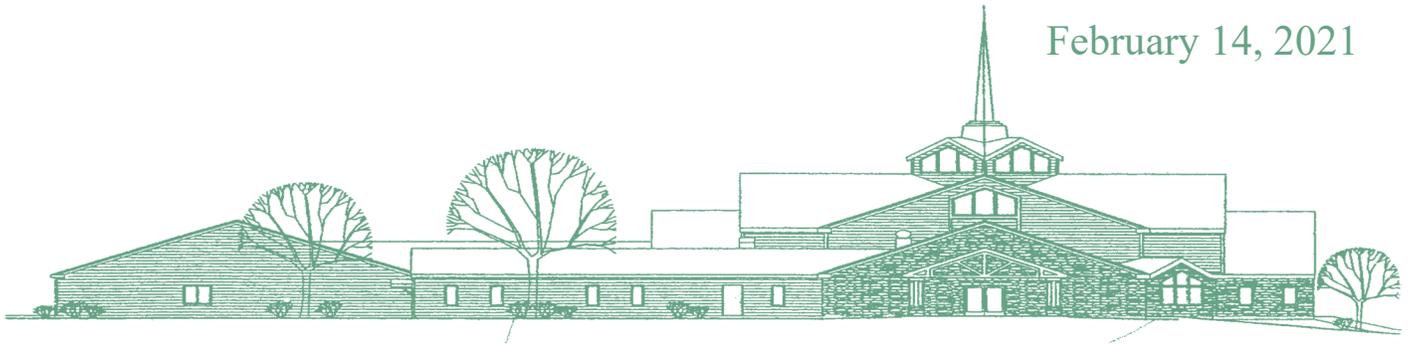


Church of Saint Benedict

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

February 14, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon & Thurs 6:30pm 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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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month immediately following the 11:00am 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.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS can be found on the diocese website *DioceesofAllentown.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>			
<u>Stewardship</u>	February 7	\$ 4,365.00	(86 envelopes)
		EFT \$ 1,390.00	
<u>Parish Giving</u>	February 7	\$ 1,790.00	
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	February 7	\$ 1,565.00	(50 envelopes)
		EFT \$ 802.00	
		Parish Giving \$ 875.00	

2020 TAX STATEMENTS—are available upon request. Please call or email the parish office to receive your statement. Nothing will be sent out automatically.

BURNING PALM—Please bring in your old palm so that it may be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. A container to collect them can be found in the gathering space. The burning of the palm will take place after the 6:30 pm Mass on Monday, February 15th.

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2021—Some dates are still available. 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. The lamp this week will burn in memory of Wilma Kompa by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski.

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are in memory of Gregory Shaffer by David and Cheryl Wolfe.

YOUTH RETREAT—St. Benedict’s and St. Catherine’s are once again offering a Youth Retreat. The theme is “Be Not Afraid.” It will be held in the Msgr. Smith Hall at St. Catherine’s February 26th from 4:30-10pm and on February 27th from 8am to 10:00pm. Cost is \$20 per student. Registration ends on February 17th. Information, registration forms and permission slips can be found at www.scsyouth.weebly.com.

PRAYER LIST

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Vivian Barnhard, John Bergandino, John DeAngelo, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Ted Kozak, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz, Gary Scollick, and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

NEW LENTEN PROCEDURE—Ash Wednesday is February 17 and the familiar ritual of receiving ashes will be a little different this year because of the pandemic. The Vatican has asked priests around the world to sprinkle ashes on the heads of the faithful, rather than using the ashes to make the sign of the cross on foreheads. In addition, the celebrant will say “Repent and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” only once, before the distribution of ashes and will not say it over each recipient. The idea is to minimize contact and to eliminate the need for the celebrant to speak in close proximity to the recipient of the ashes. The use of ashes is a tradition with roots in the Old Testament. “I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.” (Daniel 9:3)

CATHOLIC LENTEN PRACTICE—As a reminder, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting, and of abstaining from meat. Fasting is defined as eating one full meatless meal, as well as two smaller meals that are not equal to a full meal. Catholics also do not eat meat on the other Fridays in Lent.

LITTLE BLACK LENTEN BOOKS are available in the gathering space. Donation \$1.00. Quantity is limited.

RICE BOWLS—are available in the Lenten packets. This year, monies collected will be split between Third World countries and our own St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

NEW RCIA CELEBRATION—will take place Sunday, February 21st at the 9am Mass. It is called the Rite of Election. This ritual usually takes place at the Cathedral, but because of the pandemic, the Bishop has asked that this ceremony take place in the parish. Rite of Election is for any adult who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. You will notice them going to the altar with their sponsor to sign their name in the Book of the Elect. This means they are elected to go forward in the final stage of purification before their baptism at Easter.



LASALLE BINGO—Due to Covid-19 restrictions, The La Salle CYO will be having a “Virtual” Cash & Prize Raffle in place of our Cash & Prize Bingo scheduled on Sunday, March 21st. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, our parishioners from St. Benedict’s and St. John’s for their continued support, our La Salle school families, teachers, and staff and both of our pastors, Father Phil and Father Rich, for all their support and guidance during this time. Our CYO Board looks forward each year to our Bingo and although this year will look different, we have some wonderful prizes thanks to our generous sponsors. All proceeds from this event will support the expansion of our outside basketball court at La Salle Academy. Tickets already purchased for the March 2020 event will automatically be transferred to a new ticket. There will be 16 chances to win either a \$100 cash prize or basket prize worth \$100 each. If your March ticket was purchased under a table reservation, each ticket needs to be assigned a name and new number. Please contact Denise Leininger at leiningerdenise@hotmail.com or 570-814-4446 to ensure each ticket has an assigned name. More information regarding this “virtual” event can be found on our website Lasallecyo.com. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Thank you for your continued support of LaSalle CYO!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S

Monday 2/15 KOC Planning Meeting, FLC 7pm
Monday 2/15 Burning of Palm, 7pm

Tuesday 02/16
7:00 PM RCIA meets in the conference room

Wednesday 02/17
7:00 PM “Into the Breach” Program in the FLC

Thursday 02/18
7:30 PM AA meets in the FLC

Friday 2/19 6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**LETTER RECEIVED JANUARY 27TH FROM
 STEPHANIE GILES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
 LIFELINE OF BERKS COUNTY**

“Dear Father Rodgers, as we prepare for 2021, the first thing on my mind is to say ‘thank you.’ Your gift of beautiful Giving Tree items for moms and their babies to Lifeline is appreciated, perhaps more than you know. As I think of God’s hand on this work, I’m reminded that much of His blessing begins with you. I am thankful that you are a tremendous part of all that takes place here.”



Monday 02/15 Weekday
 6:30 PM Rose and Frank Firth
 by Sylvia Firth

Tuesday 02/16 Weekday
 9:00 AM Maria Salfi
 by Ralph and Lisa Vizza

Wednesday 02/17 Ash Wednesday
 9:00 AM Justin Weidner by Antoinette Miccicke
 12 Noon Anthony Ettaro by Andrew and Nicole Angstadt
 7:00 PM Int. of the Joyce Family

Thursday 02/18 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 6:30 PM Rose Osorio
 By Jim and Floss Pleitner

Friday 02/19 Weekday
 9:00 AM Genevieve Przydzial and James Gable
 by Pat & Lew Gable
Rosary will be recited after Mass.

Saturday 02/20 Weekday
 9:00 AM Ruth Ann Blechman by Bob & Ursita Blechman
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 02/21 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 PM (Saturday) John Vizza
 by Ralph & Lisa Vizza
 9:00 AM St. Benedict Memorial Society
 11:00 AM Theodore S. Teaford Sr.
 by Roy and Susan Teaford
 People of the Parish



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 20-21

Saturday 5:00 PM
Lector: Stephanie Hartline
EM: Chris Stein, Crystal Stein

Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector: Susan Teaford
EM: Mark Brezina, Cindy Miller

Sunday 11:00 AM
Lector: Dennis Brizick
EM: Patti Brenner, Ursita Blechman

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