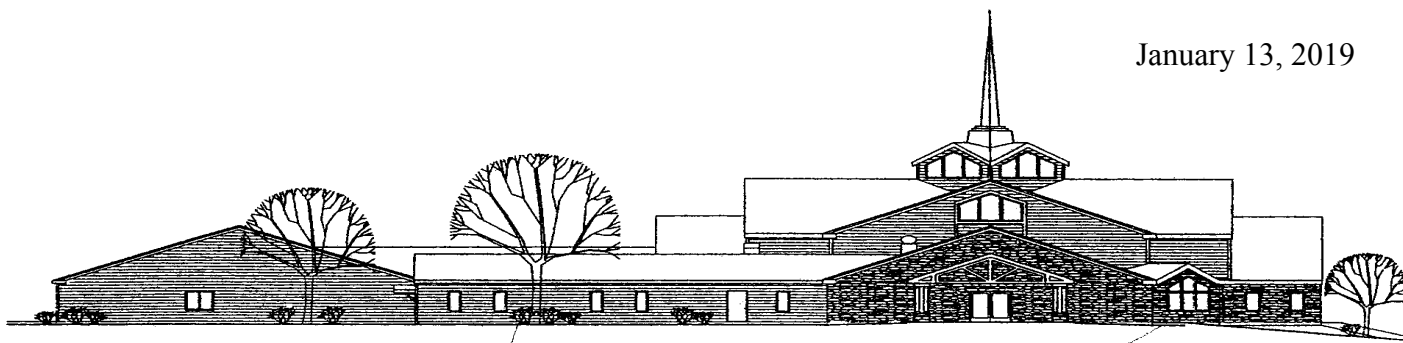


Church of Saint Benedict

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

January 13, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. 6:30pm-Thurs.5:30pm 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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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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Richard Ball.....Maintenance

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Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J. Safe Environment Coordinator
610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website
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

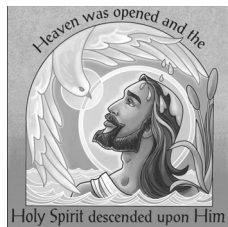
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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 — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or*

Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Stewardship- Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	12-30-18:	\$ 9,384.00	(229 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 405.00	
	01-06-19:	\$11,745.39	(272 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 1,590.00	
Capital Camp.	12-30-18:	\$ 4,023.00	(117 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 122.00	
	01-06-19:	\$ 5,420.78	(132 envelopes)
Solemnity	01-01-19:	\$ 1,887.00	(98 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 210.00	

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.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for expectant mothers for the gifts of patient endurance and joyful hope.

LIFE AD - JANUARY 22, 2019 “*A Nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope.*” **St. John Paul II.** Sign ups will take place this weekend after all Masses for the Life Ad to be published in the Reading Eagle Newspaper Tuesday, January 22, Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Donations to this ad also benefit Mary’s Shelter/Mary’s Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of house and care. Deadline is January 13 - \$6/person - \$12/couple or family. Please make your donation check payable to: St. Ignatius Loyola Church. This is a change from previous years. Our bank will no longer accept checks payable to “Life Ad”. No cash please. You can also mail your donation directly to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Reading, Pa 19608-1028. Stand up and be counted. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Tom Cioffi, Tom Connelly, “Charlie” Flannery, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Debra Henry, Francis Newhams, Annaliese Novak, Sam Reber, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Judy Tamagno, Miriam Ulrich, Betty Voelker, Jeremiah Williams, John Yost, Greg Zimmerman. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the conference room. ALL are welcome!

RCIA MEETS Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Classroom #1.

“BREAKFAST SUNDAY” January 20 featuring Pancakes with sausage *or* baked French toast. Breakfast is served from 8:00-11:30 am. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for child. Join us for good food and fellowship!

WOMEN’S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY Tuesday, January 22 at the Wyomissing Family Restaurant. Cost is \$16 for the buffet. Sign up in the gathering area.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DESIGNER BAG BINGO - Saturday, January 26 at 6:00 pm. Ticket sales are in the gathering space for the weekends in January. You can also reserve tickets by calling Gary Scollick at 610-223-1593.

Please pay and pick up during the weekends. A snow date is scheduled for February 2 and you can call Knight-line at 484-263-0322 for a message on inclement weather postponement. Proceeds will benefit outfitting the FLC classrooms.

K OF C FAMILY FULLY ALIVE SERIES: FEBRUARY THEME - FAMILY PRAYER

The Christian Family needs to put first things first by cultivating a relationship with God together through Prayer - which is essential for Christian Families to develop joy, faith, hope and love. In addition to meditation prayers and suggestions, the activity for the month is to develop a section of your home dedicated to a prayer life. Find out more in the Family Fully Alive Booklet that was distributed in December. If you would like a booklet call Christopher Kile at 610-564-7700.



FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2019

There are still a few dates left to sponsor altar flowers for a living or deceased loved one. If you wish to reserve a particular date, please fill

out the information on the flower poster on the bulletin board in the main entrance. Cost is \$50 per arrangement. Payment may be made directly at the parish office or may be placed in the Sunday collection in an envelope marked “Altar Flowers”.



MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC JANUARY 18, 2019

Schedule as follows:

- 7:00 AM Mass
- 7:45 AM Depart St. Benedict’s for DC
- 11:00 AM Arrive at DC Mass for Rally followed by MFL
- 4:15 PM Meet at Union Station for Return Trip Home
- 4:30 PM Depart DC for St. Benedict’s
- 7:30 PM Arrive at St. Benedict’s.

NOVENA FOR LIFE - The Novena for Life begins January 10 and ends January 18 the day of the March for Life in Washington DC. Novena prayers will be recited at every daily Mass for 9 days. For more information see the Knight’s table in the gathering space for flyers on participating in the Novena and the Gospel of Life Prayer. A Holy Hour will take place at St. Benedict’s 1:00-2:00 pm on Friday, January 18.

A NEW YEAR - A NEW MINISTRY - Come join us as we kick off our *Companions of Pauline* group (a lay ministry of the Sisters of Christian Charity). Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the conference room. This month’s topic is doing little things with love. All are welcome to join us as we pray, do works of charity, and seek deeper gospel living through the charisms of Blessed Mother Pauline!



Pray for the repose of the souls of *Samuel Guido, father of Lisa Vizza; Charles Rodgers, godfather to Father Phil.* May their souls rest in peace.

Liturgical Ministers - January 19 & 20

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Lector: Peter Snow
Servers: A.J. Crisi, Jude Jones, Michael Lee
EM: Robin Ball, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Tom Dobson, Karen Keenan, Debra Mazzarelli
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
Lector: Ellie Albright
Servers: Madeline & Mariella Frisina, Sydney Machion
EM: Mary Ann Razzano, Paul Waterman, Glenn Unger, Sylvia Firth, Bo Kuszniir
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Adam Brezina, Gina Coccia, Bryanna Gallagher
EM: Mark Brezina, Wendy Clayton, Rick McCarty, Rich Conte, Chris Stein
- Sunday 11:15 AM**
Lector: Emily Coppa
Servers: Nora & Sam Coppa, Robert Silver
EM: Carol & Paul Wirkus, Jeannette Bunch, John Cocco, Helen MacMinn

*Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,
“Heartfelt gratitude and blessings!
Thank you for greetings and kindnesses extended to me during the Christmas season. It is an honor to be with you to celebrate weekend Mass and to join you at other events. Let us continue to pray for one another and to encourage each other in faithfulness and loyalty to the Church we all love. On behalf of myself and the St. Isaac Jogues Jesuit Community, I wish all of you a blessed New Year filled with grace, hope, and growth in the Lord. I look forward to seeing you on numerous occasions at St. Benedict’s in 2019.*

*In the hope of Christ’s peace,
Father Kuller*

Many thanks for the good wishes and gifts given to the rectory at Christmastime. Not gifts of gold, frankincense or myrrh, but cookies, chocolates and Christmas cheer, were all well received. Thanks for your kindness and remembrance at Christmas.

*Best wishes and good health to all in 2019,
Father Phil*

BCHS - BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will have an Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Berks Catholic High School is now accepting applications for 2019-2020. It’s a good time to be a Saint! Please join us and see our NEW John R. Post Learning Center which features a STEM lab, dedicated College and Career Counseling suite, a learning commons and expanded cafeteria.

*Dear Rev. Rodgers,
Thank you for your donation of \$2,930.00 to Mary’s Shelter. During the month of November we celebrate World Kindness Day. With such simple words and deeds we can show a true caring for others in our community. As each new day passes we are given another opportunity to share our acts of kindness. We strive each day to highlight the good in each of our new moms. With the continued support of the community we are able to give them the confidence to rise above the negativity and show true compassion.*

*Sincerely,
Amy Folk*

THANK YOU...

...to *Prime Timers, Women’s Club & Knights of Columbus* for teaming up to purchase 4 & 6 foot tables for the church campus.

...to the *K of C* for setting up and taking down our outdoor crèche scenes and the two 12 foot trees in the sanctuary.

...Gratitude is extended to *Diane Roulston* for working with the small children of our parish to organize a children’s pageant at the 4:00 pm Christmas eve Mass.

...Hats off to all our *musicians, choir, cantors, and music director, Andrew Angstadt* for creating the beautiful sounds of Christmas at all our Christmas liturgies.

...Special thanks to *all parishioners* who helped decorate our church so beautifully. Someone in the Lehigh Valley heard our church looked so great they drove all the way here just to see our church and attend Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

is scheduled for January 27 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. If you volunteered at any event, activity, ministry, etc. during 2018 you are most welcome to attend this party. Come join the happiest people in Berks County and rub elbows with the most famous people in our parish—our volunteers. Sign up ahead of time is a must. Please call Susan in the parish office (610-856-1006) or sign your name to the list in the gathering space.

Gratitude is extended to all parishioners. You made the extra sacrifice at Christmas with special monetary gifts and increased offerings for our church. The Christmas collection is usually our largest collection of the year. To date St. Benedict’s received \$24,519.00. Last year our collection was \$27,438.00. Many thanks for your kindness and sacrificial offering.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 01/14

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the conference room

Tuesday 01/15

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1

Thursday 01/17

6:00-7:30 PM Preschool & Kindergarten CGS

6:15-7:30 PM PREP Classes

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Sunday 01/20

8:30-11:30 AM "Breakfast Sunday"

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Lisa Boyer

9:30-10:45 AM Level 2 CGS

10:45-12:15 Level 1 CGS

7:00 PM Al-Anon meets in the RMR

BREAKFAST



COMING EVENTS...

- 01/21 K of C Officers meeting**
- 01/22 Prime Timers meeting**
- 01/22 RCIA meets**
- 01/22 Companions of Pauline meet**
- 01/26 Women's Spirituality Group meets**
- 01/26 Designer Bag Bingo**

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available. If you would like one please call the office (610-856-1006) or email Susan to request a statement.

LOST AND FOUND: A woman's black coat and a pair of glasses (Vera Bradley frames) were found in church. Please contact the parish office to claim these items.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Wilma Kompa by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski



Monday 01/14 Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)
630 PM John Matthews
by Bryan & Delia Sztukowski

Tuesday 01/15 Weekday
8:00 AM Maua Aparre
by Ursita & Bob Blechman

Wednesday 01/16 Weekday
8:00 AM Geraldine Didyoung
by Sue Michel

Thursday 01/17 St. Anthony
5:30 PM Robert Kowalkowski
by M/M Robert Joyce

Friday 01/18 Weekday
7:00 AM Anthony Diederich, Sr.
by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar
1:00-2:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday 01/19 Weekday
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 01/20 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) John Tazik
by Jim & Sharon Helms
8:00 AM Helen Reidel
by the Prime Timers
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:15 AM LaVerne Wohlbruck
by Andy & Bev Kuzmission

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Please pray for a priest each day:

- 01/13: Father David Kozak*
- 01/14: Msgr. Robert Kozel*
- 01/15: Deceased Priests*
- 01/16: Father Daniel Kravatz*
- 01/17: Father Dr. John Krivak*
- 01/18: Father Thomas Kuller, S.J.*
- 01/19: Father Joseph Kweder*