

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

APRIL 19, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am
Daily: Mon. No Mass; Tues. 6:30pm; Wed., Fri., Sat.
8am; First Thursdays 7pm, all other 8am; Holy Day
(Vigil) 5:00pm, Holy Day 8:00am, 7:00pm
(Please check weekly listing for any changes.)

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday;
all other days (M, T, Th., F) 9:00am-4:30pm.
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 610-856-1006
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392
Mrs. Mary Adams, Principal
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Richard Conte, 610-223-8846 To view plan go to:
<https://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com/wp-content/uploads/St-Benedict-Emergency-Operating-Plan-Rev-00.pdf>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Baptism Preparation Class (Pre-Jordan) held 2nd Saturday of the month. 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 home-bound or hospitalized. Sacrament of Anointing is offered any time.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

O C I A

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If interested or have questions contact Deacon Mark Brezina at the Parish Office.

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
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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Monday, April 20

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC
7:00pm Divorce Support, Conference Room

Tuesday, April 21

7:00pm Book Club, FLC

Wednesday, April 22

6:00pm-9:00pm ChristLife, FLC

Sunday, April 26

8:30am-11am Women's Club Communion
Breakfast, FLC



Ladies' Breakfast

ST. BENEDICT WOMEN'S CLUB COMMUNION BREAKFAST—will be held on Sunday, April 26th immediately following the 8:30 Mass. Sister Nancy Iampietro of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood will give an inspirational reflection. You may sign up for the breakfast at the display in the gathering space. Deadline is April 23rd, so we can prepare for seating and food.

Preparations for Vacation Bible School (VBS) have already begun. This year, VBS will be held from Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. The theme is "Rainforest Falls." Registration will begin soon. We also need adult and high school aged volunteers to help during the week. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kelsey Forsyth at Kelsey.forsyth12@gmail.com or 717 572-2351.



THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY—would like to invite members of our parish community who have experienced the loss of a loved one to a six week "Grief Support Group". The sessions are confidential and one and half hour long for six weeks. The start date and times will be determined by the groups availability. Please call Mary Ann Razzano 610-858-0946 for information. You don't have to be alone as you journey through the grieving process, let us help you.

CHRISTLIFE—DISCOVERING CHRIST—Join us in the family life center for this exciting seven-week series where we gather to share a meal, listen to dynamic teachings and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding the ultimate purpose in life. Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, from April 29 – June 10, 2026. Retreat Day will be Saturday, May 30, 2026

For more information visit our webpage: www.churchofsaintbenedict.org/christlife and use the QR code below to register.



Monday 04/20 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Simon Kimaryo

Tuesday 04/21 St. Anselm

6:30pm Ralph Maio

Rev. Jose Kochuparambil (Fr. Johnson)

Wednesday 04/22 Easter Weekday

8:00am Hedwig Borst

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons

Thursday 04/23 St. George, St. Adalbert

8:00am Henry Mongrain

Rev. David Kozak

Friday 04/24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00am Ralph Maio

Rev. Msgr. Robert Kozel

Saturday 04/25 St. Mark the Evangelist

8:00am Anne M. Beatty Essig

Rev. Dr. John Krivak

Sunday 04/26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm (Saturday) Erlyn "Penny" Phillips/People of the Parish

8:30am Catherine & Chester Selmer

11:00am John Kostrab

Rev. Thomas Kuller

**IN THIS DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR,
PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD,
AS WELL AS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE**

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, Nick Ball, Vincent Bergandino, Jr. Karl Beard, Janet Cannon, Gabe Capafferri, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Lucy Concordia, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Pat & Lew Gable, Louise Grieve, Bob Kacmar, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, John Lindsey, Brian Liszcz, Bob and Helen Macmynn, Sandy Maio, Steve Mammarella, Debbie Mazzarelli, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Frank Newhams, Joyce Ney, Ron Nyari, George Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Theo Polidore, Margaret Pouleson, Dustin Sands, Patricia Snow, Tom Spitz, Jr., Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Rex Voelker, Steven Wagner, Dolores Welch, David Williams, Rachel Williams, David Wolfe, Patti Yentzer and all those who are homebound or in nursing homes.



Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—takes place here at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding at 7:00pm. 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. We also have Eucharistic Adoration on the First Saturday of the month, before the 5:00pm Vigil Mass, from 4:00pm-4:45pm.

Please remember when entering the church or the Adoration chapel to maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation before Mass, as there are people who have come early to pray. Please also be respectful of those who are praying after Mass and move any extended social conversations to the gathering space. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

April 12
Stewardship \$9,174.00 (169 envelopes)
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Mortgage \$2,067.00 (72 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,275.00
Additional Easter Collection \$1,250.00

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

*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend is offered for a Special Intention
 By Marie Noon*



**FIRST BANNES OF MARRIAGE
 ARE ANNOUNCED BETWEEN
 NOAH GUTHERMAN
 AND BROOKE SPENCE**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—A display has been placed in our gathering space. It contains the names and pictures of the students from St. Benedict who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on May 2nd. Please take a moment to review the names and to pray for our students preparing to strengthen their Faith through this Sacrament.



From the Pastor's Desk

We all are walking on our individual journeys through life dealing with many questions that arise, either by ourselves or with others. Sometimes it is difficult to deal with our questions. Sometimes our questions are difficult. Sometimes our difficulties cause us to question. Many times we ask, "Where is God in all of this?"

Today we find this group of disciples at first failing to recognize Jesus and in the end they recognize Him. What happened? Why did they at first think He was a stranger and later come to realize who He really was?

What seems to be controlling this deals with the question of how we see people. Obviously we're not talking here about simply seeing with our eyes, we're talking, rather, about seeing with our hearts. We're dealing with seeing at deeper levels of knowing and understanding. That's something we all know about. For instance, recall how you saw and understood your parents when you were a child. Then think about how you saw your parents when you were a teenager. The way you saw them changed, didn't it? Now think about how you as an adult see and know and understand your parents. It's hugely different, isn't it?

What changed? Did they change, or did you change? I think we all immediately know it is we who changed, not our parents. Their love, care, and concern for us remained constant. It was our acceptance of their love, care, and concern that went through different stages. It was the way we saw them that changed. And maybe the way we see them even now is still changing.

Isn't that likewise true with others whom you love? I think it was also true with the Jesus' disciples. The disciples walking on the road to Emmaus were talking about all of the stupendous events that had occurred surrounding the crucifixion and death of Jesus. They were terribly upset because they had thought Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah that God had sent, and look what had happened! They were dazed and bewildered by it all; they were trying to make sense out of it all. Where was God in all of this, they wondered.

The Gospel account then takes us to the one thing that opened their eyes, the event that allowed them to make all of the connections, the central piece in the puzzle that opened their eyes. It was the breaking of the bread. The critical thing that occurred was when the "Stranger" who was among them took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them to eat. Suddenly their eyes of recognition were opened. They no longer saw Him with just their eyes, but they recognized Him with their hearts. They saw Him with their newly awakened faith. They recognized him because they encountered Him in a totally different light. They saw him now in that event where He promised to be with them always.

Knowledge, you see, isn't based simply on the acquisition of facts, information, and data. True knowledge is seeing things based on wisdom and understanding, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to you and me in ways we least expect. May we open our hearts to truly recognize his presence.

God bless you. Fr. Stan



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