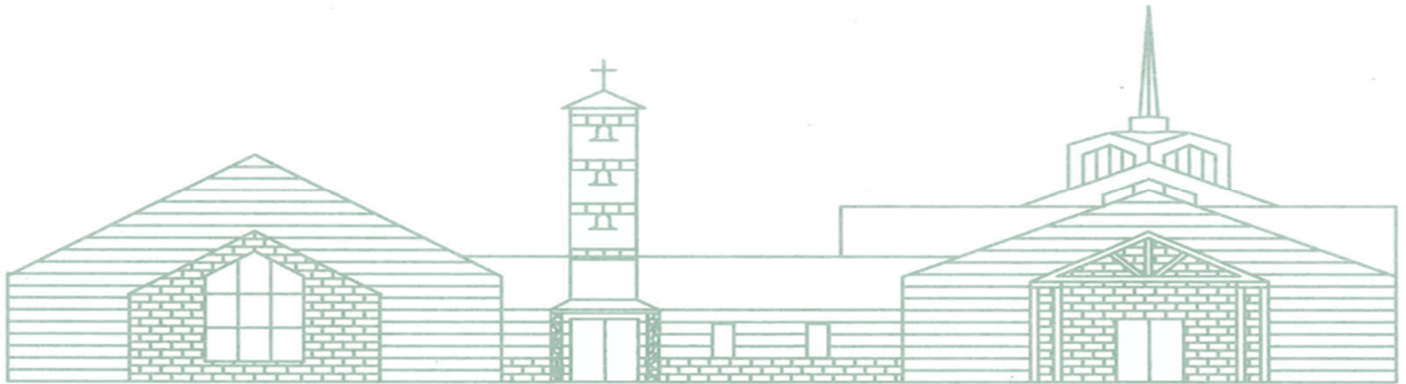


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

AUGUST 11, 2024



## MASS SCHEDULE

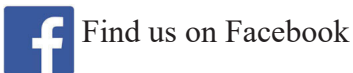
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm  
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day  
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am  
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

## 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](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)  
Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 484-269-8744  
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[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)  
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361  
[www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)



## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor  
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education  
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy  
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary  
Rick Ruhl.....Accountant  
Beverly Perella.....Director of Music  
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping

## CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

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 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 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:

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# Church of Saint Benedict August 11, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT



### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

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

7:00pm Catechist Meeting, Classroom #3



### **SUMMER FESTIVAL/CHICKEN BBQ—**

We wish to thank all those who made our summer festival a financial and community success. While we are still “crunching the numbers,” we want thank those who offered financial gifts, baskets/goodies for the basket raffle, food/baked goods, items for the white elephant, in-kind donations, and most especially their time volunteering to work at the various stands and activities throughout the day. Please know that your efforts and gifts of time, talent and treasure were greatly appreciated. “God loves a cheerful giver.”—2 Corinthians 9:7.

Congratulations to all of the winners of baskets, as well as for the Cash Raffle winners:

- 1st Prize \$500 Kathy Amos
- 2nd Prize \$300 Penny Williams
- 3rd Prize \$100 Amanda Kristiniak
- 4th Prize \$50 Aaron Schmidt
- 5th Prize \$50 John Petrilla (donated back )
- 6th Prize \$50 Patricia Tujillo
- 7th Prize \$50 Jill Gerhart (donated back)

### **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—**CGS

registration for the 2024-2025 year is open for children 3 years old up to 6th grade. We offer sessions on Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm or Sunday from 9:30-10:45am. First come, first served for grades 1st through 6th.

PREP Registration for the 2024-2025 year is open for children in 5th grade through 8th grade on Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm. Please see our church website, [www.churchofsaintbenedict.com](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com) for the registration forms (click Religious Education link), calendar and family handbook. For more info, please contact Valerie Christo at [stbenedictprepcgs@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictprepcgs@gmail.com).

**TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD. —PSALM 34:9**



**Altar Flowers this weekend were donated in memory of Donna Haines by Cheryl McLaughlin**

**The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend was given For the Health of Betty Scollick by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski**



**Monday 08/12** St. Jane Frances de Chantal

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Jojappa Adagatla*

**Tuesday 08/13** Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

6:30pm Ellen M. Slanga by Roy and Susan Teaford

*Very Rev. Luke Anderson*

**Wednesday 08/14** St. Maximilian Kolbe/Assumption Vigil

**5:00pm** Steven Stark by Barbara Stark (no morning Mass)

*Rev. Robert Anthony*

**Thursday 08/15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00am** Lewis & Emma Willis by Clara Lush

**7:00pm** David L. Pasquarella by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

*Rev. Eric Arnout*

**Friday 08/16** St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00am Donna and Blanche Schuchart by Donna and Stan Plesnarski

*Rev. Msgr. Thomas Baddick*

**Saturday 08/17** Weekday

8:00am People of the Parish

*Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker*

**Sunday 08/18** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) James Gates by Millie Kremp

8:30am Robert Lutz by Bill & Diane Arnold

11:00am James & Jean Roland by Joe Roland/Kelly Leininger

*Rev. Msgr. William Baker*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Going away on vacation?  
Check out [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org)  
before you leave to find a Catholic Church  
where you will be staying.**

## **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, John and Elsie Bauer, Janet Cannon, Curt Cassler, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Jeannine Dutton, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Alexa Gebhard, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Karina Kupinski, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Sandy Maio, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Kevin Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Stanley Plevyak, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist OP, John Slanga, Denise Smith, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those 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.

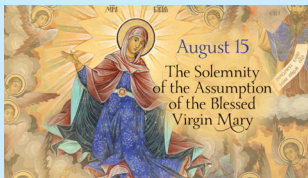
Please remember when entering the church or the Adoration chapel to maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation before Mass, as there are people who have come early to pray. Please also be respectful of those who are praying after Mass and move any extended social conversations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



*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

**August 4**  
Stewardship \$9,037.00 (187 envelopes)  
Parish Giving \$2,890.00  
  
Mortgage \$2,567.00 (85 envelopes)  
Parish Giving \$945.00

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



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**—Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Mass times are:

*Vigil Mass Wednesday, August 14th at 5:00pm*  
*Feast Day Thursday, August 15th 8:00am & 7:00pm*

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**—If you haven't already, please take one of the baby bottles from the Respect Life display in the gathering space. You can fill it with loose change, bills or a check (made payable to St. Benedict Respect Life Committee) and return them to the hamper marked "Baby Bottles." Funds raised will be used for many pro-life activities, including the funding of the billboard on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, just before the Morgantown exit. Your contributions help to foster a culture of life in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

*From the Pastor's Desk*



If you have ever tried to understand what we mean when we say that Jesus laid down his life for us, you know that it can be difficult. And if you've ever tried to actually explain it to others, you know that putting it into words can even be more difficult. Sometimes, we do our best to come up with simple sentences that 'say it all,' especially when it comes to our children. I remember as a young person being told things such as 'Jesus died so that our sins could be forgiven,' or 'Jesus died to save us,' or 'Jesus died for you and me' or one of my favorites, 'Jesus died to open up the gates of heaven.' And honestly, I can't disagree with any of these statements. Our faith teaches us those very things. Yet, I would argue that each of them, in its own way, focuses almost exclusively on the afterlife, on the life we hope to live eternally with God after we have died. This seems to be confirmed by what Jesus says in today's gospel passage, '...whoever eats this bread will live forever...'

And so it seems wise and faithful to keep our eyes fixed on the prize (for lack of a better word), fixed on our sincere hope to be with God forever after our relatively short earthly lives have ended. Yet, I think it's important that we see the laying down of Jesus' life as something that has more implications for us than simply a reward for us at some point in the future. Jesus himself adds, '...and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world...'

Jesus gave his flesh...gave his very self in love....to give life to the world....not to provide life at some point in the future, but to shower it upon us right now, in this time and place, to me and to you. Jesus shared his life with the world in a perfect way 2,000 years ago, and he continues to do so; completely, continually, and without limit. And why? Why does Jesus keep pouring his life into the world? Why does he give himself to us as real food in the Eucharist? Simply, so that we can be fully alive; fully transformed by his love and mercy and compassion and generosity; that is, by his very life poured out for us and into each of us.

And so, Jesus gives us his flesh as real food for the journey so that we in turn can become the Body of Christ; and in imitation of him, give our flesh, lay down our lives, for the life of the world. Think about that for a second. God gave his life so that we might have life. And now he asks us to give our lives to and for others in precisely the same way, unconditionally.

And so, when we come forward to receive the sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord, let us be sure that we are giving something at the same time—our very selves. And may we, like Jesus, pledge to give our flesh for the life of the world; not superficially or in limited or timid or measured or conditional ways, but completely, to every person in every situation.

The Lord Jesus is the Bread of Life. Let us never forget that. And may our sharing in the Eucharist, help us to be life-givers too.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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