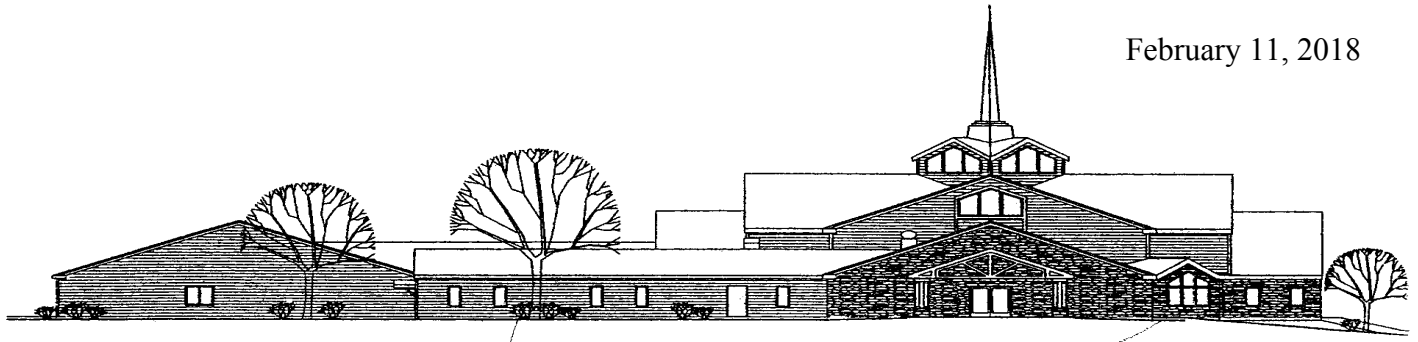


Church of Saint Benedict

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

February 11, 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.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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610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website
www.allentowndiocese.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 — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Stewardship- Gifts of God	
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	
Stewardship 02-04-18:	\$10,681.50 (262 envelopes)
EFT:	\$ 672.50
Capital Camp. 02-04-18:	\$ 5,554.00 (138 envelopes)
EFT:	\$ 397.00
Add'l. Utility	\$ 120.00



Pray for the repose of the souls of *Richard Schmeck, husband of Mary; parishioner, Barbara Scibek.* May their souls rest in peace.



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Don't tell me what you believe, show me what you do! Join the fight against abortion and euthanasia and do so today.

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, Elizabeth Hill, 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. 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.



Altar flowers this weekend in memory of *Frank Morawski* by *Darcye Morawski.*

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY meets Monday, February 12 at 7:00 pm in the board room. ALL are welcome!

K OF C GENERAL "DESIGNER BAG BINGO" meeting Monday, February 12 at 7:00 pm in the classroom.

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.

BREAKFAST



BREAKFAST SUNDAY IS BACK!!

Starting February 18 we will be serving breakfast in the FLC after the 8:00 & 9:30 Masses. The menu for February is 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.



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.

Sister Kathleen McMullin wishes to thank the parishioners of St. Benedict for their love, support, many kindnesses extended to her over these past months. She wants the parishioners to know how touched she has been and how grateful she feels to be part of this faith community.

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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF ITALIAN DESCENT: Victor Emmanuel II Beneficial Society offers a \$12,000 scholarship available to Berks County High School Seniors living in Berks County and who are of Italian descent. Applications must be picked up at your local high school guidance counselor's office and returned to VE II by March 15, 2018. Any questions, please contact Fred Ranalli Jr. at 610-678-2512.

Liturgical Ministers - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM

Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Julie Angstadt
Servers: Adult Altar Servers
EM: Dianne Cooper, Sylvia Firth

12 Noon

Lector: Kathy Appleton
Servers: Adult Altar Servers
EM: Frank Burns, Sylvia Kane

6:30 PM

Greeter: Jim Gregor
Lector: Susan Teaford
Servers: PREP Students
EM: Adam Scheidel, Jim Gregor, Tom Dobson

Liturgical Ministers - February 17 & 18

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Chris Mensak
Servers: Paul Avadonian, Jude Jones, Abby Thatcher
EM: George & John Bach, Robin Ball

Sunday 8:00 AM


Greeter: Clara Lush
Lector: Colleen Kowalczyk
Servers: Megan Hatcher, Abby Netterville, Monique Baj
EM: Lee & Joy Bandy, Sylvia Kane

Sunday 9:30 AM

Greeter: Jim Gregor, Leslie Wohlbruck, Mary Messner
Lector: Lauren Lush
Servers: Alex Bertz, Jason & Joseph Leininger
EM: Karen Keenan, Rick McCarty, Jeanette Bunch

Sunday 11:15 AM

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung
Lector: Jean Ruhl
Servers: Norah & Sam Coppa, Robert Silver
EM: Paul & Carol Wirkus, Anna Coppa



**ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE**

This year Thursday nite PREP is moved to Wednesday night just for February 14. We invite our PREP students to sit with their teachers and classmates for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass. Other Masses being offered on Ash Wednesday are at 8:00 am and 12 noon

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.

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 16
Altar Servers:
Sarah Williams, Matthew Knight, Gina Coccia

OPERATION RICE BOWL—This program asks all families to take one night a week and eat a meal that would be less in quantity than normal and take the savings that would have been spent on a larger meal and bring their offering to church on the Sundays in Lent.

SIMPLE SUPPER will be offered Fridays during Lent beginning February 16 at 6:00 pm. This supper is in keeping with the spirit of the Rice Bowl program. We eat a Simple Supper 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 Cursillo. 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!

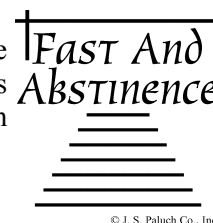
OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church Law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must Fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 & 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.



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Who must Abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one’s needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their “Easter Duty”. They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 18 until May 27, 2018). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for world peace.



Monday 02/12

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meets in the board room

7:00 PM K of C "Designer Bag Bingo" meeting in the Classroom

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meets in the Classroom

Tuesday 02/13

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 board room

Wednesday 02/14

6:15 PM PREP Attendance as Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 AM
12 Noon
6:30 PM

Thursday 02/15

8:00 PM AA meeting in the rectory mtg room

Friday 02/16

6:00 PM Simple Supper hosted by Cursillo

Sunday 02/18

8:30-11:00 AM "Breakfast Sunday"

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

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

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

7:00 PM CYO Executive Board meeting

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

COMING EVENTS...

02/19 Divorce Group meets

02/19 K of C Officers meeting

02/20 Lenten Bible Study

02/21 Stewardship meeting

02/23 Simple Supper

Monday 02/12 Weekday

6:30 PM Judith Napoli by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Tuesday 02/13 Weekday

8:00 AM Robert Clark by Rita Setta

Wednesday 02/14 *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM Tom Lush by Don & Miriam Ulrich

12 Noon Lloyd Wolf by John & Mimi Frank

6:30 PM Martin Wohlbruck by Rita Setta



Thursday 02/15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

5:30 PM Rose & Frank Firth by Sylvia Firth

Friday 02/16 Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Francis M. Servas by Charles & Georginna Goebel

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

Saturday 02/17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

9:00 AM Margaret Costello by John & Myra Carroll

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 02/18 *First Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM (Saturday) John Vizza by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

8:00 AM Lillian Bruno by Edward & Tina Gabel

9:30 AM Genevieve Przydzial by Pat Gable

11:15 AM People of the Parish

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Please pray for a priest each day:

02/11: Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan

02/12: Father E. Michael Camilli

02/13: Msgr. John Campbell

02/14: Father William Campion

02/15: Deceased Priests

02/16: Father Thomas Carney

02/17: Msgr. Michael Chaback