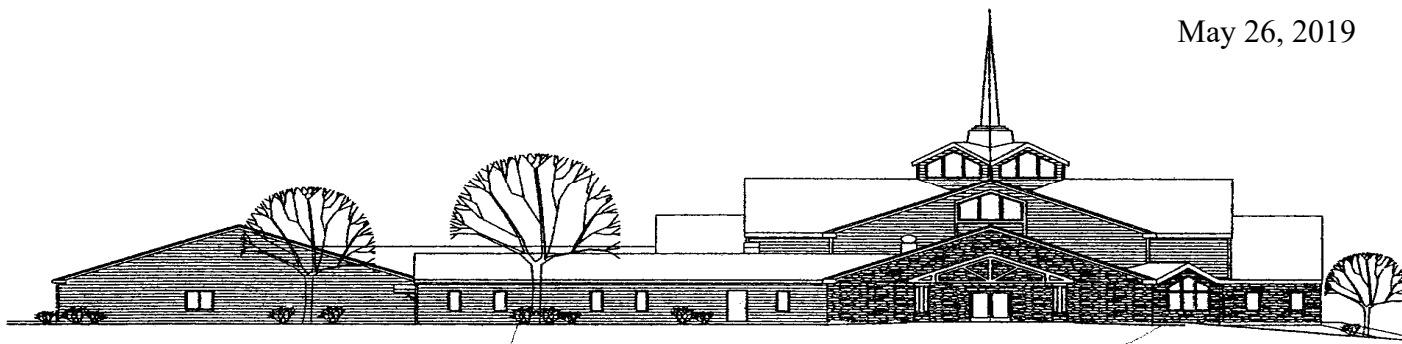


Church of Saint Benedict

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

May 26, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. & Thurs. 6:30pm -- Tue-Wed-Fri. 8:00am

Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am

Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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Church of St. Benedict

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744

LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers..... Pastor

Fr. Thomas Kuller, S.J..... Weekend Ministry

Valerie Christo..... Director Religious Education

Andrew Angstadt..... Music Director

Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy

Susan Teaford..... Parish Secretary

Jeanie Hauck... Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator

Anne Long..... Bookkeeper

Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor

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www.allentowndiocese.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30pm and the 3rd Sunday at 11:15am 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. Eucharistic Ministers are available every Sunday.

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 610-856-7518.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parish of St. Benedict, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Benedict, are a vibrant, worshipping 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm - O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading - John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12 -14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But", the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

Stewardship- Gifts of God
Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	05-19-19:	\$9,086.50	(239 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 655.00	
Capital Camp.	05-19-19:	\$1,905.00	(96 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 402.00	

PARISH CONTACT DIRECTORY

All parish groups welcome new members. Please feel free to contact leaders for more information.

- AD Cursillo - Mary Messner - 610-775-3154
- Adult Altar Servers - Frank Burns - 610-913-6630
- Altar Servers - Michelle Steinbrecher - 484-529-0562
- Bereavement Ministry - Judy Campion - 610-775-7782
- Book Club - Anita Harrison - 610-777-4230
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Valerie Christo - 610-856-5146
- CYO - Mark Brezina - 610-582-0835
- Disabilities Coordinator - Brooke Frech - 610-777-7111
- Eucharistic Ministers - Tom Henefer - 610-603-9196
- Family Life - Wendy Clayton—610-913-7744
- Food Pantry - Rosanne Weidner - 610-286-5568
- Friendly Visitors - Treesa Schools - 610-207-6644
- Gardens - Cecelia Kacmar - 610-856-1394
- Greeters - Diane Roulston - 610-775-6550
- Knights of Columbus - Richard Conte - 610-223-8846
- Landings - Lee & Joy Bandy - 610-709-6509
- Lectors - Susan Teaford - 610-207-5763
- Liturgical Scheduling - Jim Helms - 610-856-7355
- Ministry to Divorced Catholics - Joseph Boylan - 610-781-6415
- Music Ministry—Andrew Angstadt—610-451-5664
- Parish Outreach - Ellie Albright - 610-763-9528
- Pastoral Council - Sandy Bach - 610-273-7685
- Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402
- Picnic Grove & FLC Rentals - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-7575
- Prayer Chain & Shawls - Sylvia Firth - 610-286-5714
- PREP/Catechists—Valerie Christo—610-856-5146
- Prime Timers - Paul Wirkus - 610-913-0910
- Property Committee—Steven Keech—484-947-3143
- RCIA - Mark Schrum/Father Phil - 610-856-1006
- Respect Life - Mary Newhams - 610-777-3858
- Rosary Group - Jeanie Hauck - 610-856-1006
- St. Vincent de Paul - Carol Nygard—484-794-0428
- For Food - 484-336-4665 (c)
- Stewardship Committee—John Bergandino—610-960-4318
- Ushers - John Coccia - 610-404-0712
- Vocations Ministry - Sandy Bach - 610-273-7685
- Women's Club - Lillian Meyers - 610-856-1215
- Women's Spirituality Group - Robin Ball - 610-856-1402
- Youth Group - Kelly Mazur—610-913-7415



Pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara McDonnell, mother of Lauren Lush. May her soul rest in peace.



**MONDAY, MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY**
Mass at 9:00 am

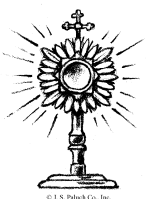
PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING—Tuesday, May 28 at 1:00 pm in the FLC. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and good food!

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
THURSDAY, MAY 30-
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Masses for the Holy Day are:
Wednesday, May 29 the Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30 Holy Day Masses at 8:00 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m.

MAY NOMINATION MONTH for 3 open seats on the Pastoral Council. During the whole month of May, one may self-nominate or nominate a worthy parishioner. Nomination form included in last week's bulletin. Drop off form in Pastoral Council Box on table in the gathering space.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION First Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please feel free to stop by for silent prayer and adoration at any time that is convenient.

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PARISH BACCALAUREATE MASS will be held for all parishioners graduating from high school and college. Graduates are welcome to attend this special Mass on Sunday, June 2 at 11:15 Mass. Letters

were sent to all graduates. If you did not receive one, please forgive us and contact the parish office at 610-856-1006. Graduates will walk in procession and sit together for Mass. Father Phil will present them a gift. The Women's Club will honor all students who remained active as altar servers, lectors, musicians, EM's throughout their senior year. College grads are asked simply to call the office (610-856-1006) and tell Susan if you plan to attend.

ST. BENEDICT'S SVDP will be sponsoring Kennedy House the weekend of June 15 & 16. Volunteers are needed to help serve on this weekend. Sign up sheet will be available in the gathering space.

INFORMATION NIGHT POLAND TRIP - OCTOBER 13-21, 2019 - Highlights Warsaw, Niepokalanow Monastery, Jasna Gora Monastery, Black Madonna, Wadowici, Krakow, Auschwitz, Zakopane. 9 days, 12 meals, 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners. Enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish Restaurant. Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort town. Embark on an inspirational journey through Poland and discover this country's deep history and religious wonders. **15 people have already signed up. If anyone else is interested there will be an information meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm in the conference room.**



Marriage
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS at St. Benedict's will be celebrated Sunday, June 9 at the 9:30 Mass. Married couples are encouraged to attend together. We will honor all couples celebrating a special anniversary in 2019. Special invites will be sent to couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 & 50+ years. If you don't receive an invitation, please excuse our oversight and call Susan in the parish office, so we may include you in our celebration.

SPECIAL EM MEETING is scheduled for Thursday June 13 at 7:00 pm. A new policy of protocol has been established by our Bishop in regard to the ministry of EM. We will explain these changes and update all our EM's on new guidelines. There are at least seven changes to the way we are to bring the sacrament to others. All changes will be in place by the feast of Corpus Christi June 23, 2019. All EM's are encouraged to attend Mass at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 pm.

Liturgical Ministers - June 01-02

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Peter Snow
Servers: Paul Avadonian, AJ Crisi, Mary Henefer
EM: George Bach, Rick McCarty, Tom Dobson, Tom Henefer, Kelly Leininger

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Mary Jo Gordon
Servers: Sydney Machion, Oleg Brann, Monique Baj
EM: Ray Clapper, Chris & Crystal Stein, Lee & Joy Bandy

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Julie Angstadt
Servers: Madeline & Mariella Frisina, Adam Brezina
EM: Mark Brezina, Tom Culbert, May Alice Newhams, Rich Conte, Kathleen Minnich

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Brock Drayhus
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Robert Silver, Megan Vance
EM: John Cocco, Kelly Eichenlaub, Carie Leggett, Jasmine Slusser, Sister Eileen



ST. BENEDICT'S VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12 noon for ages 5-11 (NO pre-school). Welcome to *ROAR*, the VBS where life is wild and God is good! *ROAR* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences. Kids see, hear, and taste! It's free

thanks to our church's Women's Club! Registrations are welcome until June 10 or when we reach the #60 kids. Please see our church web site www.churchofsaintbenedict.com and left click on Religious Education, then click on Vacation Bible School. Print the form and drop at the church office or in our donation basket. If registered after our due date June 10, 2109 please call 610-856-5146 to guarantee we have a spot for your kids. Adults with Diocesan clearance are needed as team volunteers. Please contact Valerie Christo, DRE, at the same number above.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION was earmarked to assist SVDP in the outreach and care of the poor and needy. This year \$1,574.00 was collected to support the mission of SVDP from our Holy Thursday offertory collection. *Thank you* for your sacrificial offering.

LENTEN RICE BOWL was collected at the door of our church during the weeks of Lent. Fifty percent went to support local Kennedy House and 50% went to Third World countries to help the poor and needy. \$3,960.00 was divided 50/50 between these two beneficiaries. Many *thanks* for your benevolent charitable donation.

RESPECT



LIFE

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SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for those who teach the Gospel of Life that they might be driven by love alone.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- Our goal for the Appeal is \$65,615.01. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our goal and reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift. Please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" BREAKFAST BUFFET at the Geigertown Fire Company, 3433 Hay Creek Road Sunday, June 2 from 7:00-11:00 am. The Fire company needs and appreciates your support!

**WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES -
WELCOMING THROUGH ADAPTIVE
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Myth: People in wheelchairs can only be accommodated in the back of the worship space!

Fact: There are many low cost solutions that allow pwd to worship anywhere in church with their families.

Pew cuts and/or removing a pew are economical solutions to creating space where parishioners with mobility issues can be seated with family and friends.

Accessible Parking Spaces—1 for every 25 parking spaces, including van accessible space. Place near curb cut and accessible aisle and entrance.

Ramps 1/2" rise per 12" run including railing and 36" min width. Slip resistant surface.

**BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND
CHEERLEADING:**

Online registrations are still being accepted!! Take advantage of our Early Bird Special and register before June 1st. This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. To register or for information on eligibility and cost: go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CONTENTED

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 05/27

On this Memorial Day Weekend remember in your prayers all those who gave their lives in defense of our country. Keep in mind also all the aged, the sick and suffering of the parish. Many of them too fought in the wars, even though they did not lose their lives. And, at all times, remember the dead of your own family and of the parish.



Tuesday 05/28

1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the FLC
7:00 PM Companions of Pauline meet in the conference room

Thursday 05/30

Feast of the Ascension—Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Saturday 06/01

Lay Missionaries of Charity meet in classroom #1
9:00 AM Ultreya meets in the conference room

Sunday 06/02

“Hospitality Sunday” hosted by the Gardeners
9:30 Mass with Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Lauren Marchion
6:30 PM Al-Anon meets in classroom #7



COMING EVENTS...

- 06/03 LaSalle Academy Graduation**
- 06/03 K of C General meeting**
- 06/04 Berks Catholic Baccalaureate**
- 06/05 Poland Trip Information Night**
- 06/09 Anniversary Mass**
- 06/10 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting**
- 06/13 Special EM meeting**

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Michael Kozak by Jason Novak



Monday 05/27 Easter Weekday
St. Augustine of Canterbury
9:00 AM Floyd Kremp
by Millie Kremp

Tuesday 05/28 Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Christopher Wirkus
by Mary Jo Gordon

Wednesday 05/29 Easter Weekday
NO MORNING MASS
Vigil of the Ascension

5:00 PM Lillian Marie Sherman
by Rebecca Gring



Thursday 05/30 Ascension of the Lord
8:00 AM Martin & Alberta Yaklowich by Clara Lush
7:00 PM Joe Offutt by SVDP Society

Friday 05/31 Visitation of the BVM
8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
by Diane Arnold
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 06/01 *First Saturday* St. Justin
9:00 AM Mary & Stanley Plevyak
by Debbie Sullivan
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon
Rosary will be recited after Mass
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 06/02 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Bob Pouleson
by Pat & Len Pietruszynski
8:00 AM Donald Ulrich
by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar
9:30 AM Members of St. Benedict Memorial Society
11:15 AM People of the Parish
Baccalaureate Mass

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Altar Flowers this weekend In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother and our 25th Wedding Anniversary by Bill & Diane Arnold.