement Kremp
by Children & Spouses

Friday 12/18

- 4:00 PM SVDP Packing Food Baskets**

- Friday 12/18 Late Advent Weekday
- 8:40 AM *Advent Morning Prayer*
- 9:00 AM Marge & Chad Gilpatric
by Jack Mittnacht
- Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 12/19

- 8:00 AM-Noon Delivery of Food Baskets**

- Saturday 12/19 Late Advent Weekday
- 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

COMING EVENTS...

- 12/21 Divorce Group Zoom meeting**
- 12/22 RCIA meets**
- 12/22 Decorate Church**

- Sunday 12/20 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
- 5:00 PM (Saturday) Annaliese Novak
by Ted & Mary Novak
- 9:00 AM Joseph Lupia
by Maria Lupia & Family
- 11:00 AM Salvatore Miccicke
by Kathy Appleton
Robert Focht
by Mary Ann & Rodney Focht

CONFIRMATION 2020 PHOTOS are available for pick up outside our Religious Education office. These photos will only be available until Monday, December 14 then all photos will be taken to St. John's Religious Education office. There is no charge for the photo.

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