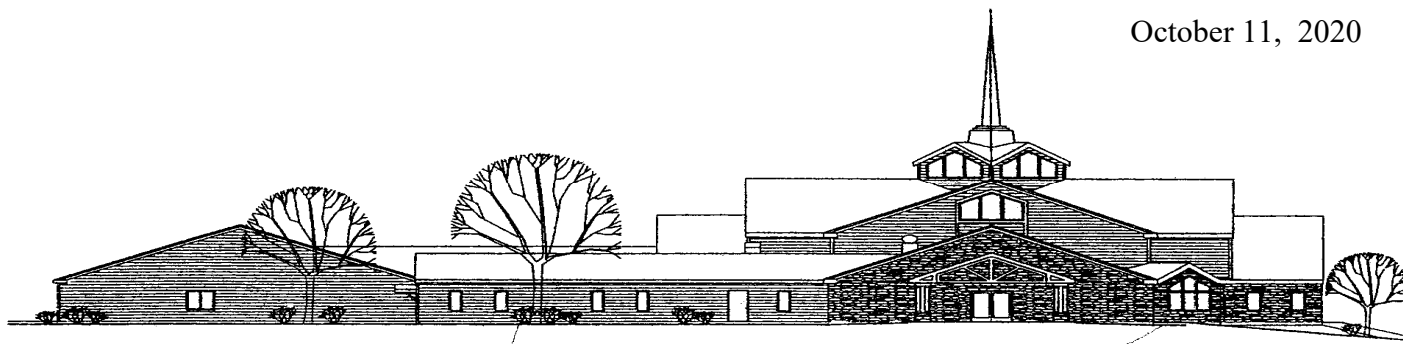


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

October 11, 2020



## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. 6:30pm-Thurs.5:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 9:00am  
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00am  
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

[www.berkscatholic.org](http://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  
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping  
Jason & Denise Leininger.....Maintenance

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209  
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Co-ordinator  
610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website  
[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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 610-750-5414.

## 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.

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I owe keep *me* from following Jesus?

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS** can be found on the diocese website *DioceseofAllentown.org*. Click on Youth Protection upper right corner. It contains a list of programs, events and clearances needed for a safe environment for the children of the diocese.

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>			
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>			
Stewardship	10-04-20:	\$8,389.00	(146 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,315.00	
FLC Mortg.	10-04-20:	\$2,210.00	( 61envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 792.00	

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** starting *Into the Breach Program* Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through small group discussion, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach. *Called to Conversion*—Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name. *Ready for Battle*—Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. For more information contact Paul Waterman at 610-283-4852.

**RESPECT**



**PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

Abortion is not a question of what a woman does with her own body. It's a question of what she and her doctor do to the entirely separate, unique human being who is developing inside her body.

**.....PRAYER LIST.....**

*For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Mary Barnhard and Gregory Schwartz. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.*

*Remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and also those in nursing homes.*

*Please remember in your prayers all who are in the military service: USAir Force: Mark Cahill, Tom Gutherman, Michael Rodgers, Ryan Vance; USArmy: Zach Brann, Nathan Calhoun, Eric Dompkowski, Christopher Hari, Richard Hari, Matt Kurz, Adam Latshaw, Matt McGinn, Matt Palange, Andrew Sickora, James Yorke; USMC: Grant Dufin, Dan Kenyon, James Moran, Kevin Moran, Daniel Scheidel, Chris Timothy; USNavy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch, Jessica Rutkowski; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach.*

*Please remember all our military personnel especially Zach Brann who has been deployed.*

*Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.*



Pray for the repose of the souls of *Joan McCahon, wife of John; Justin Weidner, grandson of Rosanne Weidner..* May their souls rest in peace.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend in memory of *David Ryan* by *Larry & Alexis Ryan*

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** —A program for divorced Catholics to navigate their way through a difficult situation will meet Monday, October 12 from 7:30-8:30 pm. For more information contact Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

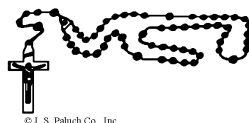
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**RCIA** is a program of the church to assist any adult in becoming Catholic, or a Catholic adult who seeks Confirmation. Five adults have registered for this class. New members are welcomed to weekly information meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the gathering area. For more information please contact Father Phil or Mark Schrum.

**ST. BENEDICT'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** is for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others how have experienced this difficult journey. The group will meet for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm in the classroom #1

**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**— The Prime Timers are promoting a shopping discount/fundraiser at Boscov's on October 14th & 15th. There is no shopping pass to purchase; you simply mention their organization at the register. You receive a 20% discount and 5% of your purchase goes back to the Prime Timers.

**SPIRIT WEEKEND** Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18. This is always a special weekend at St. Benedict's in which we celebrate and ask God's blessing on all the programs, committees and ministries that create the vibrant faith community of St. Benedict's. It's also an opportunity for each member to ask if God is calling you this year to volunteer in one of the many outreach activities of our parish. Ministry displays and sign-ups will be set up in the FLC.

**CLARE OF ASSISI HOUSE**—Designer Bag Raffle, a new winner each day in November. Tickets are \$20 each. To purchase ticket, go to their website [www.clareofassisihouse.org](http://www.clareofassisihouse.org) and click on "30 Days of Designer Bags".



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**EVENING WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER**—On October 29th at 5:30 pm we will have an evening of prayer to our Blessed Mother for world peace and healing. We will begin with Mass and conclude with a candle-lit Rosary. This will also be LIVE STREAMED for those who cannot attend.

**PREP NEWS**—Registered parents may go to our "new" religious education website to find a new virtual program for 2020-2021 academic year. Our new website for PREP is [www.csbprep.weebly.com](http://www.csbprep.weebly.com)

**CYO CROSS COUNTRY**— Students in grades 5-8 are invited to join the cross-country team at St. Benedict. Students will practice 2-3 times per week at our grove. Interscholastic competitions will take place near the end of October with St. Catherine students. Anyone interested should contact the parish office.

**AFTER CARE POSITION** is available at LaSalle Academy. Two adults are needed to run an after school program, 5 days per week from 2:15-6:00 pm. Please call principal, Mr. Stephen Mickulik at 610-777-7392.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at LaSalle Academy, Shillington to watch students while teachers are on lunch break. Please call the school office at 610-777-7392.

**OCTOBERFEST ONLINE GIFT CARD RAFFLE** benefitting the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus begins October 11 and ends October 17. Choose from over \$2,000 in gift cards and prizes valued from \$50 to \$500! Visit [MSCreading.org](http://MSCreading.org) between 10/11 and 10/17 for your chance to win!

**Liturgical Ministers—October 17 & 18**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**  
Lector: Stephanie Hartline  
EM: Mary Kozak, Rich Conte  
**Sunday 9:00 AM**  
Lector: Brent Musser  
EM: Chris & Crystal Stein  
**Sunday 11:00 AM**  
Lector: Charlie Jones  
EM: Gary Scollick, Sister Eileen

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Joseph Luther by Pat.*

### Monday 10/12

**Please Note: Parish office will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday**

**7:00 PM SVDP Society meets**

**7:30 PM Divorce Support Group meeting**



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### Tuesday 10/13

**7:00 PM RCIA meets in the gathering area**

Monday 10/12 Weekday  
6:30 PM Margaret Giacomucci  
by Anna Williams

### Thursday 10/15

**6:00-7:15 PM PREP Grade 8 meets in the FLC**

**7:00 PM K of C Insurance Info meeting**

**8:00 PM AA meets**

Tuesday 10/13 Weekday  
9:00 AM Charles Hill  
by Ginny Freyling

### Saturday 10/17

**"Spirit Weekend"**

Wednesday 10/14 Weekday St. Callistus I  
9:00 AM Frank Repoley  
by Joe & Kathy Roland

### Sunday 10/18

**"Spirit Weekend"**

Thursday 10/15 St. Teresa of Jesus  
5:30 PM Richard Paolini  
by John & Mimi Frank

### COMING EVENTS...

**10/21 Bereavement Support Group meets**

Friday 10/16 Weekday St. Hedwig;  
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque  
9:00 AM Alice Reuscher  
by Michael Lee & John Hryczyszyn  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be collecting food for distribution to the needy at Thanksgiving. Please take a shopping bag from their display for your food donations. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during this holiday season!

Saturday 10/17 St. Ignatius of Antioch  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 10/18 *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Erica Kulick  
by John Kulick  
11:00 AM Walter Przydzial  
by Pat Gable  
Brian Appleton  
by Kathy, Brian Jr. & Joe



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### *Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations:*

*O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of*

*his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen*

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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—Hymn Sheet 9:00am and 11:00am Masses**

**Gathering Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

1. The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never,  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow with gentle care he leads me,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with heavenly food he feeds me.

**Responsorial Psalm: (SUNG) “I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.”**

**Preparation Hymn “Shepherd Me, O God”**

**Refrain:** Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

**Recessional hymn which is also our Communion Hymn: “Bread of Life”**

**Refrain:** Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

1. As we proclaim your death as we recall your life,  
We remember your promise to return again.
2. The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:  
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.
3. We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.