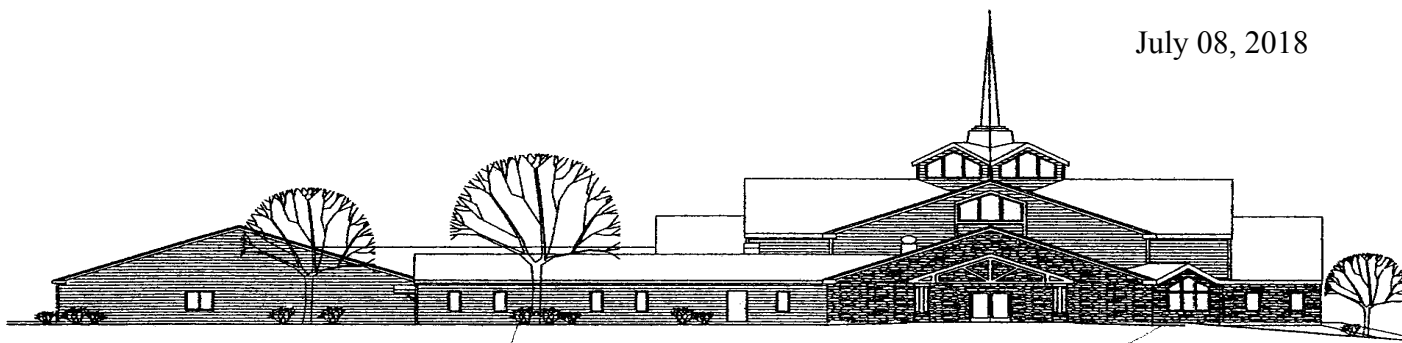


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

July 08, 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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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy

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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** — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

**Psalm** — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

**Second Reading** — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**Gospel** — The people said: “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

This week as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy”. May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

**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.

**POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS** - You Are Not Alone Ministry is here to help. Our free service is practical guidance and compassionate care focuses on meeting he needs of expectant parents as they seek to honor the life of their baby no matter how frail or how brief. For more information call Sister Janice Marie Johnson RSM at 610 -289-8900 ext.2280.



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect his gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health.

**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 *Helen Guglielmo by Ernest & Mary Ann Ferrese*

**THE CULTURE PROJECT**

Laura Riebe, a college grad & parishioner, will participate with a nonprofit called The Culture Project. As a missionary, she will be encountering the youth and young adults as she speaks on the topics of human dignity, sexual integrity, and living a life of virtue. Laura will be sharing more about the Culture Project at the Masses this weekend. If you are interested in learning more about or contributing to the mission, please contact Laura at 484-345-8190 or lriebe@thecultureproject.org.



**SUMMER FESTIVAL** plans are coming along. At the June 28 meeting a committee of 11 persons were busy making preparations and decisions. With great enthusiasm, the committee is moving forward to plan and create another wonderful down-country homestyle Summer Festival. Mark your calendars for the social event of the summer on August 4 - *St. Benedict's Summer Festival*. Next planning meeting is July 12 at 7:00 pm in the church conference room. All NEW volunteers are welcome.

**CHICKEN DINNER** tickets will be available every Sunday in July after all the Masses. Tickets are \$10.00 per dinner. Dinners include 1/2 grilled BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, roll, applesauce and a drink. The Knights of Columbus have generously offered to sell tickets after each Sunday Mass.

**HAPPY VOLUNTEERS** are needed to staff our Summer Festival. Please check the sign-up sheets in the gathering space. We would appreciate if parishioners would consider serving a two-hour shift. Over 400 volunteers are needed to run a successful festival.

**FESTIVAL RAFFLE** has a treasure of prizes that anyone would enjoy winning. This year we plan to raffle off a high-flying Drone, an adventure bound Kayak, a hand-carved olive wood Holy Family, a Tommy Bahama beach chair & umbrella, a collectible Coca-Cola cooler, a retro Atari game, and the ever popular "Alexa". Tickets for the raffle may be purchased in the gathering space next to the display of prizes.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING**  
Monday, July 9 at 7:00 pm in the board room. ALL are welcome!



**PARISH FEAST DAY** is Wednesday, July 11. The summer feast of St. Benedict will be celebrated at 6:00 pm Mass at the picnic grounds. Our special festivities will include a pot-luck picnic after Mass. The K of C members will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. The Women's Club will organize the food tables and provide drinks. Parishioners 80 years and older will be honored. A special honoree will be named. Coloring Contest for children will take place.

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**A SLICE OF PARISH HISTORY**

The second church and altar where sacraments were celebrated starting in 1975 was located at 2020 Chestnut Hill Road. This second church had 160 seats - a huge addition from its simple beginnings at the monastery that seated 40. The hand-carved Crucifix in our sanctuary was installed in 1976. The seven foot likeness of Christ was carved by Henry Pascavage of Frackville, PA. His carved work was on display at the upstate Bavarian Folk Festival in Barnesville, PA. A smaller version caught the eye of Mrs. Irene Granan of Flying Hills. She expressed a desire to commission a crucifix for St. Benedict's in memory of her late husband, John. Mr. Pascavage began his career as a wood carver during World War II. About 50 hours of labor were needed to complete the project.

**Liturgical Ministers - July 14 & 15**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Susan Teaford  
Servers: Paul Avadanian, Allison & Natalie Clayton  
EM: Wendy Clayton, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Frank Burns, Maria Scheiber, Paul Waterman

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Lector: Ellie Albright  
Servers: Emily Angelo, Megan & Emily Hatcher  
EM: Joy & Lee Bandy, Jeanette Bunch, Sylvia Firth, Cindy Miller

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Lector: Steven Keech  
Servers: Madeline & Mariella Frisina, Sarah Williams  
EM: Dianne Cooper, Paul Franz, Matt Martini, Tom Henefer, Rick McCarthy

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Lector: Mary Alice Newhams  
Servers: Jack & Mikayla Riehl, Abby Thatcher  
EM: John Cocco, Kelly Eichenlaub, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Gary Scollick

**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



**SAVE THE DATE -  
AUGUST 4-  
62nd SUMMER FESTIVAL**

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

**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!).

**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.

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

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP MEETING** Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 am in the rectory meeting room. ALL women welcome!

**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!

**JOHN PAUL II CENTER TEACHER OPENING** - JP II Center is looking for a Special Education teacher to create a brand new classroom for the next school year. Candidate must be passionate about helping all students reach their potential. Duties include writing IEP's, communicating with staff and families, working with support staff, and providing a safe, productive classroom environment. Any questions contact Trudy Johnson at 610-777-0605 or [tjohnson@johnpauliicenter.org](mailto:tjohnson@johnpauliicenter.org)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

### Monday 07/09

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society monthly meeting in classroom #1

### Wednesday 07/11

St. Benedict Feast Day - Mass at 6:00 pm followed by Pot Luck at the picnic grounds

### Thursday 07/12

7:00 PM Summer Festival meeting in the conference room  
8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

### Saturday 07/14

10:00 AM Women's Spirituality Group meets at the rectory meeting room

### Sunday 07/15

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

### COMING EVENTS...

- 07/16 K of C Officers meeting
- 07/17 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 07/19 Pastoral Council meeting
- 07/22-07/28 Family Promise
- 07/24 Youth Group/Altar Servers trip to Hershey Park
- 07/26 Finance Committee meeting

**LOST & FOUND:** Birthstone ring found in the daily Mass chapel. Please call or stop in the office if you have lost a ring.

**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!

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Mary Surgeonor by Mary & Ted Kozak.*



Monday 07/09 Weekday St. Augustine Zhao Rong  
6:30 PM Donald Schaples, Sr.  
by Wendy & David Mortimer

Tuesday 07/10 Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Wednesday 07/11 St. Benedict  
**6:00 PM** All Religious in the  
Benedictine Order



Thursday 07/12 Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Friday 07/13 Weekday St. Henry  
**NO MASS**

Saturday 07/14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 07/15 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM (Saturday) Meghan Montrella  
by Joyce & Bruce Thompson  
8:00 AM Anthony Diederich, Sr.  
by Sharon Sudbrack  
9:30 AM People of the Parish  
11:15 AM Connie O'Brien &  
his daughter, Aileen O'Connor  
by John & Mimi Frank

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

- 07/08: Father Dominic Pham
- 07/09: Father Quyet Pham
- 07/10: Father Alexander Pocetto
- 07/11: Father Robert Potts
- 07/12: Father James Prior
- 07/13: Father Thomas Prior
- 07/14: Msgr. Stephen Radocha