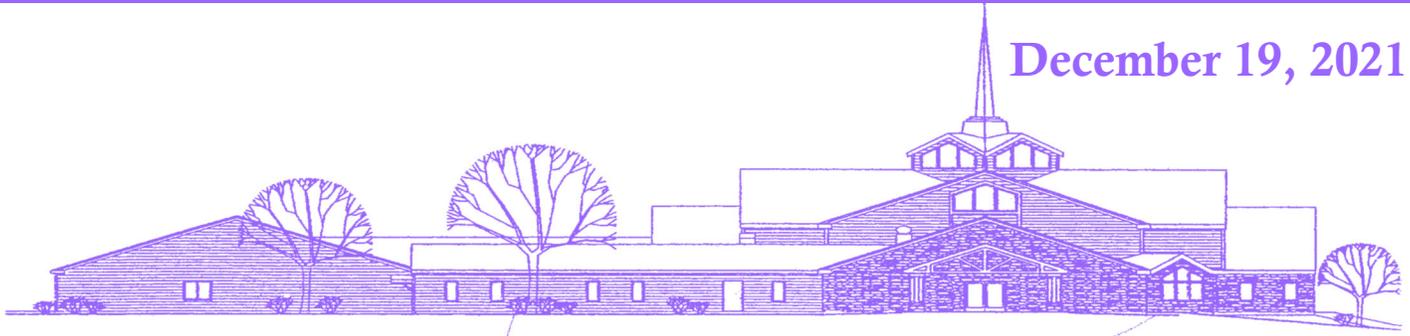


Church of Saint Benedict

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

December 19, 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

Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00pm
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>



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SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in memory of Stephen Mammarella and Michael Kozak by Ted and Mary Kozak.

ST. JOSEPH VOTIVES—burn this week in memory of the Hrynczynszyn and Reuscher 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 Robert Blechman, Sue Clapper, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Sylvia Firth, Alexa Frey, Marian Gring, Lisa Ianni, Ted Kozak, Jason Leininger, Bob Macminn, Ralph Maio, Mary Ogden, Steve Ornosky, Patti, Jim Pleitner, Jenn Reasinger, Joe Reilly, Gregory Schwartz, Barbara Silver, Nettie Thomas, Miriam Ulrich, Baby Henry Williams, Paul Wirkus, John E. Yost, Jr. and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



“Christmas reveals the immense love of God for humanity. From that flows also enthusiasm, the hope of us Christians, that in our poverty, we know we are loved, we are visited, we are accompanied by God.”—Pope Francis

Eucharistic Adoration is offered before the 9am Daily Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. In addition, every Tuesday, Adoration will be offered all day, ending with evening prayer and Benediction at 6:45pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available on December 14th and 21st, between 12 noon and 2:00pm, as well as from 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord and feel His grace and healing in Confession.

MIRACLE ANGELS—As mentioned in Fr. John’s homily, please return your angel in the collection basket. “You do what you can do and let God do what only God can do.” 

PRO-LIFE CORNER—BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE St. Benedict’s is organizing a bus trip to the National March for Life on January 21, 2022. The theme for this year’s march is “EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB.” We plan to leave the St. Benedict’s parking lot by 8:15 AM arriving in Washington, DC for the March for Life Rally scheduled for noon on the Mall. The March for Life will begin at 1:00PM. We will depart Washington DC by 4PM arriving back at St. Benedict’s by 7PM. All those who are interested in attending must complete the sign-up sheet located in the gathering space. More details to follow.

Fr. John, Fr. Kuller and the staff of St. Benedict’s wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year!

*Stewardship—Gifts of God
Thank you for your generous gifts!*

No figures are available because of early publication.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—is collecting turkeys and hams for Christmas baskets. Donations may be placed in the refrigerators/freezer in the FLC kitchen until December 19th. Thank you for helping put a delicious meal on someone’s table this holiday season!



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE

Weekend of December 18/19—Regular Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Masses—4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm in the church; 4:10pm in the FLC

Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Day—9:00am
(No Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for December 26)

Sunday, December 26th

Feast of the Holy Family
Masses at 9:00am, 11:00am

Friday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary
Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

Solemnity of Mary
Masses at 9:00am, 11:00am



SAVE THE DATE—On Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring Designer Bag Bingo. There will be 12 regular games of bingo, 3 specials, and a jackpot game. Retail value of the prizes to be given away is approximately \$10,000. Tickets can be purchased in the gathering space beginning the weekend of January 8th and 9th. Tickets will be \$30.00 and seating will be limited. Watch for a flyer in the bulletin for additional details. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider becoming a sponsor.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND DECORATING—

We are looking to form a committee that will decorate and enhance the beauty of the church for holidays such as Christmas and Easter, as well as throughout the year. If you have an interest in this and are willing to offer your decorating talents, please speak to Fr. John or contact the parish office.



Monday 12/20 Late Advent Weekday
6:30pm Ronald Weidner by Robin Ball

Tuesday 12/21 Late Advent Weekday
9:00am Stephen Mammarella by Nate & Mia Miller

Wednesday 12/22 Advent Weekday
9:00am Intention of Theresa Simpson by Robin Ball

Thursday 12/23 Late Advent Weekday
5:30pm Intention of Susan McCool by Robin Ball

Friday 12/24 Christmas Eve
4:00pm Intentions of Fr. John Frink
6:00pm Deceased of Groff/Mazzarelli Family
by Debbie Mazzarelli
10:00pm Joseph & Marie Martin and Patti Breslin
by the Creamers

Saturday 12/25 Christmas Day
9:00am Dec'd of Burns and Darcy Families
by Frank Burns

Sunday 12/26 Feast of the Holy Family
9:00am Theodore S. Teaford Sr. by SVDP;
Kathleen Leininger by Joe Roland & Kelly Leininger
11:00am Brian Appleton, Sr. by Kathy, Brian Jr. & Joe

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 24/25/26

Christmas Eve 4pm Church

Lector: Anna Welch
Altar Servers: Emily Boyer, Lauren Williams
EM: Karen Keenan, Gary Scollick, Rich Conte

Christmas Eve 4:10pm FLC

Lector: Steve Keech
Altar Servers: Megan and Emily Hatcher
EM: **Volunteers Needed**

Christmas Eve 6:00pm Church

Lector: Jean Ruhl
Altar Servers: Mary Henefer, Nick Barse
EM: Tom Henefer, Christine McHale, Jim Gregor

Christmas Eve 10:00pm Church

Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
Altar Servers: David and Marie Riehl
EM: Mark Brezina, Cindy Miller, Glenn Unger

Christmas Day 9:00am Church

Lector: Susan Teaford
Altar Servers: Nora and Sam Coppa
EM: Ursita Blechman, Bo Kusznir, Jeanette Bunch

December 26 9:00am

Lector: Ellie Albright
Altar Servers: Matlyn Rhoades, Grace Kelly
EM: Chris Stein, Crystal Stein, Jean Leib

December 26 11:00am

Lector: Chris Mensak
Altar Servers: Mikayla Riehl, Chris Mangan
EM: John Cocco, Nick Gatto, Tina McHale

BERKS CATHOLIC NEWS—Berks Catholic High School is accepting applications for the second semester of this school year as well as next Fall. Please contact Nicky Smith –



nsmith@berkscatholic.org with your questions. All inquiries are confidential.

Upcoming Event

1/27/22- 5-7 p.m.- Open House and Registration event- It's a great time to Be A Saint! Join us and feel the energy of our community. For more information please contact Nicky Smith @ nsmith@berkscatholic.org



CYO RELIGION AWARD—La Salle CYO would like to welcome all parish children in 3rd - 8th grade to participate in the Diocese of Allentown CYO religion award. In this Year of the

Real Presence, we are especially focused on providing students and athletes opportunities for their faith to grow. Students choose faith-filled activities to complete each month from October - March and receive an award upon completion of the program. For more details about the requirements for each grade, please visit www.lasallecyo.com.



WE ARE IN NEED OF LECTORS—Have you ever felt called to proclaim the Word of God as a Lector? If you are interested in becoming part of this beautiful liturgical ministry, please contact the parish office. Complete training is provided, as well as a workbook with all the readings for the upcoming liturgical year.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 12/20

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Classroom #1

Tuesday 12/21

9:30am-6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration in church
Noon-2pm and 4pm-6pm Confessions in church
6:30pm-7:30pm Children's Program Rehearsal, Church

Thursday 12/24

8:00pm AA, FLC

Please note that any bulletin items for January 2, 2022 are due in the office by Thursday, December 23 at 9am.

The parish office will be closed the week of December 27-31. Phone messages and emails will be monitored.



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December 12, 2021

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now many of you have heard that Pope Francis has called for a Synod of Bishops to be held in the Vatican in the year 2023. In order for this to occur, the preparation work begins now. The parish of St. Benedict's will be participating in this historical process.

The Pope has asked that everyone in the Church be given an opportunity to share their experience with the Catholic Church. The word "synod" comes from an ancient Greek word that means "to travel or to journey together, meeting along the way with fellow travelers." A synod can be large or small, local or worldwide. This upcoming synod will be encompassing the voice of Catholics all over the world. Pope Francis and our Bishops will gather together to address the needs of the Church, after listening to the voices of the flock of the Allentown Diocese and all other dioceses.

In our own diocese, Synod Ambassadors have gathered from all the parishes in the five counties. They are called to inspire local participation so that the children of Christ can share and reflect the vision and mission of the Church. The Ambassadors here at St. Benedict are ready to hear the voices of the St. Benedict community. They will be meeting with members of the parish and will be taking the information back to the diocese to meet and share comments with the other ambassadors across our diocese and with Bishop Schlert. All information shared will remain confidential, so you can be assured of the privacy of your comments.

We will be announcing a meeting date for a listening session. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming meeting dates, which will begin in January, 2022.

God Bless you and the community of St. Benedict. St. Benedict, pray for us.

Kelly Leininger

Lori McClure

Ronald McClure

Parish Ambassadors



*Please consider sending a Christmas card to our parish homebound,
as well as clergy and religious who have been part of the St. Benedict family.*



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