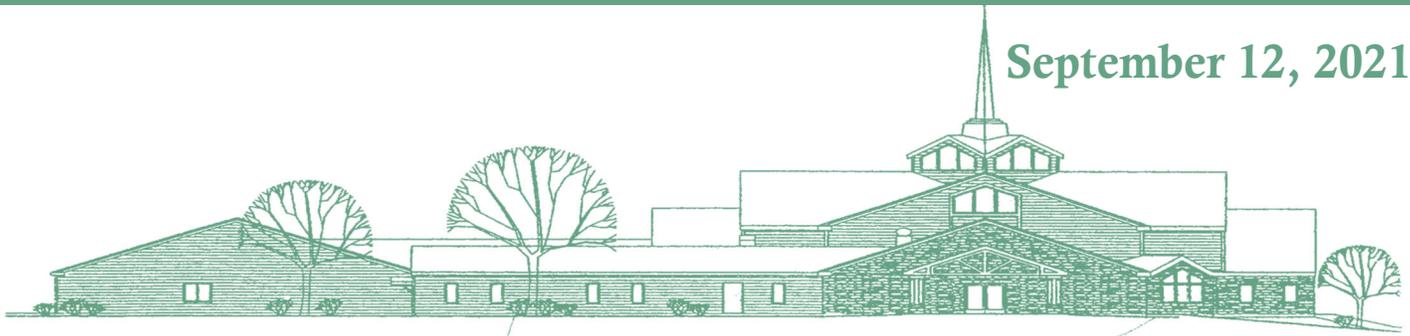


Church of Saint Benedict

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

September 12, 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-9:00am & 7:00pm

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Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
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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 memory of Wallace Kompa by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski.

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are in memory of Wallace Kompa by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski.

ST. JOSEPH VOTIVES— You may memorialize these for someone living or deceased. The offering is \$10 per light. If you wish to schedule a particular weekend, please contact the parish office. This week’s candles burn in memory Wendy Martini by Stan and Janet Kmiec and for the 20th anniversary of 9/11—Victims and families.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Barbara, Sue Clapper, John DeAngelo, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Charlie Flannery, Alexa Frey, Marian Gring, Lisa Ianni, Ted Kozak, Jason Leininger, Bob Macminn, Ralph Maio, Steve Ornosky, Joe Reilly, Gerry Sarge, Gregory Schwartz, Rita Setta, Miriam Ulrich, Baby Henry Williams, John E. Yost, Jr. and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



PRO-LIFE CORNER—The first ever statewide March for Life is scheduled for September 27, 2021. It is being organized by the Pennsylvania Family Institute, in cooperation with the National March for Life. The event will be held on the steps of the Capitol in Harrisburg, beginning at 11am, followed by the March For Life at noon. St. Benedict’s will offer a bus to the event, leaving the picnic grove at 9am and returning at 3pm. Please sign up in the gathering space. Also, we will once again be having our Annual Life Chain in Morgantown on Sunday, October 3, from 2:30-3:30pm. We will meet in front of Brady’s Rock Shop, 3312 Main Street, Morgantown. Please sign up for this event in the gathering space.

Eucharistic adoration is the greatest of actions. To adore is to share the life of Mary on earth when she adored the Word Incarnate in her virginal womb, when she adored Him in the Crib, on Calvary, in the divine Eucharist.”— St. Peter Julian Eymard



We will now have Eucharistic Adoration before the 9am Daily Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Blessed, handmade prayer shawls are available for anyone in need of comfort and prayers. Please contact Sylvia Firth @ 610 286 5714 or

email with the subject line “Prayer Shawl” to rsfirth@ptd.net

*Stewardship—Gifts of God
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Stewardship	September 5	\$ 7,800.00 (164 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 1,390.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,770.00
FLC Mtg.	September 5	\$ 2,901.00 (77 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 652.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 830.00

Giving is worship, giving back to the One Who gave first.

Father John has been made aware of the concerns expressed to the Bishop’s office regarding the perception that he is directly disobeying the Bishop’s directive to wear a mask during the distribution of Communion. There are valid reasons that make wearing a mask for Fr. John problematic. Anyone who is uncomfortable receiving Holy Communion from Fr. John is invited to receive the Eucharist from another Eucharistic minister who is wearing a mask. Thank you for your understanding.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS—We will offer low gluten hosts *for those with celiac disease or those who have wheat allergies*. These hosts will be kept in a dedicated pyx and will be consecrated during Mass. If you wish to receive a low gluten host, please stop by the Sacristy before Mass or email the parish office by Friday at 4pm so that we can be prepared. These hosts will not automatically be consecrated at each Mass, only when a request has been made in advance. These hosts are produced according to USCCB-approved specifications and requirements.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP—A program for divorced Catholics to navigate their way through a difficult situation will meet on Mondays at 7pm, beginning October 4th and concluding on December 20th. For more information, contact Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

CASH PRIZE BINGO— The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Cash Bingo on Saturday, September 25th in our Family Life Center. Doors open at 6pm, games start at 7pm. There will be 15 games as well as specials. Food will also be available. Tickets cost \$25 each and will be available after all Masses. If the event needs to be canceled due to circumstances beyond our control, ticket prices will be refunded.





DISCUSSIONS ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CONTINUE—Simple answers to questions often raised about the Catholic church will be discussed on September 14th in the gathering space from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 21 will begin the sessions offered to those who are preparing to receive Baptism or Confirmation or are interested in being accepted into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Sister Kathy Stark will begin a series presenting the main Bible stories leading up to our salvation in Jesus Christ. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Monday 09/13 St. John Chrysostom
6:30pm Margaret Sabol by Clara Lush

Tuesday 09/14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00am Elizabeth Knorr by the LaSalle Family

Wednesday 09/15 Joseph Antosy
9:00am by Bill and Diane Arnold

Thursday 09/16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
5:30pm Anthony Ettaro by Andrew & Nicole Angstadt
(Please note time change since PREP is back in session.)

Friday 09/17 St. Robert Bellarmine
9:00am Intentions of the Hrynyczyszyn Family
The Rosary will be recited after Mass

Sunday 09/19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm (Saturday) Richard Ball by Debbie Cioffi
9:00am Ronald Weidner by the SVDP
11:00am Adrienne Mensak by Mary Louise Schwenk
People of the Parish

CHICKEN BBQ—Geigertown Fire Company will be having a chicken barbecue with drive-thru pickup on Saturday, September 18th, from 10am until sold out at the fire company building at 3433 Hay Creek Rd., Robeson Township. Dinners are \$12. To preorder and pay, visit their Facebook page or go to geigertownfireco.com. All proceeds benefit the fire company. Please support this event, as they are the church's first responders in an emergency. Thank you!

USHER TRAINING FOR EMERGENCIES —The Safety Committee will be offering training at 7:00pm on Monday September 27, 2021, for ushers to better understand needed action in case of an emergency at the church. Please contact Rich Conte for more information.

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked each diocese in the United States to take up a special collection for the relief of the Haitian people. Bishop Schlert has authorized a special collection for the Diocese of Allentown. This collection will be taken up this weekend, September 11-12. These funds will then be used to respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Sunday 09/11-09/12
Women's Club Book Sale after all weekend Masses

Monday 09/13
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room
7:00 pm Respect Life, Chapel

Tuesday 9/14
7:00pm RCIA in the gathering space

Wednesday 09/15
7:00 pm KOC "That Man is You" FLC

Thursday, 09/16
7:00 pm AA, Picnic Grounds

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 18/19

Saturday 5:00 PM
Lector: Brian Heath
Altar Servers: Madeline Frisina, Matlyn Rhoads
EM: Sylvia Firth, Ron & Lori McClure

Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector: Ellie Albright
Altar Servers: Marie and Mikayla Riehl
EM: Mark Brezina, Nick Gatto, Kathleen Minnich

Sunday 11:00 AM
Lector: Marie Blimline
Altar Servers: Joseph and Sophia Kuszniir
EM: Bo Kuszniir, Tom Dobson, Rich Conte

The Parish Office will have limited hours this week. Voicemail and email will be monitored and will be responded to as soon as possible.



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