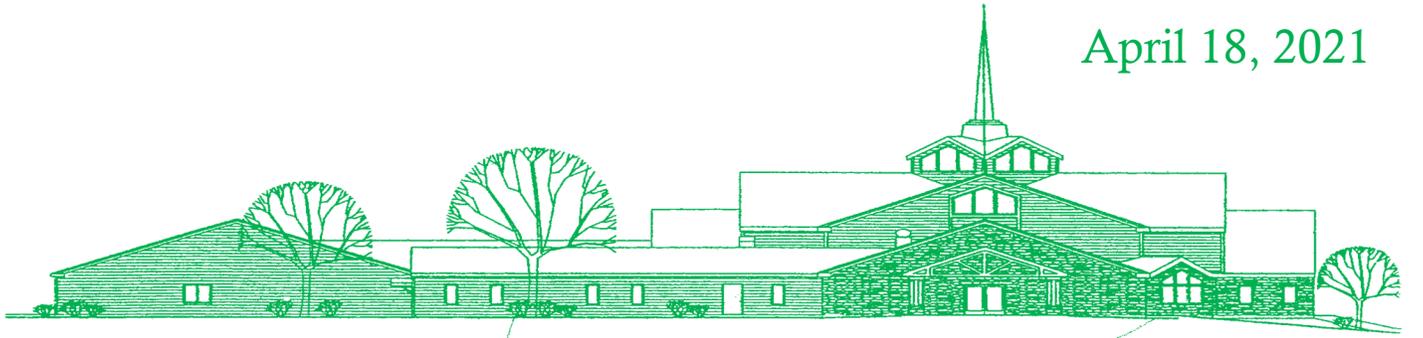


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

April 18, 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.

## 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>

GOD’S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus’ presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were “startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost” (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God’s love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God’s love for us in Jesus Christ.

Today’s Readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1–5a; Lk 24:35–48 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**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 week’s candles burn in memory of Michael Kozak, requested by Mary and Ted Kozak.

**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: Ray Kadingo, Vincent J. Matisko, Martha Matisko, Ronald Bailey, Irene Pjontek.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**—We do a disservice to God and to the pro-life cause if God is never mentioned in our pro-life arguments. God is the Creator of all life and it is our responsibility to protect life at all stages.

<b>Stewardship—Gifts of God</b>		
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>		
<u>Stewardship</u>	Easter	\$ 14,537.00 (183 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 755.00
	April 11	\$ 10,445.00 (151 envelopes)
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,715.00
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	April 11	\$ \$2,715.00 (71 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 67.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 805.00

**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 Didyoung, Patricia Gable, Jeanie Hauck, Jim Helms, 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.

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.

**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.



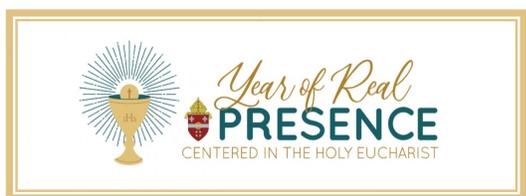
Thanks is extended to Harpster Canopies of Philipsburg for their generous donation toward the Family Promise project that assisted homeless teens and young adults.



**LASALLE ANNUAL FUND**—A mailing was sent out to support LaSalle’s Annual Fund. The goal of the Annual fund is \$25,000. 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**—The Safety Group of the Pastoral Council has developed a St. Benedict Church Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) in order to deal with hazards such as fire and other situations, inside or outside the church. A committee of volunteers has also been established and members will be briefing 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. This presentation will take place all Masses this weekend. You may review the EOP by going to the link listed on the front page of the bulletin. If you wish to volunteer see the sign up in the gathering space or call Rich Conte at 610-223-8846.



2021 marks a Jubilee Year, the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Allentown. Bishop Alfred Schlert has also instituted it as the ‘Year of the Real Presence,’ beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th. From his pastoral letter dated that same day, Bishop Schlert reflects: *“Ever since our founding, the Diocese of Allentown, her clergy, religious men and women, and the lay faithful, have been blessed by the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Our faith in and reception of the “Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar” have been the nourishment for all of our apostolic works and endeavors of bringing the Light of Christ to each other and to our community. In this Jubilee Year for our Diocese, we will work to invite our parishioners to come back to Mass, to be really present before the Real Presence. Since we cannot separate the Holy Eucharist from its worthy reception, the Sacrament of Penance, which prepares our souls to receive the Lord, must also be an emphasis in this Jubilee Year dedicated to Christ’s Real Presence. Turning to our Diocesan Patroness, Mary, Mother of the Church, in gratitude we thank God for sixty years of feeding His sheep, especially in the ever-abiding Real Presence of His Son.”*



- Monday 04/19 Easter Weekday  
6:30pm Justin Weidner by Peg Tully
- Tuesday 04/20 Easter Weekday  
9:00am Clarence Cronauer by Anstett/Barse Families
- Wednesday 04/21 Easter Weekday St. Anselm  
9:00am George Groff by Debbie Mazzarelli
- Thursday 04/22 Easter Weekday  
6:30pm Christena Bertolet by Antoinette Miccicke
- Friday 04/23 St. George, St. Adalbert  
9:00AM Gwen Miller by Sylvia Firth
- Sunday 04/25 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Harry Mazzarelli by Robin Ball
- 9:00 AM Ronnie Elmo by Gary and Betty Scollick
- 11:00 AM Intentions of Mark Brezina  
by the Vocations Committee;  
People of the Parish



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS APRIL 24/25**

- Saturday 5:00 PM**  
**Lector:** Stephanie Hartline  
**EM:** Cindy Miller, George Bach
- Sunday 9:00 AM**  
**Lector:** Randy Waterman  
**EM:** Paul Waterman, Karen Keenan
- Sunday 11:00 AM**  
**Lector:** Marie Blimline  
**EM:** Patti Brenner, John Cocco

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S**

- Monday 4/19**  
7pm Knights of Columbus Officers’/Planning Mtg. FLC
- Tuesday 04/20**  
7:00 pm RCIA, in the conference room

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