

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

APRIL 27, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm; Mon. Wed., Friday 8am; First Thursdays 7pm, all other 8am; First Saturdays & Saturdays during Lent & Advent; all other no Mass.

Holy Day (Vigil) 5:00pm, Holy Day 8:00am, 7:00pm
(Please check weekly listing for any changes.)

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am

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

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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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 homebound 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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Church of Saint Benedict—April 27, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, APRIL 28

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

5:00pm-9:00pm ChristLife, FLC/Conference Room

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30am-12:30pm Hospitality Sunday, FLC

CGS CATECHISTS NEEDED—Catechesis of The Good Shepherd (CGS) is a religious education experience involving children and specially trained adults in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for children called the Atrium. We welcome children from 3 to 12 years old (end of sixth grade). To be an instructor, you will need to attend a Faith Formation course. There is a course for catechists at the beginning of June. Enrollment deadline is the first week of May. For more information, please call Valerie Christo, DRE at 484-269-8744.

ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS—

Donald McHugh, Carolyn Reagan, John Reagan II, John Reagan III, Dodi Reagan, Kyle Reagan, Ruth Wilke.

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.



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 1 1/2 hours 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 and to register. You don't have to be alone as you journey through the grieving process, let us help you. Meetings are confidential.



Monday 04/28 St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de Montfort
8:00am Gerald Razzano by Tim & Robinn Reidel

Rev. Thomas Koons

Tuesday 04/29 St. Catharine of Siena
6:30pm Barry Kreisner by John & Mimi Frank
Rev. David Kozak

Wednesday 04/30 St. Pius V
8:00am Eugene C. Raser Sr. by Sharon Helms
Rev. Msgr. Robert Kozel

Thursday 05/01 St. Joseph the Worker
7:00pm John Kostrab by Maureen Odenwelder
Rev. Daniel Kravatz

Friday 05/02 St. Athanasius
8:00am Virginia Denisi by Jim Pleitner
Dr. Rev. John Krivak

Saturday 05/03 Sts. Philip and James
8:00am Deacon Richard Horst by John & Mimi Frank
Rev. Thomas Kuller

Sunday 05/04 Third Sunday of Easter
5:00pm (Saturday) Mirella Ann Seymour by the Welch Family
8:30am Francis Yuschalk by Stanley & Marie Blimline and
People of the Parish
11:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society
Rev. Matthew Kuna

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE,
ESPECIALLY IN OUR DIOCESE.**

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Pope Francis, Jack Anton, Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Louise Grieve, Fred Harding, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Larry Jenne, Bob & Cecelia Kacmar, Rev. Speratus Kamanzi AJ, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Sandy Maio, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Theo Polidore, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Rex Voelker, Steven Wagner, Dolores Welch, Don Witman, David Williams, Rachel Williams, Josephine 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.

HELP NEEDED *We are in need of adorers to fill in when those who are regularly scheduled are unavailable. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord. Is Jesus calling you? Please contact Diane Arnold at 610-470-6616.*

*Thank you for
your generous gifts!*



April 20

Stewardship \$7,430.00 (137 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$4,360.00

Easter Collection (to date) \$15,721.00

Mortgage \$1,255.00 (48 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$940.00

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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—We will be having a special program at St. Benedict's to celebrate Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 27th from 12 noon-3pm. It will be a time for mercy, a time set aside to pray as a parish family.

Receive the graces and indulgences promised. The afternoon will include Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, litany prayers, a reflection by Deacon Brezina and praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

CARD SHOWER—Sister Helen Marie Gates IHM will be celebrating her 70th anniversary as a Religious Sister with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It would be wonderful if her friends from St. Benedict would shower her with greetings and well-wishes on such a momentous milestone anniversary. Please send your cards to her at:

Sister Helen Marie Gates, IHM
Annunciation Convent
229 W. Cherry Street
Shenandoah, PA 17976-2210



From the Pastor's Desk



In the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter occurred on April 30th. On that day, the Holy Father, St. John Paul II, canonized Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was only 33 years old when she died in 1938. She spent most of her life in convents in Poland. Yet her life has made a profound impact upon the world. In 1931 she had a vision of Jesus as the King of Divine Mercy, wearing a white gown and having white and red rays flowing from His side. She was told to paint this picture and under it put the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." She was to be an apostle of the Mercy of God, letting the world know about the compassion of the Lord.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of Baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy personified." Saint John Paul II said that this was a needed message for the people who had witnessed the sufferings of millions during the last century.

St. John Paul II concluded the canonization homily by saying, "And you Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the Risen Christ, let us make your prayer of trusting abandonment our own, and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you!" God bless you. Fr. Stan



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend
burns in memory of Mark Hafer
by Lorraine & Walter Hafer*

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE - Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council is offering two \$500 scholarships each to LaSalle Academy and Berks Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 school year. The scholarships are open to members of Church of St. Benedict. Applications are available in the church gathering space. The deadline for returning completed applications is May 15, 2025.





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