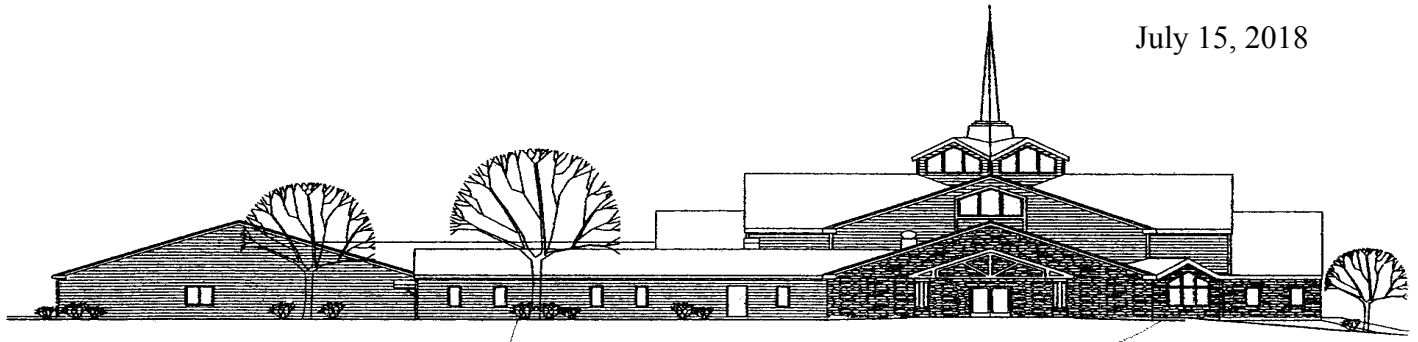


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

July 15, 2018



## 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

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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

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[www.allentowndioocese.org](http://www.allentowndioocese.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** — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

**Gospel** — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Today’s readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

<b>Stewardship- Gifts of God</b>			
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>			
Stewardship	07-01-18:	\$9,888.00	(237 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$2,240.00	
	07-08-18:	\$9,277.52	(251 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 365.00	
Cap. Camp.	07-01-18:	\$4,523.00	(120 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$1,384.00	
	07-08-18:	\$4,245.78	(110 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 122.00	

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS** can be found on the diocese website [DioceseofAllentown.org](http://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.



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

For those who feel alone in their grief following an abortion: May they deeply experience the Lord’s mercy and healing.

**2018 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Baby bottles may be returned this weekend or you can return the bottles by placing them in the large “hamper size” basket located in the gathering space throughout the summer months. We thank you in advance for your faithful support of respecting “all of life”.

**PRAYER LIST.....**

*For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Oleg Brann, Tom Cioffi, Tom Connelly, Ellen Gohacki, Joseph Grundowski, Brooke Harrison, Shawn Hertzler, Sue Hivner, Frank Hogan Barbara Jakubek, Jackie Kremp, Joanne Laity, Dorothy Liszcz, Bob MacMinn, Wendy Martini, Debbie Mazzarelli, Theresa Nelson, Teddy Rhoades, Autumn & Ember Rohde, Betty Scollick, Kelly Stewart, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Sophia Tuinstra, Peg Vance, Michael Wittorf. 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: Danielle Becker, USNavy; Zachary Brann, USArmy; Kelly Bunch, USArmy Military Medic; Airman First Class Mark S. Cahill, USAF; Spc. Nathan Calhoun, USArmy; Grant Dufin, USMC; Tom Gutherman, USAF; Christopher G. Hari, USArmy; Richard J. Hari, USArmy; Dan Kenyon, USMC; Lt. Cmdr. Michael Koch, USNavy; Sgt. Matthew Kurz, USArmy; Sgt. Adam Latshaw, USArmy; Matthew R. McGinn, USArmy; CPL Kevin Moran, USMC; Capt. Matthew Palange, USArmy; PV2 Chelsea Raser, USArmy; Michael Rodgers, USAF; Cp. Daniel Scheidel, USMC; Lt.Col. Christopher Timothy USMC; Ryan Vance, USAF; James C. Yorke, USArmy.*

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



**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend in memory of Ceal Smith by Tom & Cici Smith

**K OF C OFFICERS MEETING** Monday, July 16 at 7:00 pm in classroom #1.

**NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 pm. At this meeting the 3 new members will be introduced and gratitude will be extended to 3 members who completed their 3 year term.

**HERSHEY PARK JULY 24** - The Youth trip to Hershey Park is scheduled for July 24 with departure from St. Benedict's at 9:00 am. Still a few seats available. Pick up a packet in the gathering area. Altar servers, youth group and friends are welcome!

**SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY** - Do you know the Sisters of Christian Charity? Were you taught by them in school? Do you have a relative who was a Sister of Christian Charity? Father Phil had two aunts who were SCC! We are looking to start a lay ministry here at St. Benedict's! Please contact Lori Barse, 610-413-7456 or visit [sccast.org](http://sccast.org) if interested.

**FAMILY PROMISE**

- is a Berks County outreach service to homeless children and support services for their parents to find housing, work, and financial planning.
- The program can be found in 36 states across the country.
- Houses of worship provide food and overnight accommodations.
- The main downtown office provides showers, laundry, counselors.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- To cook a meal and share with guests around 6:00 pm (one volunteer family per night)
- Overnight security 8:00 pm-7:00 am (two volunteer persons per night)
- Or two persons may combine above volunteer services.

**Family Promise at St. Benedict's July 22-28, 2018. This is our 11th year of opening our doors at St. Benedict's and welcoming homeless children and their parent(s).**

Family Promise is a summertime opportunity to volunteer in the community and be part of a path that helps young families get back on track. Overnight volunteers need all the Diocesan requirements for working with children. For more information or to sign up to volunteer please sign up in the gathering space.

*Message from Bishop Schlert:*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
As you may have heard, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has delayed the release of the Grand Jury Report on clergy sexual abuse in six Pennsylvania dioceses, including the Diocese of Allentown. It is unknown how long the Court's order will remain in place.

I want you to know that the Diocese of Allentown has always cooperated with the Office of the Attorney General and the Grand Jury process. Neither I, nor the Diocese, nor any diocesan official has attempted to block or delay release of the Report.

I will be addressing the topic of clergy abuse in more detail after the Grand Jury Report is released. Please join me in praying for the victims and survivors, and for all those hurt by child abuse, wherever it occurs in society.

With an assurance of my prayers for you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop Alfred A. Schlert

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the churches of Eastern Europe.

**Liturgical Ministers - July 21 & 22**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Stephanie Hartline  
Servers: Adam Brezina, A.J. Crisi, Mary Henefer  
EM: George Bach, Mark Brezina, Frank Burns, Tom Henefer, Maria Scheiber

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Lector: Jean Ruhl  
Servers: Gabrielle Ney, Monique Baj, Dalton Maiers  
EM: Maureen Gutherman, Paul Waterman, Ray Clapper, Mary Ann Razzano, Jeanette Bunch

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Lector: Wayne Gohacki  
Servers: Gina Coccia, Jason & Joseph Leininger  
EM: Tom Dobson, Karen Keenan, Gary Scollick, Lee & Joy Bandy

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck  
Servers: Riley Knapp, Megan Vance, Robert Silver  
EM: Kelly Leininger, Helen MacMinn, John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Sylvia Firth



**SAVE THE DATE -  
AUGUST 4-**

**62nd SUMMER FESTIVAL**

This will be our 62nd Festival (August 4) and the committee needs your help.

**DONATION ENVELOPES** - Each envelope designates an item and its monetary value. Please take an envelope and either place cash or write a check payable to St. Benedict's and place it in the collection basket anytime during July. This will help us defray our expenses. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THE ITEM!

**VOLUNTEER** - Sign up for a 2 hour shift or more at one of the many activities planned for the day. 460 volunteers are needed to make this a successful day.

**WHITE ELEPHANT TREASURES-FLEA MARKET ITEMS** are only accepted the week of the festival at the picnic grounds. NO computers, TV's, exercise equipment or clothing (includes shoes & boots!).

**AUCTION** - New or slightly used items for the auction can be placed in the education wing classroom.

**CAKE STAND**--Get out your favorite recipes for cakes, pies, cookies, jellies, jams, pickles, etc. and plan to bake up a storm for our cake stand.

**CRAFTERS** for the Summer Festival. Any crafter who would like to be part of our Summer Festival please contact Frank Burns at 610-256-2969

**BLOOD DONATION** - Register to donate at our Summer Festival, August 4. Sign up sheet with times for donations is in the gathering space.

**DINNER TICKETS** are \$10.00 and includes: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cob of corn, dinner roll, applesauce and drink. Dinner tickets may be purchased after all the Masses or at the parish office.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** - Check the prizes - Tickets for the raffle may be purchased in the gathering space next to the display of prizes.

*Please pray that God will bless us with a beautiful, warm, sunny day and He will protect and guide us in all we do!*

**WHOSE JOB IS IT?**

This is a story about four people named: *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*. There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that, because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done. We need YOU to make our Summer Festival/Chicken Barbecue a success!

**Travelers' Prayer:**



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*Father, as we journey these next days, keep us in your loving care. Protect us from danger, from mechanical failure and from violent storms. Make us wise and prudent around water and in the woods or mountains, Give us respect for nature, so that we neither defy its power nor defile its beauty. Help us to be kind to one another and to enter in the relaxation of this trip with joyful hearts. May we return home more thankful, more generous, and more mindful of your blessings. We ask, too, that you bless all travelers with the same protection and kindness. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

At the time of the Reformation, although England broke away from papal authority under Henry VIII, a silent majority clung to the Catholic faith. Henry's eldest daughter, Mary, restored the "old religion" in a fierce persecution of Protestants (she is called "Bloody Mary" for good reason.) His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, rejected papal ties. Under her reign, beginning with legislation in 1593, Catholics were persecuted again, and only the very wealthy could afford the fines for not attending Anglican services on Sunday. They were called "recusants," from a Latin word meaning "refuse," since they refused to attend the liturgy of the Church of England. Many families maintained Catholic tradition in secret, and today their descendants claim "Recusancy" as a mark of family pride. For generations they sent their young people abroad to be educated in convents and monasteries. It is not surprising that the first monastery in colonial America springs from Holland with the daughters of patrician English recusant families. Port Tobacco, Maryland, proved fruitful soil for the Carmelite tradition.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

### Monday 07/16

7:00 PM K of C Officers meeting in classroom #1

### Thursday 07/19

7:00 PM Pastoral Council meeting in the board room

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

### Sunday 07/22

Family Promise at St. Benedict's thru Saturday July 28

7:00 PM Al-Anon meets in the rectory meeting room

### COMING EVENTS...

07/24 Youth Group/Altar Servers Hershey Park Trip

07/24 Prime Timers monthly meeting

07/26 Finance Committee meeting

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are grateful to all who pledged their support to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. To date we have received \$62,556.00 from parishioners. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. The BAA goal for St. Benedict is \$65,568.47. Thank you for your support!

**ST. BENEDICT SAYS:** "Do not love quarreling; shun arrogance. Respect the elders and love the young. Pray for your enemies out of love for Christ. If you have a dispute with someone, make peace before the sun goes down. And finally, never lose hope in Gods mercy".

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this in memory of Mr & Mrs. Chester Jeschke by Briget Jeschke.*



Monday 07/16 Weekday  
6:30 PM Simon Meyer  
by the Wittorf Family

Tuesday 07/17 Weekday  
8:00 AM Anthony Bukowski  
by Irene Didyoung

Wednesday 07/18 Weekday St. Camillus de Lellis  
8:00 AM Finnegan Daly  
by Nana & Papa Pouleson

Thursday 07/19 Weekday  
6:30 PM Charles Campion  
by Judith Campion

Friday 07/20 Weekday St. Apolinaris  
8:00 AM Anna Elinausky  
by Cecelia & Bob Kacmar

Saturday 07/21 Weekday St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 07/22 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Tom Lush  
by Pete & Theresa Nelson  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Martin Laraia  
by the Laraia Family  
11:15 AM Philip O'Neill  
by Carole Anstett



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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**Please pray for a priest each day:**

- 07/15: Deceased Priests
- 07/16: Msgr. James Reichert
- 07/17: Father Eugene Ritz
- 07/18: Father Philip Rodgers
- 07/19: Father John Rother
- 07/20: Seminarians
- 07/21: Father Paul Rothermel