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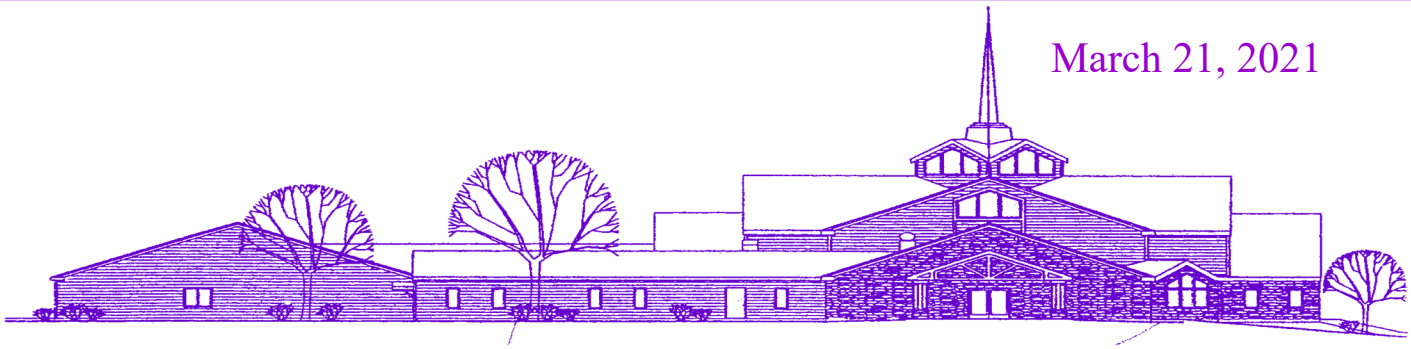
Diocese of Allentown – Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D.

March 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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Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

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DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., ***DIRECT*** 800-791-9209
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Coordinator at 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019
Website www.allentowndiocese.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. 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	March 14	$ 6,223.00 (119 envelopes)
	EFT	$ 1,535.00 (3/7 &3/14)
	Parish Giving	$ 2,520.00
FLC Mtg.	March 14	$ 1,600.00 (53 envelopes)
	EFT	$ 819.00 (3/7 &3/14)
	Parish Giving	$ 885.00

*The **SANCTUARY LAMP*** burns this week in memory of Christina Justice by Ralph and Lisa Vizza.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Powell, husband of Marguerite. May he rest in peace.

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, 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 be on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 1:00PM in the FLC. 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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER—No one has the right to tell a woman she has to have a child. The pro-life movement has never suggested that women should be required to have children. However, it is a biological fact that when a woman is pregnant she already has a child. Our argument is that this child should not be killed by abortion.

KOLACH (nut roll) orders can be picked up Saturday & Sunday, March 27 & 28 after all the Masses. There will also be a few extra for sale.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE—Thank you to all who contributed food, hams and turkeys. We now have enough to fill Easter baskets for the needy.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE is planned for Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00pm. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions after a brief penance service.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

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.

DECLAMATION—There were ten 8th graders and seventeen 7th graders that participated in the LaSalle CYO Declamation Contest earlier this week. The winners are: 7th grade girls Brindley Kobularcik (St. John's), 7th grade boys Julian Simmons (St. John's). 8th grade girls Isabela Carola (St. Benedict), 8th grade boys Joseph Leininger (St. Benedict). Congratulations to all!

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. Also, tours of LaSalle will be available during this time by appointment.

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 towels, wash cloths, socks, gloves, personal hygiene care/toiletries and resuable 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

Sunday 03/21
1:00pm-3:00pm Landings, gathering space
2:00pm CYO Cash/Basket Raffle drawing (virtual)
6:00pm Taize Service

Tuesday 03/23
7:00pm Adult/Youth Penance Service

Thursday 03/25
7:30 pm AA meets in the FLC

Friday 03/26
8:00pm SVDP packing food baskets, FLC

Monday 03/22 Lenten Weekday
6:30 PM Richard Ball
by Sylvia Firth

Tuesday 03/23 St. Turibius, Bishop
12:00 noon Sylvia Kane
by Stephanie Hartline

Wednesday 03/24 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM Barbara Skorupski
by Ray and Sharon Ullman

Thursday 03/25 Annunciation of the Lord
6:30 PM John Sabol by Clara Lush

Friday 03/26 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM Joseph Wohulick
by Bob and Cecelia Kacmar
Rosary will be recited after Mass.

Saturday 03/27 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM Special Intention
By Patricia L. Slanga

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 03/28 *Palm Sunday*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Joanne Szewczyk
by Diane Petersheim

9:00 AM Audrey Munkatchy by the Beecham Family

11:00 AM People of the Parish
Judy Tamagno by the Eichenlaub Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 27-28

Saturday 5:00 PM
Lector: Brian Heath
EM: Tom Henefer, Karen Keenan

Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector: Anna Welch
EM: Paul Waterman, Fr. Phil

Sunday 11:00 AM
Lector: Sister Eileen
EM: Patti Brenner, Fr. Phil

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.

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