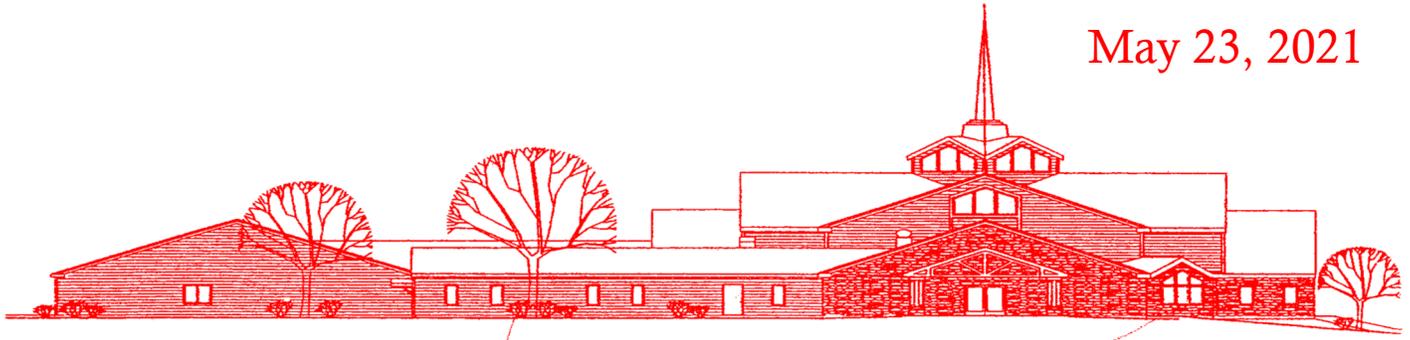


Church of Saint Benedict

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

May 23, 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>

SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in honor of Fr. Phil's 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

ST. JOSEPH VOTIVES— You may memorialize these for someone living or deceased. The offering would be \$10 per light. If you wish to schedule a particular weekend, please contact the parish office. This week's candles burn for the intentions of Fr. Phil Rodgers and Fr. Thomas Kuller SJ.

Altar flowers this week are in honor of Fr. Phil's 40th Anniversary of Ordination.



PRO-LIFE CORNER— “Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you. Be not afraid!”—St. John Paul II

NEW ASSIGNMENT—Fr. Phil has been asked by the Bishop to take a new assignment as pastor of St. Patrick's, Pottsville. His last Sunday Mass at St. Benedict's is Sunday, June 13th. Fr. Phil was at St. Benedict's for 18 years. St. Patrick's will be the 8th rectory in the Diocese of Allentown he has been assigned to in his 40 years as a priest. Prayers and best wishes to Fr. Phil.

NEW PASTOR WELCOME—Fr. John Frink has been named the new pastor of St. Benedict's by Bishop Schlert. Fr. Frink comes to us from St. John XXIII in Tamaqua. He was ordained in 1987. He is originally from Berks County. Fr. Frink has 5 siblings. We warmly welcome Fr. John Frink to St. Benedict's parish.

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 June schedule.

ST. JOSEPH EXHIBIT—has come to an end. Many thanks to all parishioners who shared an image of St. Joseph for our exhibit. All items may be picked up in Classroom 1.



“The devotion to the Eucharistic heart of Christ is at the very heart of our Catholic faith.”—Pope Benedict XVI

Stewardship—Gifts of God
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<u>Stewardship</u>	May 16	\$ 19,641.00 (163 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 240.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,695.00
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	May 16	\$ 1,500.00 (63 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 177.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 850.00
Ascension Thursday		\$1,482.00 (84 envelopes)
	EFT	115.00

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 Didyoung, Jim Helms, Lisa Ianni, Ted Kozak, Jason Leininger, Helen Macminn, Ralph Maio, Steve Ornosky, Donna Plesnarski, Joe Reilly, Gregory Schwartz, Janet Teaford, Baby Henry Williams and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Please keep in your prayers the soul of Rosemary Connelly, mother of Brady, Margaret, Libby and Mary Jo. Also, Joseph Firth, father of Mary Jo (Gordon) Lewis. May they enjoy the rewards of eternal life.

PASTORAL COUNCIL—Nominations will be accepted until May 31st. Everyone nominated will be contact to accept or decline their nomination. During the month of June, all those who accepted the nomination will discern three persons to serve on Pastoral Council.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—The National Society of the US Society of St. Vincent de Paul Refugees in El Paso TX and Ciudad Juarez need our help. The current situation for Northern Triangle refugees (including unaccompanied children) entering the US is dire. Our parish conference has paired with the El Paso St. Vincent de Paul conference through a donation of \$3000 to support hospitality sites with necessary supplies. Because the influx of refugees is expected to increase during the next few months, we will continue to support our brothers and sisters at the border. We invite parish members to donate to this humanitarian cause. If you would like to give, contributions can be placed in the Poor Boxes earmarked “Refugee Crisis”, or they can be sent directly to this address:

SVDP Diocesan Council of El Paso
910-K E. Redd Road #537
El Paso, TX 79912

LASALLE REGISTRATION—LaSalle Academy is now taking registrations for Fall Semester 2021. Also, tours of LaSalle will be available during this time by appointment.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY—will continue the first Sunday of each month after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please join us in the Family Life center after each Sunday Mass for complimentary coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship. The next Hospitality Sunday will be on Sunday, June 6th.

PARISH BACCALAUREATE—will be celebrated for any 12th grade senior parishioner from any of the local high schools on Sunday, June 6 at the 11am Mass. An invitation letter went out this past week. If you do not receive one, please call the parish office so that you may be included.

ANNIVERSARY MASS—will be celebrated at St. Benedict's on Sunday, May 30th at the 9am Mass. Couples celebrating in the year 2021 their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th and any anniversary over their 50th are cordially invited to attend this Mass and renew their vows. All couples will receive a corsage and boutonniere. Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center after the Mass. Letters went out this past week. If you do not receive an invitation from Fr. Phil, please call the parish office so that you may be included.

MASKING UPDATE—Last week, we heard at Mass the following protocol:

1. If you are vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask.
2. If you are not fully vaccinated you are asked to keep taking all precautions, including wearing a mask.
3. There is no judgment passed against those who decide to continue wearing a mask for comfort's sake.
4. The priest and all Eucharistic Ministers must still mask when distributing Communion.
5. The Sunday Mass obligation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania remains suspended.

SUMMER FESTIVAL—planning meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25th at 7pm at the picnic grove. Anyone wishing to be on the planning committee is asked to attend. Bring new people and new ideas to the meeting.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Tuesday 05/25
7:00 pm Chicken bbq meeting, picnic grounds

Thursday 05/27
7:30 pm AA meets at picnic grounds



Monday 05/24 Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
9:00 am Francis Pressimone
by Robin Ball

Tuesday 05/25 St. Bede the Venerable
9:00 am John & Marie Sentanac
by Jack Mitnacht

Wednesday 05/26 St. Philip Neri
9:00am Eleanor & Peter Lynn
by Terry Grundman

Thursday 05/27 St. Augustine of Canterbury
6:30pm Sr. Kathleen Mullin OSF
by Sister Eileen Doherty OSF

Friday 05/21 Weekday
9:00 am Audrey Munkatchy
by Mary Zukosky

Sunday 05/23 Most Holy Trinity
5:00 pm (Saturday) Eleanor M. Jasso by

9:00 am People of the Parish; Elizabeth Blimline by
Stanley and Marie Blimline

11:00 am 40th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Phil
Rodgers



LITURGICAL MINISTERS MAY 29/30

Saturday 5:00 PM
Lector: Jean Ruhl
EM: Gary Scollick, Rich Conte

Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector: Anna Welch
EM: Tom Henefer, Fr. Phil

Sunday 11:00 AM
Lector: Dennis Brizick
EM: Ursita Blechman, Fr. Phil

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