

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

APRIL 6, 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

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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:

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Church of Saint Benedict—April 6, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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

MONDAY, APRIL 7

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10/11

St. Vincent de Paul, packing holiday boxes

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

5:00-6:30pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, FLC

*For those who wish to send Msgr. Domin
a get well card or a note of encouragement,
his mailing address is:*

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church
4049 Hartley Ave., Easton, PA 18045*

The History of St Benedict's Church 70th anniversary book is available for purchase. Please see any of the following members of the History Committee for a copy: Sylvia Firth, Rich Conte, Ellie Albright, Matt Reagan or Mark Schrum.

EASTER EGG HUNT—Donations of candy are being accepted for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday) immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Candy may be placed in the marked box in the gathering space.



HOLIDAY BASKETS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of ham roasts, whole turkeys, and the following canned goods for the Easter meal distribution April 11th and 12th: peas, cranberry sauce, and family-sized cans of yams, fruit and soup. Please put the meat in the refrigerator in the educational wing, and the canned goods on the table nearby. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS' NEWS—The next fish fry will be on Friday, April 11th. Orders will be taken in the gathering space. Orders are also being taken for the next delivery of crab cakes. We are in need of donations for raffle baskets and door prizes as a part of the golf outing, June 13th. Any reasonable gift will be acceptable and can be placed with other gifts to form a raffle basket. Contact Rich Conte 610-223-8846 for pickup arrangements.



Monday 04/07 St. John Baptist de la Salle
8:00am Dorothy Bedics by Charlie & Ellie Albright
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Hoban

Tuesday 04/08 Lenten Weekday
6:30pm Richard Sweigart by Pat & Lew Gable
Rev. Allen Hoffa

Wednesday 04/09 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Stanley Puwalski by John & Mimi Frank
Rev. John Hutta

Thursday 04/10 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Alexander Dvorshak by Regina Dvorshak
Very Rev. Augustine Idra

Friday 04/11 St. Stanislaus
8:00am Hary & Emma Gallen by Jack Mitnacht
Rev. Francis Iroot

Saturday 04/12 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Eugene C. Raser Sr. by the Seven Sisters
Rev. Guency Isaac

Sunday 04/13 Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday
5:00pm(Saturday) Groff & Mazzarelli Families by Debbie Mazzarelli
8:30am Catherine & Chester Selmer by Greg & Jeanette Selmer
11:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society
Rev. Stephan Isaac

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND 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, 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, 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, Bridget Reagan, Theo Polidore, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Janet Teafor, 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 substitutes for this ministry. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord. Any help given is greatly appreciated! Is Jesus calling you? Please contact Diane Arnold at 610-470-6616.*

*Thank you for
your generous gifts!*



March 30

Stewardship \$7,179.00 (160 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$3,115.00

Mortgage \$1,395.00 (65 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,620.00

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



SAVE THE DATE—

We will be having a special program at St. Benedict's to celebrate Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 27th from 12 noon-3pm.

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.

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend
burns in memory of Ralph Vizza
by Ralph and Lisa Vizza*

From the Pastor's Desk



The Gospel for today is a powerful account of God's loving mercy as revealed in the life of Jesus. The story of Jesus' meeting with the woman taken in adultery among other things shows how the Pharisees and scribes attempt to trap Jesus into speaking against Mosaic Law.

Adultery is not a sin a person can commit alone. Why is the woman to be stoned and nothing is said about her partner? This reveals the prejudice that existed then against women and still endures today in some situations. Jesus refuses to support this injustice and masterfully deals with the situation. Jesus ingeniously and compassionately confronts the vicious impulses of the crowd. He doesn't argue or preach. He simply calls attention to their own sinfulness. They are terrified that their sins may be revealed and quickly depart. This is still another 'great' thing the Lord has done for a defenseless and despised person.

Our psalm this weekend is 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'. Throughout the ages, God has guided women and men, helping them to have lives full of meaning and authentic happiness. If we prayerfully reflect on this week's Scripture passages, we should ask ourselves how all of this plays out in our own lives.

We see in the Gospel again, Jesus' compassion for all people. His merciful and tender love reaches all; men and women, young and old, rich and poor. Although His redemptive life and death conquered sin and death forever, He has abiding love for sinners. That includes all of us. Do we have respect for all people; even when we may not agree with their actions or opinions? What are the principles that guide our days? Do we consciously make decisions that reflect our gospel faith? Do we recognize God's providential love in our lives?

The message of God's Word for us today gives us a precious gift. We can truly proclaim 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



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 one and half 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.



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St. Benedict's Pastoral Council Nomination Form

Our parish needs Christian leadership to help make decisions about our pastoral life and growth. Please help identify persons in this faith community who could enable us to develop our sense of Evangelization, Worship, Word, Service, Community, Stewardship, and Leadership.

Leaders should have the following characteristics:

- A desire for spiritual growth in themselves and in the parish
- Enthusiasm about the future directions of our parish
- Willingness to listen, to speak honestly, and to work toward consensus
- The ability to delegate, inspire and empower others
- Flexibility and openness with people and ideas

In order to be considered for the ministry of parish leadership, a parishioner must:

- Be a baptized Catholic
- Be a registered member of the parish for at least three years
- Be a participant in the ongoing worship life of our parish, especially Sunday Eucharist
- Be at least 18 years old

Please list the names of parishioners whom you identify as having the gifts for pastoral council leadership. These people will receive a call to inform them that they have been nominated to participate in the selection process. They will have the option to remain in the selection process or not.

Please return this form by **Sunday, April 27th, 2025** in the box marked "Pastoral Council Nominations" in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your suggestions. Please pray for the nominees in the selection of Pastoral Council leadership in our parish.

NOMINATION FORM FOR LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

I suggest that the following individuals be invited for consideration of leadership ministry through service on St. Benedict's Pastoral Council. I will continue to pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit during the selection process.
