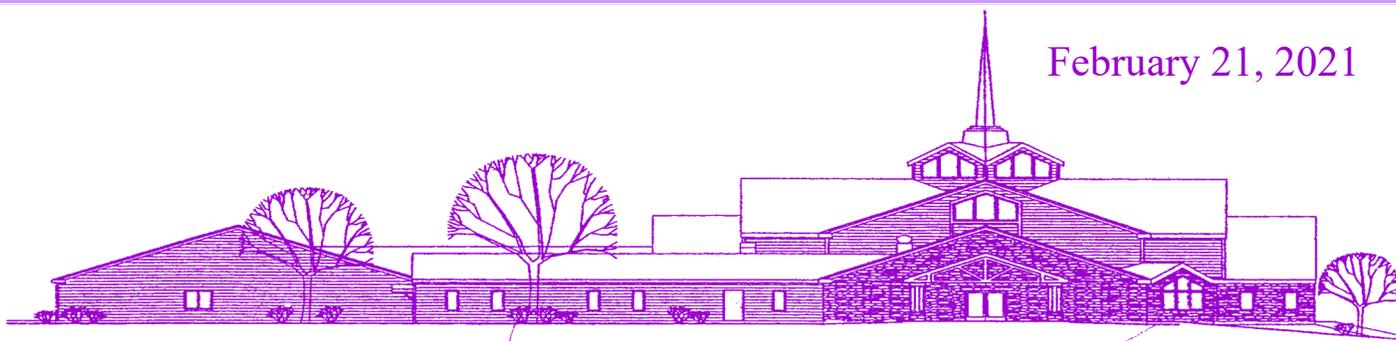


Church of Saint Benedict

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

February 21, 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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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.

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.

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.

Stewardship—Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship February 14 \$ 8,420.00 (140 envelopes)

Parish Giving February 14 \$ 1,910.00

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Parish Giving \$ 635.00

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 John Vizza by Ralph and Lisa Vizza.

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us. God loves every child He sends into the world. Pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia.



LENT AT ST. BENEDICT'S

CATHOLIC LENTEN PRACTICE—As a reminder, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting, and of abstaining from meat. Those aged 18-59 must fast, which is defined as eating one full meatless meal, as well as two smaller meatless meals that are not equal to a full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are not to 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 developing countries and our own St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Collection baskets will be available at the end of Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—will be offered every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm. While the Stations may be prayed any time during the year, Lent is the most appropriate time to reflect on the last steps of Jesus' life. Come early and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:40pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—will take place every Friday of Lent from the end of the 9:00am Mass until Stations at 7:00pm. We are blest a hundredfold when we give our gift of time to the Lord in adoration and praise.

TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER—is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st at 6:00pm. This is a unique prayer service, reflecting on the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. All are welcome to join us for an evening of reflection and renewal as we meet Jesus at the foot of the Cross. This service will also be live-streamed.

SPIRITUAL READING—is a good practice during Lent. Some spiritual classics reread can always bring new insights and perspective. A table has been set up in the gathering space for anyone to bring a book/take a book. May we all enjoy taking time to explore new or old spiritual writers. Books are freely given and freely taken. Books need not be returned.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE



On March 19th, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and the patron of the Universal Church. One way to honor him is with the tradition known as "St. Joseph's Table."

Legend has it that a drought had gripped Sicily, drying up crops and making food scarce. The city prayed to St. Joseph and they believe it was through his intercession that life-giving rain returned to the region. To thank him for his help, they prepared a table filled with all sorts of food. This was both to honor St. Joseph as well as to help feed the poor. This tradition is carried on even today in Sicily, although it is also prevalent in Poland, Malta, Spain, the Philippines and the United States.

St. Joseph's Day table is a makeshift shrine/dinner table set up in homes or in churches. It consists of 3 tiers representing the Holy Trinity covered in white linen. A statue of St. Joseph is placed on the top tier. Gifts of food and flowers are placed on it, as well as a basket to hold prayer intentions.

Once again, we are bringing this tradition to St. Benedict's. We will have a St. Joseph's table in the gathering space to collect food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Easter boxes of food to the poor. You may bring non-perishable foods from now until the feast day. How wonderful that we can honor St. Joseph in this, the Year of St. Joseph!



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 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. 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. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Thank you for your continued support of LaSalle CYO!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S

Monday 2/22 Boy Scout Meeting, FLC 5:30pm

Tuesday 02/23
7:00 PM RCIA meets in the conference room

Wednesday 02/24
7:00 PM “Into the Breach” Program in the FLC

Thursday 02/25
7:30 PM AA meets in the FLC

Friday 2/26 6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

HAMS AND TURKEYS— The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting turkeys and hams for their Easter holiday boxes. Turkeys and hams may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the Education Wing.

LENTEN MASS CHANGES—Please note there will be a 12 noon Mass on Tuesdays during Lent as well as a 9:00am Mass on Saturdays.

LENT
 Pray + Fast + Give



Monday 02/22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 6:30 PM Susan Wechezak
 by Kelly Leininger

Tuesday 02/23 St. Polycarp
12:00 noon John Nowak
 by John & Mimi Frank

Wednesday 02/24 Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Int. of the Health of Paul Yost
 by Roy and Susan Teaford

Thursday 02/25 Lenten Weekday
 6:30 PM Ronald Weidner
 by Marie & Wayne Mast

Friday 02/26 Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Ronald Weidner
 By Marie & Wayne Mast
Rosary will be recited after Mass.

Saturday 02/27 Weekday
9:00 AM Mary Fischer by Fr. Phil
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 02/28 *First Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 PM (Saturday) Ralph Vizza
 by Ralph & Lisa Vizza
 9:00 AM Justin Weidner by Robin Ball
 11:00 AM Eugene Coccia
 by Kevin and Monica Kozlowski
 People of the Parish



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 27-28

Saturday 5:00 PM
Lector: Brian Heath
EM: Paul Waterman, Rich Conte

Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector: Anna Welch
EM: Kelly Leininger, Fr. Phil

Sunday 11:00 AM
Lector: Steve Keech
EM: John Cocco, Fr. Phil

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