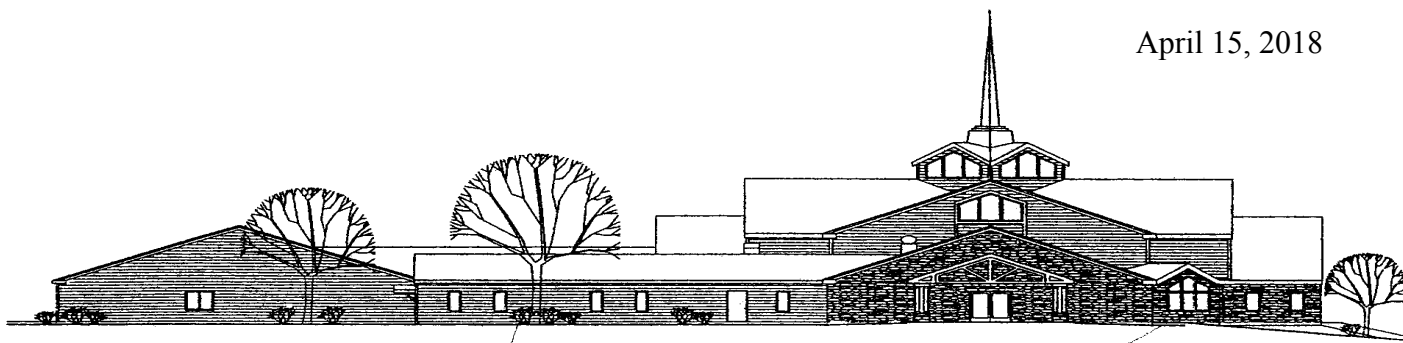


# Church of Saint Benedict

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

April 15, 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

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540  
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP (W) 610-856-5146 - (C) 484-269-8744  
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  
Susan Teaford..... Parish Secretary  
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator  
Anne Long.....Bookkeeper  
Clara Lush..... Bulletin Editor  
Rosanne Weidner..... Rectory Housekeeping  
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](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** — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading** — The way we may be sure that we know

Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

**Stewardship- Gifts of God**

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

Stewardship	04-08-18:	\$11,520.00	(268 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 2,140.00	
Add'l.	04-01-18:	\$ 2,519.00	( 47 envelopes)
Cap. Camp.	04-08-18:	\$ 4,916.78	(126 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 1,334.00	
Add'l	04-01-18:	\$ 402.00	( 20 envelopes)
Add'l. Easter Collection:		\$ 2,645.00	( 71 envelopes)
	EFT:	\$ 1,190.00	

**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.



**SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE**

For those condemned to die and for their families: May the hope of the Resurrection strengthen them in their time of sorrow.

**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, Michael Kozak, 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; 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.*



Pray for the repose of the souls of *Robert Jones, brother of Charlie Jones; Stephen Mammarella, brother of Mia Miller; Don Ulrich, husband of Miriam; LaVerne Wohlbruck, mother of Leslie Wohlbruck.* May their souls rest in peace.

**"BREAKFAST SUNDAY" April 15 from 8:30-11:30 am.** Menu for April is omelets, (plain, cheese or Spanish) OR Baked French Toast. Cost \$3.50/person; child \$2.00 includes hot drink & juice. Meet us in the FLC for a great breakfast and fellowship.

**K OF C OFFICERS MEETING** Monday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the board room.

**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. BENEDICT PARISH SERVICE DAY** Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 am till the jobs are complete. Please see the sign up sheets in the gathering space.

**YOUTH GROUP LASER TAG** Sunday, April 22 from 12 noon-3:00 pm. Cost \$19.00 per person. Drivers/chaperones needed. Call Kelly Mazur at 484-529-2238 or Rosemary Connelly at 610-368-1288. **Thanks** to everyone who supported our Flapjack Fundraiser and Easter Flower Sale!

**FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE** will have a 2018 planning meeting on Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 pm in the FLC. Bring your ideas and suggestions for activities. ALL are welcome!

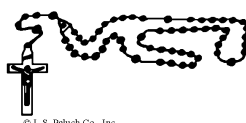
**LANDINGS** is a unique crash course in Catholicism. This program is very helpful for someone who would like to refresh themselves in the faith. It is very helpful for someone who wants to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus. It is very helpful to a non-Catholic who would like to study the basics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

**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.

**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.

**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!

**LA SALLE ACADEMY 2018 SPRING FEST - GIFT CARD BINGO** - Join us in the La Salle gymnasium on Sunday, April 22 for BINGO! Bingo starts at noon, doors open at 11:00 am. Cost: \$20 in advance (\$25 at door); Students: \$10. There will be specials, raffles and other FUN!! Call La Salle at 610-777-7392 or email: springfestLSA@gmail.com. Checks payable to: La Salle PTO.



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

**Liturgical Ministers - April 21 & 22**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lector: Brock Drahus  
Servers: Paul Avadonian, Mary Henefer, Alex Bertz  
EM: Frank Burns, Tom Dobson, Joan Fondots, Tom Henefer, Maria Scheiber

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Greeter: Gerald Braddick/Cindy Miller  
Lector: Ellie Albright  
Servers: Adam Brezina, Madeline & Mariella Frisina  
EM: Maureen Gutherman, Mark Brezina, Ray Clapper, Cindy Miller, Paul Waterman

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

Greeter: Jim Gregor, Janet Motta, Lil Meyers  
Lector: Julie Angstadt  
Servers: Jason & Joseph Leininger, Gina Coccia  
EM: Dianne Cooper, Matt Martini, Carol Wirkus, Kelly Leininger, Gary Scollick

**Sunday 11:15 AM**

Greeter: Bev Kuzmission, Sandy Kozlowski, Irene Didyoung  
Lector: Leslie Wohlbruck  
Servers: Nicholas Barse, Garrett & Jonathan Horn  
EM: Carie Leggett, Tom Culbert, Sylvia Firth, Abby Pressimone, Carlos Canela

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**Do You Want to Learn More About The Catholic Faith? Thinking About Becoming Catholic?**

Join us for our next RCIA Program which will begin in September. We encourage our parishioners to extend an invitation to anyone you know who has expressed some interest in learning more about the Catholic faith to join us. Those who are unbaptized or those who have been baptized in a different faith and would like to learn about being a member of our Catholic community or baptized Catholics who have not made their First Eucharist and/or Confirmation are welcome. If interested, call the parish office at 610-856-1006.

**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.

**RESPECT**



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**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.

**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](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org) or 610-374-8361 ext. 244.

**DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP**

to Franciscan University July 27-29, 2018: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3:15". This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith and spiritual growth with over 1,000 other attendees. The conference includes bestselling authors and renowned speakers who not only teach, but also motivate, including EWTMN personalities: Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Patrick Madrid, Leah Darrow, Mark Hart, Steve Ray and other familiar Catholic Theologian and Apologists. Also includes: Daily Mass, Confession and a joyful bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Call Bruce & Alice Swist for information at 610-468-9506 or [b@swist.us](mailto:b@swist.us)<<mailto:b@swist.us>>.

**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](mailto:rkerr@gmail.com) or 610-780-2336. Training will be provided.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolded more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Chester Jeschke by Brigit Jeschke*

## Monday 04/16

7:00 PM K of C Officers meeting in the board-room

## Tuesday 04/17

7:00 PM RCIA meets in the classroom

## Wednesday 04/18

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

7:00 PM Stewardship committee meets in the classroom

## Thursday 04/19

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 04/21

8:00 AM Parish Service Day

## Sunday 04/22

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

9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Heather Yohn

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

12:15 PM Family Life committee meeting in the FLC

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



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Monday 04/16 Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Elizabeth Levanti by Clara Lush

Tuesday 04/17 Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Tom Lush by Joe & Gloria Gombar

Wednesday 04/18 Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Jennifer Welsh by Gary & Mary Welsh & Family

Thursday 04/19 Easter Weekday

5:30 PM Stanley Yuschalk by Marie & Stanley Blimline

Friday 04/20 Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Claire Roletter by the Monghan Family  
*Rosary will be recited after Mass*

Saturday 04/21 Easter Weekday St. Anselm

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 04/22 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

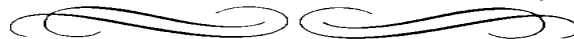
5:00 PM (Saturday) John Borek by the Prime Timers

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Lenore O'Neill by Don & Miriam Ulrich

11:15 AM Kuzmission Families by Bev & Andy Kuzmission

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## COMING EVENTS...

- 04/23 Landings meets
- 04/24 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 04/25 Bereavement Support Group meeting
- 04/28 Women's Club Communion Breakfast
- 04/28 & 29 St. Benedict hosting Kennedy House
- 04/29 K of C 5th Sunday Rosary
- 04/29 K of C Designer Bag Bingo



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

- 04/15: Deceased Priests
- 04/16: Father Allen Hoffa
- 04/17: Father Augustine Idra
- 04/18: Father Edward Ifkovits
- 04/19: Father Guency Isaac
- 04/20: Sick & Infirm Priests
- 04/21: Father Stephan Isaac