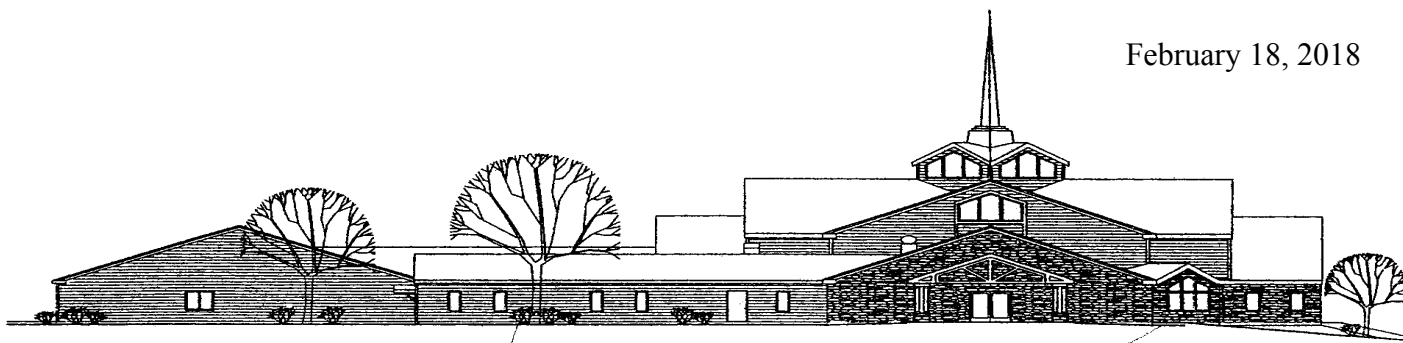


Church of Saint Benedict

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

February 18, 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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www.lsabear.org
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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
Pam Kubacki..... 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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Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
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

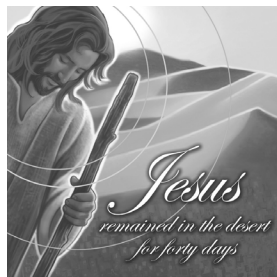
Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

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 — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water

of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church".

Stewardship- Gifts of God		
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>		
Stewardship	02-11-18: \$9,321.00	(254 envelopes)
	EFT: \$2,030.00	
Capital Camp.	02-11-18: \$4,753.78	(108 envelopes)
	EFT: \$1,239.00	
Utility	\$2,102.00	(129 envelopes)
Second collection next weekend will be for the Catholic Home Missions.		

LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS are now available for \$1.00 in the gathering area.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

For all people: May God grant us courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

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, Dennis Cahill, Angelina Colon, Margaret Galloway, Joseph Grundowski, Elizabeth Hill, Barbara Jakubek, Marie Kilpatrick, Michael Kozak, Monica Kozlowski, Jackie Kremp, Dorothy Liszcz, Wendy Martini, Debbie Mazzarelli, Chuck Mittman, Annaliese Novak, Taylor Olson, Dave Onusko, Teddy Rhoades, Bethany Sandone, Charlotte Skiba, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Joanne Szewczyk, Donald 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; 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; Airman Zachery Voelker, USAF; James C. Yorke, USArmy.

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

The SANCTUARY LAMP burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person or a deceased love one or any special intentions for a weekly donation of **\$10.00**. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.

TODAY IS BREAKFAST SUNDAY featuring Pancakes with sausage or Egg Souffle. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for child. Price includes meal, hot drink and juice. Breakfast will be served every 3rd Sunday of the month and will offer a different menu each month which will be listed in the bulletin. Please come and join us for a time of food and fellowship. Proceeds go toward FLC.

K OF C OFFICERS' Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm in the board room.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus will be doing a "Designer Bag Bingo" featuring Coach, Kate Spade, and other famous designer handbags and accessories. Bingo will be on April 29 in our Family Life Center. ALL are welcome! More information will follow in the bulletin and on our Facebook page.

2018 DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP program will be held Mondays, at 7:00 pm in the board room. Please contact Deb Seidel at 610-763-6528 or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.

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**Blood
Mobile**

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE - St. Benedict's is once again hosting the Miller Keystone Blood Drive on Monday, February 26 from 2:00-7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please consider signing up to donate blood for this very worthwhile cause. There are 32 time slots available.

FAITH AND SPIRITS - Join us on Monday, February 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm at P. J. Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant as Sr. Rose Mulligan, I.H.M. of Immaculata University explores a relic known as the Shroud of Turin. What is the Shroud of Turin? Where does it come from? What can relics like this tell us about Christ? These questions and more will be discussed. There is no cost to attend and no registration is required. P.J.'s is located at 1101 Rocky Road, West Lawn and they will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense. For questions contact the office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndioocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

TAIZE PRAYER at the Bernardine Franciscan Convent (adjacent to Alvernia University) every First Thursday of the month from March to June at 7:00 pm with prayer, song and adoration. Everyone welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Spirituality Group meets Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am. More details to follow.

BISHOP'S SCHOLAR SOCIETY 2018 - Any eighth grade student in Catholic, public or private school who is registered in a parish of the Diocese of Allentown is eligible to apply for a one-year partial scholarship of \$1,000 to be applied toward tuition at a diocesan high school. Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of participation in activities/service to school, parish and community; special honors; leadership positions; academic achievement and recommendations by the school principal and pastor. Applications are available in the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Berks Catholic honor roll students in the first semester:

Distinguished Honors: *Gina Coccia, Mariella Frisina, Jasmine Slusser.*

First Honors: *Dale Belville, Adam Brezina, Brenden Burrows, Brooke Burrows, Ryenne Carroll, Emelie Irwin, Kennedy Kutz, Hailie Yoder.*

Second Honors: *Isabella Avadanian, Mary Kinsey, Niko Sarangoulis, Matthew Silver, Brianna Spencer.*

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT - Are you carrying the emotional hurt associated with a past abortion? God in His mercy wants you to experience forgiveness and peace. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown. The retreat will be the weekend of March 9-11. Please call 610-332-0442 ext. 2019 or 1-866-3Rachel or email at projectrachel@allentowndioocese.org. Registration deadline is February 26.

Liturgical Ministers - February 24 & 25

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Brian Heath
Servers: Mary Henefer, A.J. Crisi, Michael Lee
EM: Tom Henefer, Frank Burns, Matt Martini

Sunday 8:00 AM

Greeter: Gerald Braddick
Lector: Brent Musser
Servers: Emily Angelo, Gabrielle Ney, Bryce Shelly
EM: Maureen Gutherman, Ray Clapper, Paul Waterman

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Bill Hartman, Janet Motta
Lector: Steven Keech
Servers: Madeline & Mariella Frisina, Sean Bigelow
EM: Paul Franz, Abbey Pressimone, Father Phil

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Timothy Mangan
Servers: Nicholas Barse, Riley Knapp, Christopher Mangan
EM: Kelly Leininger, Kelly Eichenlaub, Father Phil

LENT AT ST. BENEDICT'S

SPECIAL LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES will be offered every Tuesday at 12 noon and every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Other days of the week we will follow the normal Mass schedule.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be offered every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m. A Communal Penance Service for adults is scheduled for Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Student confessions for grades 3-8 will be heard Thursday, March 8.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will take place every Friday in Lent:

8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Benediction

Stations of the Cross -- February 23

Altar Servers:

Sarah Williams, Matthew Knight, Gina Coccia

SIMPLE SUPPER will be offered Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm in the FLC. This supper is in keeping with the spirit of the Rice Bowl program. We eat a Simple Supper (soup & sandwich) and make a donation to help needy people in Third World Countries and support our local food pantry. The food will be provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. ALL are welcome!

LENT BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our 2018 Lent Bible Study - *Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life*. This study, *The Kingdom of Happiness*, unveils Jesus' plan for happiness and holiness in the Beatitudes. In a world that offers fleeting pleasures in place of true happiness and false promises that lead us away from happiness, it's time more than ever to turn to the Beatitudes and enter into the Kingdom of Blessedness. This study is on Tuesdays with a morning session at 10:30 am and then an evening session at 7:00 pm. All ages and faiths are welcome!

LENTEN PIEROGI SALE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 12th & Spruce Streets, Reading (new location: under the church) every Friday thru March 23 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Sauerkraut, Cheese & Potato Pierogi \$8.00 a dozen. Limited amount of Haluski at \$4.00/cup. Thank you for your support.

RICE BOWL



OPERATION RICE BOWL—You are invited. As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to use the Rice Bowl from your Lenten packet received on Ash Wednesday and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Altar servers will be at the doors of the church each Sunday to receive your Rice Bowl donation. 50% of this collection will go to alleviate hunger in Third World countries, and 50% will assist St. Benedict's Food Pantry.

LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE will be Sunday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. This will be an evening of prayerful reflections through music, silence, and scripture. Lent is a time to meditate upon what Our Lord has done for us. Giving up his life so that we may have eternal life. This prayer service will allow you to search your hearts, minds, and souls to see if you are truly ready for the season of Lent. Please consider joining us for this wonderful experience.

FASTING AND FEASTING

Fast from criticism; feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.

Fast from resentment; feast on contentment.

Fast from jealousy; feast on love.

Fast from pride; feast on humility.

Fast from selfishness; feast on service.

Fast from fear; feast on faith.

The Forty Days of Lent remind us of the forty days the Lord spent in the desert in prayer and fasting to prepare Himself for His public life. We observe the days of Lent contemplating the Mystery of the Cross to celebrate with joy the Mystery of Easter -- the Resurrection. The Resurrection and the gift of Eternal Life is the reason for our faith in Jesus Christ. The way to Resurrection is the Way of the Cross - the way of Love. In human life the way of love entails the Cross because of the imperfection of our lives. May our spiritual observance of Lent deepen our hope in the Resurrection and root us in Faith in the Way of Love.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of John Vizza by Ralph & Lisa Vizza.

Monday 02/19

Please Note: Parish office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

7:00 PM K of C Officers' meeting in the boardroom

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meets in the Classroom



Tuesday 02/20

10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study in the rectory meeting room

7:00 PM Lenten Bible Study in the classroom

7:00 PM RCIA meets in the classroom

Monday 02/19 Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM John Borek by Judith Campion-Burns

Tuesday 02/20 Lenten Weekday

12 Noon Mary & Paul Radosza

by Terry Grundman

Wednesday 02/21 Lenten Weekday

St. Peter Damian

8:00 AM Jessie & John Passero

by M/M Robert Joyce & Family

Wednesday 02/21

7:00 PM Stewardship meeting in the board room

Thursday 02/22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5:30 PM Elaine Sternberg

by Marie & Stanley Blimline

Thursday 02/22

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

Friday 02/23 Lenten Weekday St. Polycarp

8:00 AM Neil Ainslie

by Rick & Joan DuBois

Rosary will be recited after Mass

Adoration until 7:00 pm

6:30 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Friday 02/23

6:00 PM Simple Supper hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Society in the FLC

Saturday 02/24 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Jane Kase by Joe & Betty Voelker

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 02/25

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

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

Sunday 02/25 *Second Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM (Saturday) Anne Marie O'Rourke

by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

8:00 AM Anna Gombar

9:30 AM Michael Ulrich

by Don & Miriam Ulrich

11:15 AM Ralph Vizza

by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

COMING EVENTS...

02/26 Blood Drive

02/26 Divorce Support Group meets

02/27 Lenten Bible Study

02/27 Prime Timers meeting

03/02 Simple Supper

03/04 Hospitality Sunday



Please pray for a priest each day:

02/18: Msgr. John Chizmar

02/19: Father Donald Cieniewicz

02/20: Seminarians

02/21: Father Richard Clement

02/22: Msgr. Robert Coll

02/23: Father Edward Connolly

02/24: Father James Connolly