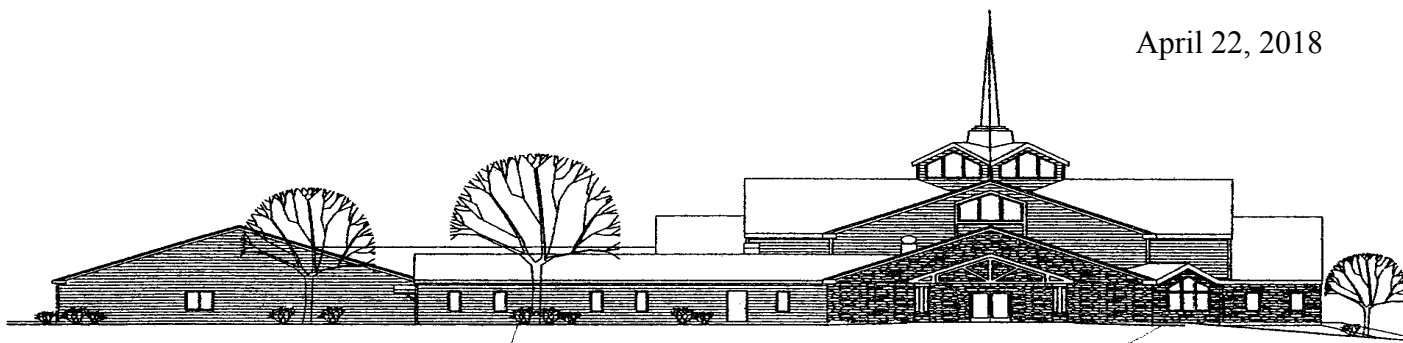


Church of Saint Benedict

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

April 22, 2018



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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Church of St. Benedict

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www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

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

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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 — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To be good stewards, we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf".

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

Stewardship	04-15-18:	\$7,805.00	(231 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 365.00	
Cap. Camp.	04-15-18:	\$3,163.00	(115 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 122.00	

Second Collection next weekend will be the Mothers' Day envelope.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Last weekend was the kickoff for the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. Please continue making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries and we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift please return the pledge form you received in the mail or visit the website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the office at 800-831-4443. Our BAA goal is \$65,568.47.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

May God grant us the eyes to see and the hearts to love those who need us to walk with them in times of suffering.

PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Sister Kathleen McMullin, Barbara Brooks, Noreen Burns, Tom Cioffi, Angelina Colon, Margaret Galloway, Joseph Grundowski, Brooke Harrison, Barbara Jakubek, Monica Kozlowski, Gizelle Kremp, Jackie Kremp, Dorothy Liszcz, Wendy Martini, Debbie Mazzarelli, Chuck Mittman, Theresa Nelson, Annaliese Novak, Taylor Olson, Dave Onusko, Teddy Rhoades, Bethany Sandone, Betty Scollick, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Joanne Szewczyk, Sophia Tuinstra, Miriam Ulrich, 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; Matthew R. McGinn, USArmy; CPL Kevin Moran, USMC; Capt. Matthew Palange, USArmy; PV2 Chelsea Raser, USArmy; Michael Rodgers, USAF; Thomas Schaeffer; Cp. Daniel Scheidel, USMC; Major Christopher Timothy USMC; Ryan Vance, USAF; James C. Yorke, USArmy.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST for the sick and infirmed is published in our bulletin 3 Sundays per month. We are happy to receive names and publish them, but we never hear if they are better and up and around. So after Sunday, April 22 all names will be removed every 6 months. If you are aware that a person is still in need of prayers for any sickness, please contact the rectory office at 610-856-1006 or email StBenedict2020@dejazzd.com to reinstate or add new names. Please make sure the person you add to our prayer list is in agreement with this kind gesture.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is observed today, April 22, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest” (Mt 9:38;Lk 10:2).

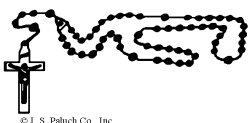
Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage (www.usccb.org/vocations).

LANDINGS is a unique crash course in Catholicism. This program is very helpful for someone who would like to refresh themselves in the faith. It is very helpful for someone who wants to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus. It is very helpful to a non-Catholic who would like to study the basics of Catholicism. “Landings” is open to everyone. Landings will be held on Monday evenings starting April 23 at 7:00 pm.

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, April 24 at 1:00 pm in the FLC. Join us for an afternoon of good food & fellowship!

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 who have experienced this difficult journey. The group meets Wednesdays until May 2 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in classroom #1. It is free, non-denominational, open to all. For more information call Judy Campion-Burns at 610-775-7782 or the parish office at 610-856-1006.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will be hosting the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen the weekend of April 28 & 29. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Kennedy House is located in Reading on Spruce Street between 5th & 6th Streets. Time: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the gathering space display if you wish to help. Thank you!



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY - Rosary is recited every Friday after the 8:00 am Mass. **K of C 5th Sunday Rosary April 29th 15 minutes before Mass.**

WOMEN’S CLUB ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST Sunday, April 29 at the 9:30 Mass. A brunch and mini-Retreat will be held after Mass in the church board room. Cost is free. Please sign up at the sign up sheet in the gathering space. ALL women over age 16 are invited to attend. For more info call Lil at 610-856-1215 or Rosanne at 610-286-5568.

K OF C DESIGNER BAG BINGO Sunday, April 29 in the FLC. Doors open at 12 noon, games start at 1:30 pm. Admission \$20. Tickets available after all weekend Masses.

Dear Parishioners,
As I munched on my last peanut butter Easter egg, I would like to thank everyone who dropped off Easter sweets, candies, paschal bread, nut rolls, etc. at the rectory. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.
I want to thank everyone who helped decorate our church, and organize our procession during Holy Week. Special thanks to Andrew for his assistance in planning our beautiful Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Gratitude is also extended to choir members and musicians and liturgical ministers that enhanced our celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection.
Gratefully,
Father Phil

Liturgical Ministers - April 28 & 29

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Stephanie Hartline
Servers: Jude Jones, A.J. Crisi, Dalton Maiers
EM: George & John Bach, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Frank Burns, Karen Keenan

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Jean Ruhl
Servers: Abby Netterville, Sydney Machion, Bryce Shelly
EM: Mary Ann Razzano, Terry Loeper, Robin Ball, Ray Clapper, Sylvia Firth

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Mary Messner, Bill Hartman
Lector: Charlie Jones
Servers: Michael Lee, Matthew Knight, Abby Thatcher
EM: Tom Dobson, Helen MacMinn, Jeanette Bunch, Lee Bandy, Paul Waterman

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Sister Eileen
Servers: Jack & Mikayla Riehl, Megan Vance
EM: John Cocco, Kelly Eichenlaub, Kelly Leininger, Abby Pressimone, Carlos Canela



CONGRATULATIONS to the new Catholics who were received into the church at the Easter Vigil. Receiving their First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church were: *Jean Ann Leib, Lauren Ettaro, Jane Hullihan and Whitney Martin.* Many thanks to the parishioners who served on the RCIA team. Gratitude is extended to Mark Schrum, coordinator of the RCIA program. Our next class will start in September. Any adult/teen interested in receiving Confirmation, Baptism, Eucharist in the Catholic church should meet with Father Phil or Mark Schrum for more information.

RESPECT READING BERKS MARCH FOR LIFE -

The 8th Annual Reading-Berks March for Life is scheduled for Sunday, April 29 at Berks Catholic High School, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA. This year we have an "Expo" beginning at 12 noon that includes both National and Local Pro-Life organizations who will be on hand to provide participants with information on where our support is needed and how we can assist these organizations throughout the year in continuing to promote the Sanctity of Life. Food and drink will also be provided during the "Expo". The Rally will begin at 2:00 pm with guest speakers: David Bereit, Founder and Director of 40 Days for Life and Maggie Sweet from the Silent No More Campaign. The March for Life will begin promptly at 3:00 pm. The March will proceed from West Reading over the Penn Street Bridge, ending at Holy Rosary Church at 3rd & Franklin Street where buses will be provided to transport participants back to Berks Catholic High School directly following the March. We urge you to join us as we witness in the public square to the Unalienable Right to Life of our Brothers and Sisters in the womb who have no other voices but ours to defend them.

*Dear Friends & Parishioners,
Betty & I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, get-well cards, kindness and concern during this difficult period. Betty faced a very tough decision and her faith and our prayers were a great help and comfort. We appreciate all your kindness that has been extended to us. We are truly blessed to be in such a wonderful parish community.
The Scollicks*

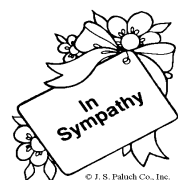
PRAYER SHAWLS - Due to the generosity of knitters and crocheters in our parish and some outside friends, we have a supply of *Prayer Shawls blessed by Father Phil* ready to be given to anyone seriously ill and in need of comfort. Please contact Sylvia Firth at 610-286-5714.

BERKS CATHOLIC NEWS - Berks Catholic H.S. is centered on the 4 pillars of God, Family, Academics, and Fun and is dedicated to providing a challenging academic environment for a diverse population of young men and women. Please contact Nicky Smith to schedule a shadow day or for a personal tour. nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610-374-8361 ext. 244.

BERKS COUNTY VARSITY BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS FROM BERKS COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES is currently looking for a volunteer to administer the Berks CYO Website. Our basketball season runs from November thru March. Duties would involve entering the game schedules and scores. Anyone interested can contact Robert Kerr at rkerr@gmail.com or 610-780-2336. Training will be provided.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Pray for the repose of the soul of *Michael Kozak, brother of Thaddeus & Mary Kozak.* May his soul rest in peace.

PAPER BINS ARE FULL. Please do not add any paper in or around the bins until they are emptied. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Monday 04/23

7:00 PM Landings meets in the board room

Tuesday 04/24

1:00 PM Prime Timers monthly meeting in the FLC

7:00 PM RCIA meets in the classroom

Wednesday 04/25

6:30 PM Bereavement Support group meets in classroom #1

Thursday 04/26

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

Saturday 04/28

9:30 AM-1:30 PM St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House Soup Kitchen in Reading

Sunday 04/29

9:30 AM-1:30 PM St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House Soup Kitchen in Reading

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Women's Club Communion Breakfast in the board room

9:00-10:30 AM 1st & 2nd Grade Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Lauren Machion

10:45-12:15 Preschool & K Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

12:00 PM K of C Designer Bag Bingo in the FLC

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

COMING EVENTS...

- 05/01 Women's Club monthly meeting
- 05/02 Bereavement Support Group meets
- 05/03 Pastoral Council meeting
- 05/05 Ultreya meets
- 05/06 First Holy Communion
- 05/06 Hospitality Sunday
- 05/07 K of C General meeting
- 05/07 Respect Life meeting
- 05/10 Ascension Day

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Thaddeus & Mary Kozak by their children, Thaddeus, Michael & Mary.



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Monday 04/23 Easter Weekday St. George & St. Adelbert

6:30 PM Barry Kelly
by Kaitlyn & Todd Whiteman

Tuesday 04/24 Easter Weekday St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 AM Theresa Brown Zuchowski
by Joe & Kathy Roland

Wednesday 04/25 St. Mark, Evangelist

8:00 AM Frank Dupell
by Dave & Peg Creamer & Family

Thursday 04/26 Easter Weekday
5:30 PM Mr. Nenna by John, Michael & Daniell

Friday 04/27 Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Intention of Theresa Nelson by John Lodge
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 04/28 Easter Weekday St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 04/29 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Nekole Delashmit
by Ann Doherty

Fifth Sunday Rosary before each Mass

8:00 AM Mildred Horsky
by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Reidel

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:15 AM Kevin Toohey
by Tony & Rita DelPercio

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Please pray for a priest each day:

04/22: Msgr. David James

04/23: Father Richard James

04/24: Father Ronald Jankaitis

04/25: Father Dominik Kalata

04/26: Father Francis Kaminski

04/27: Father Kiaieta Kanimea

04/28: Father Venantius Karobo