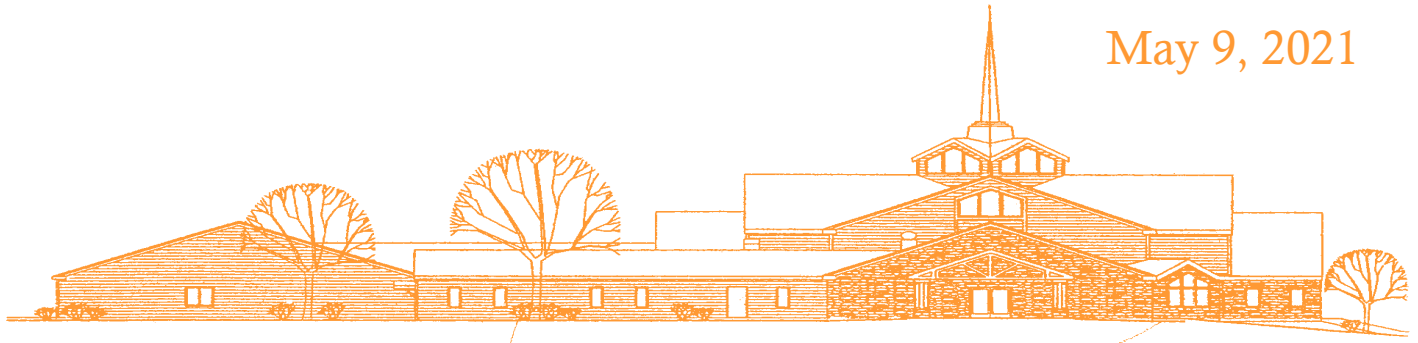


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

May 9, 2021



## MASS SCHEDULE

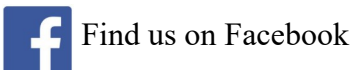
Daily: Mon & Thurs 6:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 9:00am  
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00am  
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

## 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](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 Coordinator 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.

## 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>

**SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of Kathleen Leininger and Jean Roland by Joe Roland and Kelly Leininger.

**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 for the intention of Baby Henry Williams by Dave and Peggy Williams and in memory of all mothers, living and deceased.

**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 contact the parish office. Cost for each arrangement is \$50.00

Altar flowers this week are in memory of Edward and Dorothy Petusky by the Brezina Family.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**—The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is “a deep wound in society”. Pope Benedict XVI

**RETURNING TO MINISTRY**—Calling all Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers! As diocesan restrictions begin to ease, we want to welcome back any liturgical ministers who may not have served due to Covid. If you wish to resume serving at Mass, please either email or call the office with your availability and we will be sure to put you on the upcoming schedules.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**—Any high school student or adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to receive, please contact Fr. Phil. Fr. Phil has permission to confirm until June 30, 2021 because of Covid. After that date, Confirmation for adults will take place yearly at our Cathedral in Allentown on the feast of Pentecost.



The Master is here. Stay awhile. Be with the One Who created you, the One Who calls you beloved, you are Mine. He is here. Come to Him.

**Stewardship—Gifts of God**

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

<u>Stewardship</u>	May 2	\$ 8,420.00 (157 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 1,565.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,465.00
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	May 2	\$ 2,662.00 (80 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 682.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 385.00

**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, Marie Blimline, John DeAngelo, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyong, Jim Helms, Ted Kozak, Helen Macmynn, Ralph Maio, Steve Ornosky, Donna Plesnarski, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz, Gary Scollick, Janet Teaford, Baby Henry Williams and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**—Nominations are being received throughout the month of May. Parishioners are asked to nominate themselves or a worthy parishioner. Place nomination forms in the box in the gathering space. Forms may be found near the box.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**—is May 13th, 40 days after Easter. This beautiful liturgy celebrates Jesus ascension into heaven. Please join us for the Vigil Mass May 12th at 5pm, or Mass of the day May 13th at 9am or 7pm. While Jesus is gone from the sight of the Apostles and us, He remains in our hearts forever.

**A SERVICE DAY**—for 8th graders at LaSalle will be on May 17th. The graduating students of LaSalle Academy will be planting a tree at our picnic grove and doing several clean-up projects on our church grounds.

**THANK YOU**—Many thanks to Andrew our music director and Valerie, our DRE and all our catechists who prepared our students for their First Holy Communion. Many thanks to all who made this day special for our 29 First Communicants and their families.



**ST. JOSEPH EXHIBIT**—In honor of the Year of St. Joseph, we have arranged an exhibit of St. Joseph artwork and statues in the Family Life Center. Come see the items that inspire love and devotion in the homes of your fellow parishioners. The items may be viewed until May 16.



**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 (EOP) TRAINING** – For those who signed up and those still interested in volunteering for the EOP Designate Person for Fire, the training will be this Tuesday May 11 in the FLC Hall at 700 PM. For those who signed up and those still interested in volunteering for the EOP Designate Person for Security, the training will be this Wednesday May 12 in the FLC Hall at 700 PM. If you have not signed up and want to attend, please call Rich Conte @ 610-223-8846. Those who signed up should have received an email, if not, call Rich.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S**

**Monday 5/10**  
**7pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room**

**Tuesday 5/11**  
**7pm Safety Meeting, FLC**

**Wednesday 5/12**  
**7pm Safety Meeting, FLC**

**Thursday 05/13**  
**8:00pm Pastoral Council, Conference Room**  
**7:30 pm AA meets in FLC**

**Saturday 05/15**  
**10am-2pm Pickup for chicken dinners,**  
**Clare of Assisi House fundraiser**



**Monday 05/10 St. Damien de Veuster**  
**6:30 pm Carole Burrell**  
**by Barbara Stark**

**Tuesday 05/11 Easter Weekday**  
**9:00 am Jennifer Welsh**  
**by Garfield and Mary Wels**

**Wednesday 05/12 Ascension Thursday Vigil**  
**5:00 pm Audrey Munkatchy**  
**by Mary Zukosky**

**Thursday 05/13 Ascension Thursday**  
**9:00 am Martin & Alberta Yaklowich**  
**by Clara Lush**  
**7:00pm Ulisses Christo**  
**By Valerie Christo**

**Friday 05/14 Easter Weekday**  
**9:00 am Joan McCahon**  
**by Bill & Diane Arnold**

**Sunday 05/16 Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**5:00 pm (Saturday) People of the Parish**  
**9:00 am Charles Groff by Debbie Mazzarelli**  
**11:00 am Justin Weidner by Pat & Lew Gable**



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS MAY 15/16**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**  
**Lector: Brian Heath**  
**EM: Mark Brezina, Jeanette Bunch**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**  
**Lector: Julie Angstadt**  
**EM: Paul Waterman, Fr. Phil**

**Sunday 11:00 AM**  
**Lector: Chris Mensak**  
**EM: Gary Scollick, Fr. Phil**