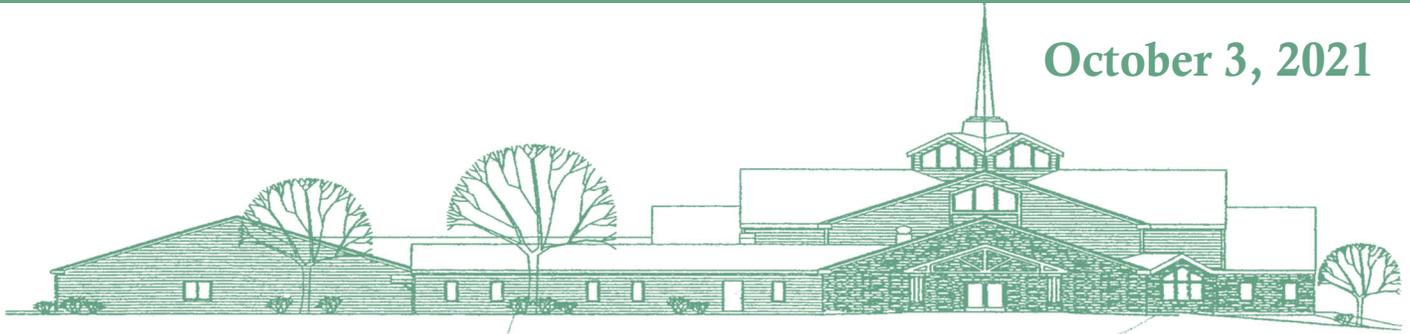


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Diocese of Allentown - Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D.

October 3, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

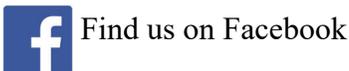
Daily: Mon & Thurs 6:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 9:00am
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-9:00am & 7:00pm

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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 and Wilma Kompa, by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski.

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are in memory of Joan and James McCahon, by John McCahon.

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 the lights burn in memory of Thomas Otto by Raymond Otto and for a Special Intention.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Sue Clapper, John DeAngelo, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Charlie Flannery, Alexa Frey, Barbara Gibson, Marian Gring, Lisa Ianni, Ted Kozak, Jason Leininger, Bob Macminn, Ralph Maio, Mary Ogden, Steve Ornosky, Joe Reilly, Gerry Sarge, Gregory Schwartz, Barbara Silver, Nettie Thomas, 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—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.

ST. BENEDICT MEMORIAL SOCIETY—Jim Helms, Sr. has been enrolled in the St. Benedict Memorial Society by Bill and Jeanie Hauck. Donna Horosky has been enrolled by Tom and Karen Horosky.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY—Any nurses interested in starting up a parish nurse group are invited to a meeting in the conference room on October 14th at 6:30pm. This meeting will be to discuss what we would like to do as a group to serve our parishioners here at St. Benedict's. If you are interested please bring your license numbers to the meeting. Any questions please call Sue Hodgkins at 610-698-5510.



“Father of mercy and God of all consolation, graciously look upon me and impart to me the blessing which flows from this holy Sacrament. Overshadow me with Your loving kindness, and let this divine Mystery bear fruit in me.”— Saint Blaise

Eucharistic Adoration is offered before the 9am Daily Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.



40 HOURS DEVOTION— St. Benedict Parish will be having a 40 Hours Devotion on October 17, 18, & 19. This is a time, during this Year of the Real Presence, to place ourselves before our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration is so important to our faith. To allow ourselves to be able to simply be with our Lord gives us the ability to allow Him to speak directly to us. The schedule for our 40 Hours Devotion will be:

Sunday, October 17

9:00am Mass, 11:00am Mass
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon - 7:00pm Adoration
6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sung)
7:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday, October 18

9:00am Morning Mass
10:00am-7:00pm Adoration
6:30pm Instrumental Meditation before our Lord
7:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday, October 19

9:00am Morning Mass
10:00am-7:00pm Adoration,
6:30pm Taize Hymns before our Lord
7:00pm Solemn Closing, Evening Prayer,
Solemn Procession, and Benediction



RCIA—“Bill and I settled in Lancaster County and were searching around for a church to go to. Bill was an Anglo-Catholic and I was a Lutheran. Our neighbor pointed out St. Benedict as a possibility and then one day I mysteriously turned into the parking lot of St. Benedict's. I met Father Byrne and spoke with him about searching for a church. He took me on a tour of the church and explained what things were for. He invited me to come on Sunday and see if we liked the service. Bill came along and we agreed that this was the church for us. Neither of us were Catholics, so we entered the RCIA program in 2001. Since we didn't know a soul at St. Benedict's, our friends Jim and Sharon Valentino, surprised us with their presence at the Easter Vigil to support us. We were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil of 2003. I was so happy that we were able to receive communion with our daughter who made her first Holy Communion that year.”— Bill and Diane Arnold



FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will begin its holiday food collection of non-perishable foods this weekend. Please consider taking a bag marked with items needed. You may return them any time between now and October 31st.

SAVE THE DATE—The Family Life Group is hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event on Saturday, October 30th, from 2-4pm at the picnic grounds. More details to follow.



The Prime Timers will be taking orders for nut rolls and other varieties after all Masses. They cost \$16.00 each and will be available for pick-up at the bazaar on November 6 and 7, 2021. The deadline to order is Sunday, October 17, 2021. Any questions, call Marie Blimline 484-332-3241 and leave a message.

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.



PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST—On Sunday October 3, 2021, the Knights Council will provide a complimentary pancake and sausage breakfast in appreciation to the parish for their support of Council charitable activities. The servings will be served after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE—We are looking to begin a women’s faith-sharing group here at St. Benedict’s. For our first resource, we would be using the book “Living in the Father’s Love” from the Walking with Purpose program. This would include 6 weekly gatherings to review the material and use the questions included to engage in faith-sharing discussions. Book cost would be \$20, purchased at the website. Please contact the parish office if you are interested and which night(s) you would be able to attend. All women 18+ are welcome.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S

Monday 10/04
7:00pm KOC, FLC
7:00pm Respect Life, Chapel
7:00pm Bereavement Committee, Conference Room

Tuesday 10/05
7:00pm RCIA, Gathering Space
7:00pm Women’s Club, FLC

Wednesday 10/06
7:00PM That Man is You, FLC

Thursday, 10/07
7:00pm AA, Picnic Grounds

Saturday, 10/08 and Sunday, 10/09
Spirit Weekend—FLC after all Masses



Monday 10/04 St. Francis of Assisi
6:30pm Audrey Munkatchy by Mary Zukosky

Tuesday 10/05 Weekday
9:00am Thomas P. Lavin by Robert & Joyce Joyce

Wednesday 10/06 St. Bruno, Blessed Rose Durocher
9:00am Andy Keninitz by Terry Grundman

Thursday 10/07 Our Lady of the Rosary
5:30pm Thomas Otto by Raymond Otto
(Please note time change since PREP is back in session.)

Friday 10/08 Weekday
9:00am Tom Faust by John & Mimi Frank

The Rosary will be recited after Mass

Sunday 10/10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm (Saturday) Rita Braddick Kaplan
by Gerry and Jane Ann Braddick

9:00am Marcella Kmiec, Stanley Kmiec Sr. and George Trumbur by Stas and Janet Kmiec Family

11:00am M/M Carl Welsh by Garfield and Mary Welsh, People of the Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
OCTOBER 9/10

Saturday 5:00 PM
Lector: Marie Blimline
Altar Servers: Regan McClure, Emily Boyer
EM: Ron and Lori McClure, Sylvia Firth

Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector: Ellie Albright
Altar Servers: Nick Barse, Chris Mangan
EM: Chris and Crystal Stein, Rick McCarty

Sunday 11:00 AM
Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
Altar Servers: Jason and Joseph Leininger
EM: Helen Macminn, Ursita Blechman, John Cocco

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