

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT, D.D.

May 21, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

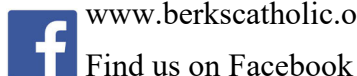
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
(September through April) /6:30pm (summer months)
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours Closed Wednesday; all
other days 9:00am-4:30pm.
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator
Kathy SheppardBookkeeper
Beverly Perella.....Director of Music
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Lead: Richard Conte, 610-223-8846
Location of Emergency Operating Plan
<https://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com/wp-content/uploads/St-Benedict-Emergency-Operating-Plan-Rev-00.pdf>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on Saturday afternoon, 1-2pm, after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, immediately following the 11:00am 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 any time.

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 484-706-2215.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parish of St. Benedict, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Benedict, are a vibrant, worshiping 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.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., DIRECT 800-791-9209
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Coordinator at 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Robert Blechman, Cameron Bruder, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Ed and Barbara Gott, Jamison Gray, Marian Gring, Tom Hagan, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Mary Kozak, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Michele Levan, Bob and Helen Macminn, Timothy McCarty, Finnigan McCartyAurora McHugh, Frank and Ruth McLaughlin, Regina Moran, Patti, Eva Annie Paul, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Mary and Joe Reilly, Anthony Rowan, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Samuel Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Susan Ward, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding at **5:00pm**.

Feel free to come any time during the day and spend some time in peace and quiet with the Lord. There are some prayer resources available to assist you if Adoration is a new prayer practice for you. *“Adoration is simply an embrace with Jesus in which I say to Him, ‘I am yours and I ask you, please, always stay with me.’”*

—Pope Benedict XVI

JOIN THE PARISH ROSARY—Please join your fellow parishioners each weekend to pray the Holy Rosary for the intentions of St. Benedict’s. The Rosary will immediately before the 8:30am Mass and will also be prayed at 10:40am on Sunday mornings. All are welcome. Any questions please contact Adam Scheidel @ 610-507-5773.



7 KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY—There will be a 8 week course to learn more about Divine Mercy. Sessions will be held on Friday mornings at 9:30 am, beginning on May 5, 2023 in the conference room. If you are interested in attending please contact Sharon Helms @ 610 451-6346 to register.

STELLAR VBS— Join us June 25 to June 29 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:20 pm as we learn how to Shine the Light of Jesus in a space-filled week! We are asking for donations of various items. Please see the donation board in the gathering space and take a star. Please bring donations back by June 4. Many requested items can be gently used. We are also looking for adult and teen volunteers. Please contact Carolyn at 717-799-8222 or carolyn@ensingerprinting.com with any questions.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—May 14 \$8,101.00 (152 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$3,328.00

Mortgage—May 14 \$ 1,532.00 (62 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$ 1,075.00

Giving is worship, giving back to the One Who gave first.

BANNS OF ORDINATION



Mr. Aaron Ryder Scheidel, who resides in this parish, has been called to the Order of Diaconate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Scheidel was ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

FIRST HOMILY—On Sunday, May 21, Aaron Scheidel will be returning to St. Benedict’s to assist Msgr. Domin at the 11 AM Mass as a newly ordained deacon. The homily at this Mass will be preached by Aaron Scheidel. Aaron is very grateful for all of the prayers and support the people of St. Benedict have shown him as he journeys towards being ordained a priest in June of 2024.

RESUMING OFFERTORY PROCESSIONS—Starting the weekend of May 27-28, we will resume bringing up the gifts. Family members/groups who requested particular Masses are invited to participate by notifying an usher no later than 5 minutes before Mass. In the event this doesn’t occur, someone else in attendance may be asked. Simply come to the back of the church as the Prayer for Vocations concludes. Once the gifts have been presented to the celebrant, you may return to your seat.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK— will be opened on **Monday, May 22nd at 9:00am**. Mass intention requests will be taken in person **ONLY** from Monday, May 22nd until Friday, May 26th. **After that**, you may call, mail or email Mass requests. Requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis. We will also limit requests for a weekend Mass (Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning) to 2 per person. This way, everyone will have an equal opportunity for these openings. As before, no personal intentions will be taken for the Easter and Christmas Masses, as well as for All Souls’ Day, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22

6:30pm Safety Committee, Conference Room

Tuesday, May 23

7:00pm RCIA, Chapel
7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room
7:00pm Book Club, FLC

Wednesday, May 24

8:30am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
2:00pm St. Benedict History Committee
7:00pm Choir practice, Music Room

Thursday, May 25

5:00pm CGS Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, May 26

9:30am—Divine Mercy Class, Conference Room

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —MAY 27/28

5:00pm

Lector: Irene Milligan
Altar Servers: Tim Machion, Tom Dobson
EMs: Rich Conte, Mark Brezina, Debbie Mazzarelli
Musician: Beverly Perella; Cantor: Pete Snow

8:30am

Lector: Maureen Cranley
Altar Servers: James & Gabriel Leshner
EMs: Paul Waterman, Jean Ann Leib, Jeanette Bunch
Musician: Beverly Perella; Cantor: Sue Hodgkins

11:00am

Lector: Charlie Jones
Altar Servers: Tom Coppa, Evan Rementer
EMs: Sr. Eileen, Tina McHale, Ursita Blechman
Musician—Beverly Perella; Cantor: Coppa Family

BREAKFAST SUNDAY—
Tomorrow/Today, Sunday, May 21st, is Breakfast Sunday from 8:30-11:30am in the FLC. Pancakes/sausage and egg souffle will be served. Come join your fellow parishioners and friends for the last breakfast until September.



SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE—
Potluck dinner will be on Friday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC. Please join us if you would like to learn more about our response to the Lord's call to strengthen the Church. We are a prayerful group of sisters who have a heart for our priests and Bishop by each dedicating one Holy Hour per week. Please RSVP to cjaros@gmail.com or call 610-202-5773.

Monday 05/22 St. Rita of Cascia

No Mass

Rev. Abraham Ha

Tuesday 05/23 Easter Weekday

6:30pm Tony Reardon by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Msgr. William Handges

Wednesday 05/24 Easter Weekday

8:00am Jill Cranley by Michael and Maureen Cranley

Rev. James Harper

Thursday 05/25 St. Bede the Venerable

5:30pm Irene Edwards by the Keenan Family

Rev. John Hilferty

Friday 05/26 St. Philip Neri

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Hoban

Saturday 05/27 St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00am Kevin Kelly by Michael and Maureen Kelly

Rev. Allen Hoffa

Sunday 05/28 Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm (Saturday) Bridget McDevitt by Mary Jo Lewis

8:30am Chester & Catherine Selmer by Greg & Jeanette Selmer

11:00am In Thanksgiving by Antoinette Miccicke

Rev. John Hutta

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this weekend
For Ralph Maio requested by Sandy Maio.

The altar flowers are donated in memory of
Gregory Shaeffer by David and Cheryl Wolfe.



ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP— are available to memorialize or honor a loved one. Cost for arrangements is \$75. You may also have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a loved one, living or deceased; the suggested offering is \$10. To make arrangements for either flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp, please contact the parish office.

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
—John 14:18**

EMERGENCY PLAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—
Training will be provided, See more details on Parish Website—go to Our Parish, Parish Leadership, Parish Safety Committee, Attachments 2 and 3 of the St. Benedict EOP Basis Document. A training session is planned for Monday May 22 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. – If you are interested in being a Designated Person (DP) for Fire and/or Security during weekend Masses, please call Rich Conte @ 610-223-8846.