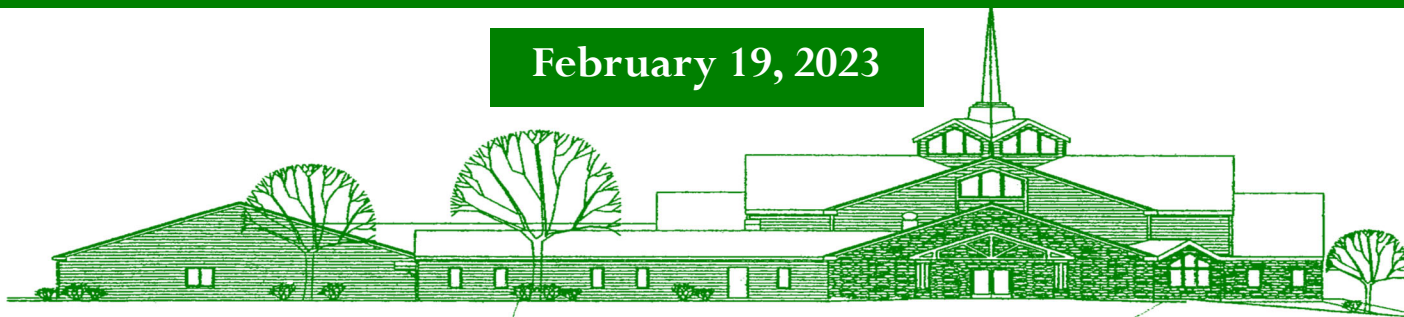


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT, D.D.

February 19, 2023



## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm  
(September through April) /6:30pm (summer months)  
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am  
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540  
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Website: [www.churchofsaintbenedict.com](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)  
Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS	484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office	610-777-7392
<a href="http://www.lasabear.org">www.lasabear.org</a>	
Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....	Pastor
Valerie Christo.....	Director Religious Education
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy	
Susan Teaford.....	Parish Secretary
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator	
Kathy Sheppard .....	Bookkeeper
Beverly Perella.....	Director of Music
Rosanne Weidner.....	Rectory Housekeeping

## 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>

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on Saturday afternoon, 1-2pm, after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, 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 any time.

## 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 484-706-2215.

## 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.

## 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

## 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, Cameron Bruder, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Ed and Barbara Gott, Jamison Gray, Marian Gring, Tom Hagan, James Hart, Jeanie Hauck, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Mary Kozak, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Michele Levan, Bob and Helen Macminn, Aurora McHugh, Frank and Ruth McLaughlin, Regina Moran, Patti, Gene Raser, Sr., Mary and Joe Reilly, Anthony Rowan, Gregory Schwartz, Barbara Silver, Nettie Thomas, Samuel Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Gebhard, husband of Alexa. May he rest in peace.

*If you or a family member are admitted to St. Joseph/ Penn State Hospital, you must notify the parish office if you wish to have Msgr. Domin visit. They do not notify us when a parishioner is admitted.*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:45pm. Feel free to come any time during the day, or you may feel called to commit to a 30 or 60 minute visit each week. Either way, come and spend some time in peace and quiet with the Lord. There are some prayer resources available to assist you if Adoration is a new prayer practice for you. *"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power."* —Mother Teresa

**KNIGHTLY NEWS**—Crab cake orders are also being taken; the first pickup will be on February 23rd. The Knights will also be hosting a Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 3rd. Be sure to visit their table in the gathering space after all Masses this weekend. Please support these fundraising efforts, as proceeds benefit the parish.



**MAKING A CHANGE**—Parishioner Valentina Rexhaj is collecting spare change through March 17th for her 4th grade religion award project at LaSalle Academy, "Helping Others in My Community." The spare change will be donated to St. Francis Home in Reading, PA to help defray the costs of their daily operations for each resident. St. Francis Home is a place where people with a terminal illness can be cared for until their end of life.



*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

**Stewardship—February 12** \$8,244.00 (198 envelopes)  
**Parish Giving** \$2,733.00

**Mortgage—February 12** \$1,946.00 (68 envelopes)  
**Parish Giving** \$ 705.00

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

**JOIN THE PARISH ROSARY**—Please join your fellow parishioners every Sunday at 10:00am in the main church to pray the Holy Rosary for the intentions of St. Benedict's. All are welcome. Any questions please contact Adam Scheidel @ 610-507-5773.



**YOUTH GROUP RETREAT REGISTRATION**—Retreat Registration - All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to our 2023 youth retreat on February 24 - 26 at Camp Manatawny. The theme of the retreat this year is "Come with a Grateful Heart". This retreat is run by teens from the St. Catharine's and St. Benedict's Youth Groups. Cost is \$50. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church or from the youth website [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!

**LENT AT ST. BENEDICT**—On Wednesday, we will begin the season of Lent. Please be aware of some changes this year. Stations of the Cross will take place on **Wednesday** evenings at 6:30pm. There will be three Simple Suppers held during Lent, immediately before Stations. **Masses for Ash Wednesday will be 8am, 12 noon and 7:00pm.** While it is not a holy day of obligation, it is a beautiful way to begin this penitential season, recognizing the wrong we've done, asking God for His mercy and grace to become better disciples. May we approach these 40 days with humility and a prayerful attitude. Look for our traditional Lenten packets beginning Ash Wednesday, which includes a calendar of all parish events.



Altar flowers this weekend were given in memory of Gregory Shaffer by David and Cheryl Wolfe.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this weekend for Floyd Januszak requested by Helen Gensinger

*If you wish to memorialize Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please contact the parish office.*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

#### Monday, February 20

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

#### Tuesday, February 21

7:00pm RCIA, chapel

7:00pm Book Club, FLC

#### Wednesday, February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am, 12 noon & 7:00pm Mass

8:30am-6:45pm Adoration, Evening Prayer/Benediction

7:00pm Choir Practice, Music Room

7:00pm That Man is You, FLC

#### Thursday, February 23

6:00pm First Penance, Church



**Monday 02/20** Weekday

**No Mass**

**Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak**

**Tuesday 02/21** St. Peter Damien

6:30pm Bee McClure Stern by Rich and Donna Conte

**Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski**

**Wednesday 02/22** Ash Wednesday

8:00am Theodore S. Teaford Sr. by Roy and Susan Teaford

12 noon Philip Arosi by Steve and Mary Wagner

7:00pm Thomas P. Lavin Jr. by Robert & Joyce Joyce

**Rev. Jason F. Stokes**

**Thursday 02/23** St. Polycarp

5:30pm John Vizza by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

**Rev. Jonas Tandayu**

**Friday 02/24** Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00am People of the Parish

**Rev. Jerome A. Tauber**

**Saturday 02/25** Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00am Int. of Jeanie Hauck by John and Mimi Frank

**Rev. James P. Thomas**

**Sunday 02/26** First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm (Saturday) Ralph Vizza by Ralph and Lisa Vizza

8:30am Marianne Flemming by the Gutherman Family

11:00am Joseph Reedy by the Appleton Family

**Rev. Joseph F. Tobias**



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS —FEBRUARY 25/26

**Saturday 5:00pm**

**Lector: Lisa Vizza**

**Altar Servers: Tommy Dobson, Kyle Keenan**

**EMs: Cindy Miller, Rich Conte, Jeanne DiGiacomo**

**Musician—Carol Anstett; Cantor—Sue Hodgkins**

**Sunday 8:30am**

**Lector: Maureen Cranley**

**Altar Servers: Matlyn Rhoades, Cooper Whitely**

**EMs: Glenn Unger, Jean Ann Leib, Jim Valentino**

**Musician—Patti Brenner; Cantor—Matt Reagan**

**Sunday 11:00am**

**Lector: Kathy Appleton**

**Altar Servers: Jason and Jax Leininger**

**EMs: Sr. Eileen, Bo Kusznir, Ursita Blechman**

**Musician: Guitar Group; Cantor—Sharon Direso**



**WELCOME TO ST. BENEDICT!** If you are on vacation or visiting, we hope you find us to be a warm and welcoming faith community. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to register as members. You can do this by meeting Msgr. Domin after Mass. He will speak to you and provide you with the registration form. We encourage you to participate in not only the daily and weekly Liturgies, but in any activity or ministry you wish. We are happy you are here!

**LENTEN TALKS**—All parishioners are invited to attend the talks to be given during Lent to our RCIA candidates. The talks will focus on Part Three of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 'Life in Christ'. Talks will be Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. The first evening is February 28 and will touch on the Theological Virtues, Morality and the Moral Conscience among other points.



**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**—The parish nurses will be holding a meeting on March 21st at 7 PM in classroom #1. Nurses are very much needed for this parish ministry, to be available for the health and wellbeing of our fellow parishioners. Nurses are needed to help in a parish emergency and for general parish wellbeing. Please try to join us for the meeting on March 21st. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to participate in the parish nurse ministry please call Sue Hodgkins 610-698-5510.

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](mailto:rsfirth@ptd.net)





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