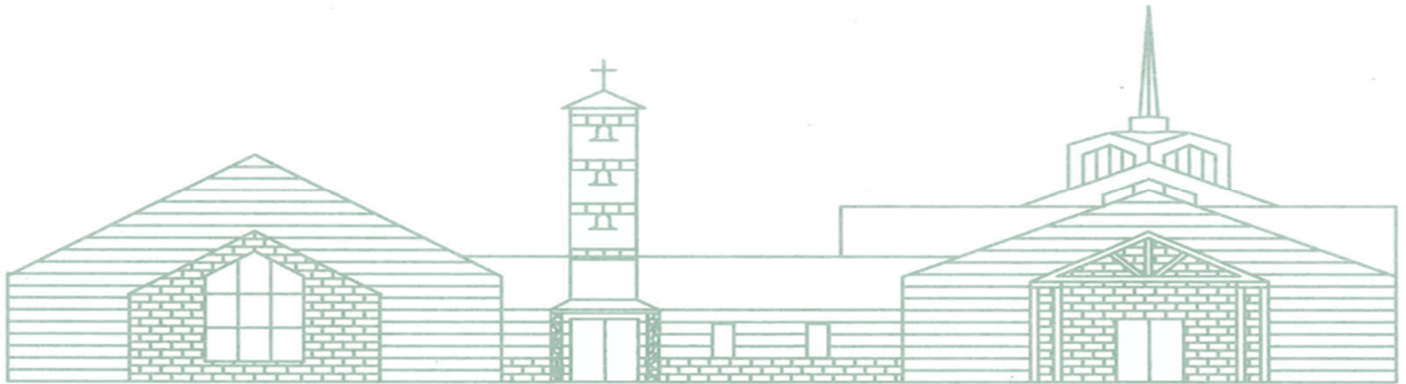


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

AUGUST 18, 2024



## MASS SCHEDULE

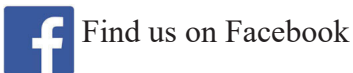
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm  
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day  
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am  
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

## 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  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392  
[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:

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  
Website [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

## Church of Saint Benedict August 18, 2024

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT




#### MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, FLC

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00pm Book Club, FLC

**LASALLE CYO**—Fall Registration is open until September 1st, register at the LaSalle CYO website, <https://www.lasallecyo.com>. Cross country is offered for grades K-8, volleyball is for girls 5-8 grades and golf is boys and girls grades 5-8. If you have any questions, please contact Lyndsey Gable, Athletic Director at [lyndseygable@gmail.com](mailto:lyndseygable@gmail.com). 



**BANNS OF ORDINATION**—Mr. Mark T. Brezina, a member of Saint Benedict, Mohnton, has been called to the Order of the Deacon by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D., Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Mark T. Brezina will be ordained at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, the 14th day of September 2024.

**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).

Looking for peaceful retirement living? St. Mary of Providence Center offers affordable independent living apartments for seniors 60+ in a serene environment. The iSisters, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, invite you to call for an appointment to come and see for yourself. Also available for rent: 2 bedroom/2 bathroom spacious house with deck and garage \$1,800 monthly. To inquire, please email [providence@stmaryprov.org](mailto:providence@stmaryprov.org) or call 610-942-4166.

**THE MOTHER VERONICA RESOURCE CENTER**—an adult education ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading, is in need of instructors to teach basic and intermediate computer skills, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship Preparation. Classes are offered during the daytime as well as in the evenings. You may volunteer as an instructor or as a substitute. For more information please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-706-3570 or at [mveronicacenter@gmail.com](mailto:mveronicacenter@gmail.com)

**Monday 08/19** St. John Eudes

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Alгимantus Bartkus*

**Tuesday 08/20** St. Bernard

6:30pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

*All Seminarians*

**Wednesday 08/21** St. Pius X

8:00am Donald Hammes by St. Benedict's Parish

*Rev. Msgr. William Baver*

**Thursday 08/22** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am People of the Parish

*Rev. Joseph Becker*

**Friday 08/23** St. Rose of Lima

8:00am For the Intentions of our Homebound Parishioners

*Rev. Frans Berkhout*

**Saturday 08/24** St. Bartholomew

8:00am For a Special Intention

*Rev. Msgr. Robert Biszek*

**Sunday 08/25** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Int. of Rev. John Frink by Seven Sisters

8:30am Anthony DelPercio by Rita DelPercio

11:00am John Bonnell by Larry & Alexis Ryan

*Rev. Kevin Bobbin*

### 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 11**  
**Stewardship \$6,490.00 (147 envelopes)**  
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**Mortgage \$1,626.00 (52 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$1,750.00**

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



**OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (formerly known as RCIA) St. Benedict's will begin a new series of instructions for those who have never been baptized or those who wish to enter the Catholic Church. Classes will take place Tuesdays, beginning September 10 at 7:00pm. These instructions serve to offer the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist to those baptized Catholics who never received them. For more information, please speak with Father Stan after any Mass or call him at the parish office at 610-856-1006.



**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**—Baby bottles may be returned to the Respect Life display in the gathering space. 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*

I don't have to tell you how many things about our faith can be difficult to grasp and maybe even seem a little outrageous at times. Trinity, Incarnation, death and resurrection, baptism, Sacred Scripture are a few of our beliefs that can puzzle us at times. Why did God take on human nature? Why did Jesus have to die? Couldn't the Father have chosen a different way to reconcile a broken world? Why is baptism the doorway to life in Christ? Why can't God come to each of us personally and tell us what he wants and expects? You get the picture.

Sometimes we can have a tendency to simply accept the way things are or accept what we have been taught without thinking about them too much. Faith can be a little like that at times. Yet it is often in the wrestling with what we believe that we come to a deeper understanding or insight. And this is especially true when we struggle with the 'whys' of our faith - even though we almost certainly won't fully comprehend God's intention.

And so why Holy Communion? Why would our Lord and Savior want to come to us in this one-of-a-kind way? Why does he choose to be real food for us? God could have chosen an infinite number of ways to connect with us, and yet this is one of the most intimate, important and profound ways he chooses to do so. And that in itself should tell us something.

John's discourse brings home our need for God for everything, and above all, we need life from God. New life. When you think of new life, you automatically assume it will be a change from the old. If you could change anything about your life, what would it be? A better job; more friends; nicest home; higher paying job; changing or mending a relationship...

But how many of us would answer, 'I want to be changed'. 'I am the one who wants and needs to be different'. Hopefully many of us would say that, but the truth is that the number would probably be few. We often sit around thinking, 'If only this was different or that was different, my world would be so much better'.

And maybe that's one of the reasons why Jesus comes to us as real food. You see, the new life he desires for us will never come about by having only the externals in our life change, no matter how much we would like that to be so. No, the incredible life God wants for each of us, a life with, in and for him, is possible only when we are changed, when we are transformed from the inside out. It is when I change, that my life truly changes. It sounds a little like a cliché. and the reason is simple, because it is true.

'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him'.

When we come forward to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, may we be truly open to the new life He is offering us. And may this communion with our God, the Bread of Life, begin to change us deeply and for all time.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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