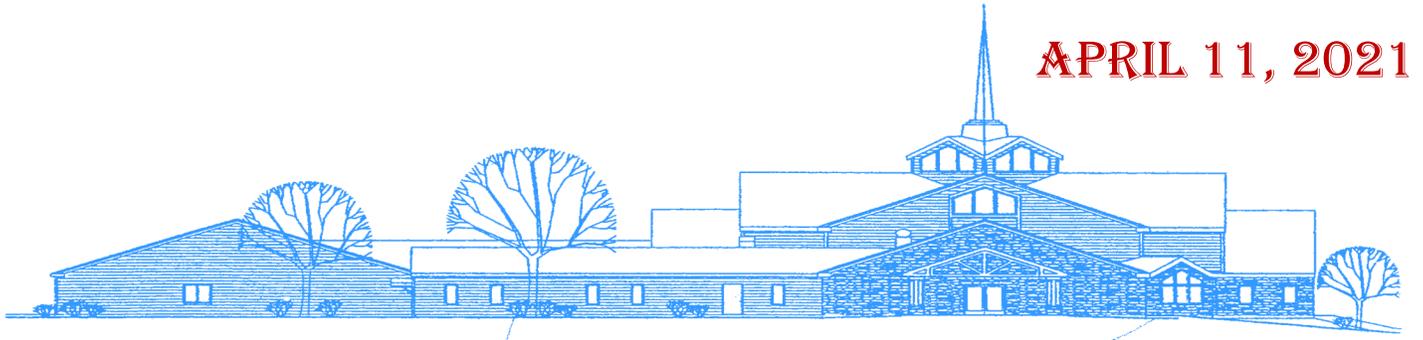


Church of Saint Benedict

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

APRIL 11, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

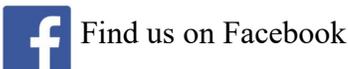
Daily: Mon & Thurs 6:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 9:00am
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org



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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor
Fr. Thomas Kuller, S.J..... Weekend Ministry
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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
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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
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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.

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.

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Lead: Richard Conte, 610-223-8846
Location of Emergency Operating Plan
<https://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com/wp-content/uploads/St-Benedict-Emergency-Operating-Plan-Rev-00.pdf>

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, especially for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Vivian Barnhard, John Bergandino, John DeAngelo, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyong, Patricia Gable, Jeanie Hauck, Ted Kozak, Helen Macminn, Ralph Maio, Donna Plesnarski, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz, Gary Scollick, Eric Slotkin, Baby Henry Williams and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in memory of Michael Kozak by Mary & Ted Kozak.

ST. JOSEPH VOTIVES—We now have 2 amber votive lights at the statue of St. Joseph. You may memorialize these for someone living or deceased. You can choose to light one candle or two. The offering would be \$10 per light. If you wish to schedule a particular weekend, please contact the parish office. Votives will be available during the Year of St. Joseph. This weekend’s votives burn in memory of Theodore S. Teaford Sr. and Paul P. Yost.

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

Additional Easter Flower Memorials: Joseph Shisslak, Anna Shisslak, Camillo Ruano, Ora Ruano.



PRO-LIFE CORNER—Abortion and euthanasia is a cancer killing America. Many nations do not die from invasion; they die from internal rotteness. You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right. Abortion on demand is killing America.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles’ faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him. — *J. S. Paluch & Co.*

LIFELINE BANQUET—is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th at the Double Tree in Reading. This banquet is a major fundraiser for the operation of Lifeline outreach programs. St. Benedict parish is planning on having several tables at the event. Anyone interested in going please call the parish office for discounted tickets.

Please continue to pray for family, friends and loved ones on active duty in all branches of military service.

US Air Force: Mark Cahill, Tom Gutherman, Michael Rodgers, Ryan Vance; US Army: 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; US Navy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch, Jessica Rutkowski; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach.



RCIA

We congratulate those who were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

- Fred Harding***
- Brielle Hecker***
- Bryan Hecker***
- Lori Lewandowski***
- Barry Lewandowski***
- Lori Raser***

Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue on the path of their faith journey.

Stewardship—Gifts of God
Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	April 4	\$ 8,634.00 (127 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 1,380.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,510.00
FLC Mtg.	April 4	\$ 2,745.00 (60 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 752.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 475.00



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, over \$18,842.00 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. Also, tours of LaSalle will be available during this time by appointment.

EMERGENCY OPERATING PLAN—After considerable effort, the Safety Group of the Pastoral Council has developed a St. Benedict Church Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) in order to deal with primary hazards such as fire and other situations, inside or outside the church. A safety committee of volunteers has also been established and members would like to brief the parish on essential information on the EOP. The briefing is important so that you may feel confident in your safety at the church during services. Please plan to listen to this 6-8minute presentation at the end of all Masses the weekend of April 17-18, 2021. See also the new Church Safety Information Block on the front page of the bulletin, which will appear each weekend. It is best to review the EOP prior to the brief. If you wish to volunteer to be a Designated Person for Security or Fire, see the signup in the gathering space or call Rich Conte at 610-223-8846.



WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY? Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus Christ associated with His apparitions to Saint Faustina Kowalska. Many faithful pray the Divine Mercy chaplet, which includes the words and instructions Our Lord gave to St. Faustina, recorded in her diary. In her book, *Diary: Divine Mercy in my Soul*, the two main themes of the devotion are to trust in Christ's endless goodness, and to show mercy to others, acting as a conduit for God's love towards them. It is often prayed at the 3 o'clock hour, to honor the time Jesus died on the Cross. It was then that He was pierced in the heart by a lance and blood and water issued forth, signifying the graces and salvation offered through His death. The portrait of Divine Mercy displays this as rays of red and blue light, referring to the blood and water of the Gospel of John (John 19:34). St. Faustina was canonized by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000, who said, "Apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind."

Jesus, I trust in You!



Monday 04/12 Easter Weekday
9:00am Gerald Wickham by John and Mimi Frank

Tuesday 04/13 Easter Weekday
NO MASS

Wednesday 04/14 Easter Weekday
9:00am Frank Hauze by Bill and Diane Arnold

Thursday 04/15 Easter Weekday
NO MASS

Friday 04/16 Easter Weekday
9:00AM Gerald Kane by Stephanie Hartline

Sunday 04/18 Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 PM (Saturday) Anthony Ettaro
by Gerry and Mary Ann Sarge

9:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Jennifer Welsh by Garfield and Mary Welsh
Kuzmission Family by Bev & Andy
Kuzmission



LITURGICAL MINISTERS APRIL 17/18

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Charlie Jones
EM: Mary Kozak, Rich Conte

Sunday 9:00 AM

Lector: Anna Welch
EM: Kelly Leininger, Fr. Phil

Sunday 11:00 AM

Lector: Chris Mensak
EM: Gary Scollick, Fr. Phil

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S

Tuesday 04/06
7:00 pm RCIA, in the conference room
7:00 pm Women’s Club meets in the FLC
7:00 pm Respect Life, in Classroom #3

Thursday 04/08
7:30 pm AA meets in the FLC