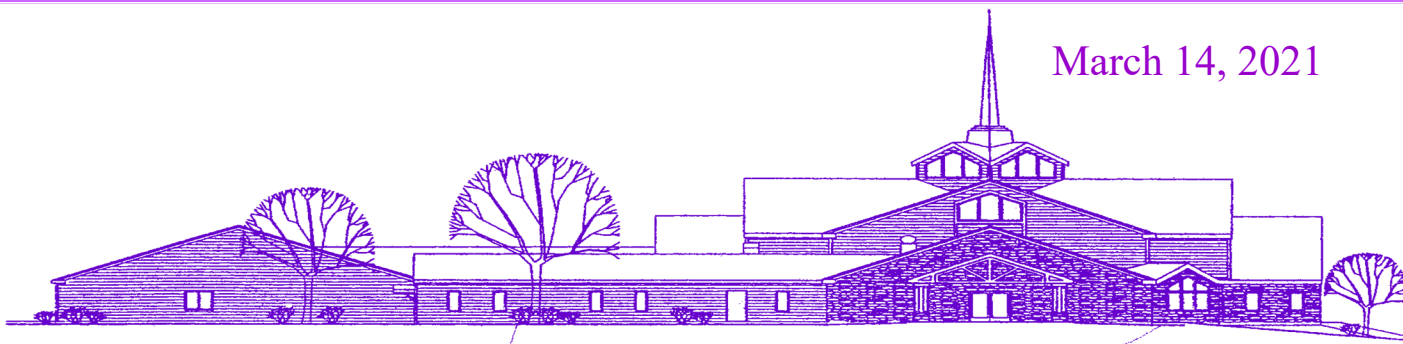


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

March 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

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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610-856-1006 Office Hrs. Mon-Friday 9am-4:30pm  
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392  
[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)  
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361  
[www.berkscatholic.org](http://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  
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 at 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019  
Website [www.allentowndioocese.org](http://www.allentowndioocese.org)

## 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.

## 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](http://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!*

<u>Stewardship</u>	March 7	\$ 9,382.00 (166 envelopes)
	EFT	\$
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,540.00
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	March 7	\$ 2,950.00 (88 envelopes)
	EFT	\$
	Parish Giving	\$ 570.00

**A COMMON HEART** is an interfaith program to deepen understanding of the Jewish, Catholic and Muslim religions. This year, the program will be virtual. A one hour meditation is being offered to find comfort, strength and enlightenment during the pandemic. This will be on Tuesday, March 16 at 7pm. The ZOOM ID is 96019103757. Please see the bulletin insert for more details.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of Wallace and Wilma Kompa, by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski.

**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, Patricia Gable, Jeanie Hauck, Ted Kozak, Helen Macminn, Donna Plesnarski, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz, Gary Scollick, Eric Slotkin, Paul Yost and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

**LANDINGS**—welcomes returning and inactive Catholics. If you are a Catholic and have been away from the Church, know that we have been thinking of you. Perhaps you feel the need to refresh or strengthen your faith base. Landings offers a safe place to land and a way to return home to the faith. We invite you to be an active part of us again.

Our next session will begin on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 1:00PM in the FLC. Each of the eight consecutive meetings will take place on Sunday afternoon and will be conducted by our seasoned Lay people. Every Landings meeting is focused on sharing our faith stories and reflecting on Catholic themes. For more information please call or email –

St Benedict office – 610-856-1006 or email: secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org or Joy Bandy – 484-797-5607 or email: joyful0306@ptd.net

**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.

**RICE BOWLS**—are available in the Lenten packets. This year, monies collected will be split between Catholic Relief Services (CRS) 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.

**CRAB CAKE SALE**—The Knights of Columbus are having a second crab cake sale. Order forms may be found at their display in the gathering space.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE**—This collection will continue until the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Please be sure to take a bag and return the requested items to the display in the gathering space. These items will be used to put together food baskets for the needy for Easter.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**—will be collecting hams and turkeys for their Easter boxes going to needy families. All donations may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the Education Wing.

**EASTER CANDY**—The Women's Club will be selling their famous Easter candy the weekend of March 27th & 28th. Candy will be available in the FLC from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday and after all the weekend Masses. Your choice of either peanut or coconut eggs in either milk or dark chocolate. Questions? Call Rosanne at 610 286 5568.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER**—“Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness.”—Dr. Alveda King



**LASALLE BINGO**—La Salle CYO will be having a “Virtual” Cash & Prize Raffle on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Denise Leininger at [leiningerdenise@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://Lasallecyo.com).

**LASALLE ANNUAL FUND**—A mailing was sent out before Christmas to support LaSalle’s Annual Fund. The goal of the Annual fund is \$25,000. As of yesterday, \$14,127.00 has been collected. We greatly appreciate all those who were able to support our Catholic school, LaSalle Academy. About 40% of LaSalle’s population is from St. Benedict. Please consider making a donation for Catholic education. Extra brochures and donation envelopes can be found at the front door bulletin board.

**LASALLE REGISTRATION**—LaSalle Academy is now taking registrations for Fall Semester 2021. The registration fee will be waived for any new students who enroll between March 7-21. Representatives from LaSalle will be available after all Masses the weekend of March 6/7 to answer any questions you may have about LaSalle. Also, tours of LaSalle will be available during this time by appointment. See the LaSalle rep on March 6/7 to schedule your ‘meet and greet’ with the principal and tour the school.

**HELPING HOMELESS TEENS**—A group of St. Benedict teens are partnering with Family Promise, collecting items for homeless teens in Reading. Some of the most requested items are socks, gloves, personal hygiene care/toiletries and reusable water bottles. All donations may be placed in the box in the gathering space between now and March 28th.

**COAT DRIVE**—Many thanks to all who donated men’s coats during our coat drive. All coats have been delivered to Hope Rescue Mission. Many thanks to 7th grader Grace Kelly for organizing this outreach to the poor. *The drive is now over.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S**

- Monday 03/15**  
7:00 pm KOC Planning Meeting, FLC
- Tuesday 03/16**  
7:00 pm RCIA meets in the Conference Room  
7:00 pm A Common Heart Zoom virtual event
- Wednesday 03/17**  
7:00 pm “Into the Breach” Program in the FLC
- Thursday 03/11**  
7:30 pm AA meets in the FLC



- Monday 03/15** Lenten Weekday  
6:30 PM Anthony Ettaro  
by Richard and Maureen Heiner
- Tuesday 03/16** Lenten Weekday  
**12:00 noon** Francis Pressimone  
by the Prime Timers
- Wednesday 03/17** Lenten Weekday  
9:00 AM Floyd Kremp by Millieand Children
- Thursday 03/18** St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
6:30 PM Marian Zielinski  
by the Brenner Family
- Friday 03/19** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:00 AM Joseph Lintz  
by Lucy Concordia  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass.*
- Saturday 03/20** Lenten Weekday  
**9:00 AM** Health of Jennifer Hivner Noggle  
by Tom and Lauren Lush  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions
- Sunday 03/21** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Justin Weidner  
by Kevin and Monica Kozlowski  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Intention of Charles Swift by Doris Yeager  
Judith Myers by John & Mimi Frank



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 20-21**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
**Lector:** Stephanie Hartline  
**EM:** Cindy Miller, Rich Conte
- Sunday 9:00 AM**  
**Lector:** Charlie Jones  
**EM:** Chris Stein, Crystal Stein
- Sunday 11:00 AM**  
**Lector:** Steve Keech  
**EM:** Jeanette Bunch, John Cocco

**HELP NEEDED**—Ushers and altar servers are needed for our Masses and liturgies during the Triduum. A sign up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the main church entrance.