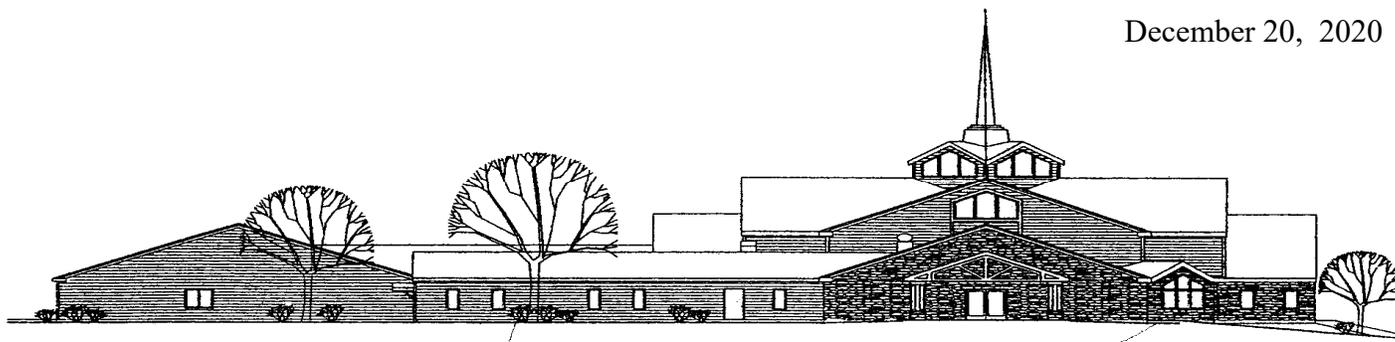


Church of Saint Benedict

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

December 20, 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

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
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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, 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

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to our Berks Catholic students who has achieved honors in the first quarter of the school year:

Distinguished Honors:

Jillian Avadanian, Paul Avadanian, Dale Belville, Brooke Burrows, Cristian Eichenlaub, Madeline Frisina, Mariella Frisina, Megan Hatcher, Elise Kirwan, Brady Mider, Robert Silver, Sophia Vrabic.

First Honors:

Isabella Belville, Luke Brezina, Gina Coccia, Mary Henefer, Matthew Schrenk.

2nd Honors:

Luke Brenner

Liturgical Ministers—December 26 & 27

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Mary Jo Lewis
EM: George Bach, Gary Scollick

Sunday 9:00 AM

Lector: Sylvia Firth
EM: Kelly Leininger, Glen Unger

Sunday 11:00 AM

Lector: Marsha Gleason
EM: John Cocco, Karen Keenan



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Abortion is not a question of what a woman does with her own body. It's a question of what she and her doctor do to the entirely separate, unique human being who is developing inside her body.

.....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, Betty Kostrab, 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.

Prayer for Health Care Workers:

God of everlasting goodness, you sent your Son among us to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world. Be with all health care workers and their assistants in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus' ministry of care, renew them in mind, body, and spirit. Keep them safe from infection and illness, and may Christ's healing presence flow through them as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in His name, Christ the healer, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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.



FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2021 is posted on the front vestibule bulletin board. If you are interested in requesting altar flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or a special intention, please sign the name on the date requested. Cost for each arrangement is \$50.00

The SANCTUARY LAMP burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person or a deceased love one or any special intentions for a weekly donation of **\$10.00**. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.



*Prayer at the Creché,
God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

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 can be viewed at any time after the 4:00 pm Mass via the link on our parish website.

Liturgical Ministers—Christmas

Thursday 2:00 PM

- Lector: Randy Waterman
- EM: Rich Conte, Gary Scolllick

Thursday 4:00 PM

- Lector: Lauren Lush
- EM: Karen Keenan, Helen MacMinn

Thursday 6:00 PM

- Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
- EM: Tom Henefer, Kelly Leininger

Thursday 10:00 PM

- Lector: Julia Angstadt
- EM: Mary Kozak, Mark Brezina

Friday 9:00 AM

- Lector: Anna Welch
- EM: Jeannette Bunch, Ursita Blechman

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 12/21

7:00 PM K of C Planning meeting
7:00 PM Divorce Support Group ZOOM meeting

Tuesday 12/22

6:00 PM Decorate Church

COMING EVENTS...

12/28 Divorce Support Group Final ZOOM meeting

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.
7. Our church is sanitized after each Mass.
If or when our church becomes full of guests on Christmas Eve, we will be ready to open the Family Life Center for an overflow Mass at the 2:00 & 4:00 pm Masses.



C is for the Child asleep in the hay
H is for the Hope He brings us today
R is for the Radiance of His Holy face
I is for His Innocence and grace
S is for the Shepherds who followed the star
T is for the Treasure the Magi brought from afar
M is for the Mother Mary, sweet and mild
A is for the Angels who praised the Child
S is for the Savior who brought from above the promise of Peace and Hope and Love.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Carol Ann Burns by Frank Burns



Monday 12/21 Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter Canisius

6:10 PM Advent Vespers
6:30 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday 12/22 Late Advent Weekday

8:40 AM Advent Morning Prayer
9:00 AM Richard Ball
by Clara Lush

Wednesday 12/23 Late Advent Weekday
St. John of Kanty

8:40 AM Advent Morning Prayer
9:00 AM Margaret Young
by Joe & Kathy Roland

Thursday 12/24 Late Advent Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Vigil of Christmas
2:00 PM Joan McCahon
by People of the Parish
4:00 PM Jeremiah Williams
by Mom & Dad & Family

6:00 PM Carol Ann Burns
by Frank Burns
10:00 PM George Benonis
by Bill Benonis



Friday 12/25 Nativity of the Lord
9:00 AM Ben Schools
by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

Saturday 12/26 St. Stephen, First Martyr
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 12/27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
5:00 PM (Saturday) John Mensak

by Adrienne Mensak
9:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Kathleen Leininger
by Kelly Leininger
Jennifer Walsh
by Mary Walsh

