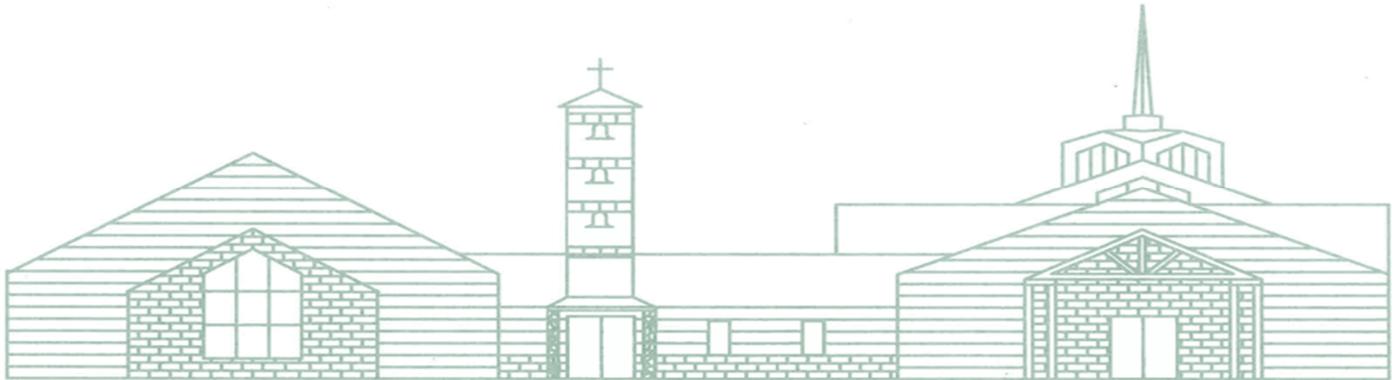


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

AUGUST 25, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

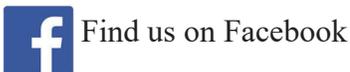
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial
Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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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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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

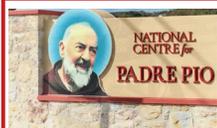


TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

12 noon—Prime Timers, FLC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00pm Security Meeting, Conference Room



SAVE THE DATE!—The first Diocesan Local Pilgrimage will take place on Friday, September 20th, at the National Shrine of Padre Pio, Barto PA. The theme is “*My Heart – A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus.*” The day will include Mass with Bishop Schlert, opportunity for Confession, Eucharistic procession and more. The keynote speaker will be Megan Murphy. Megan is a dynamic Catholic speaker, teacher, and evangelist engaging audiences of all ages in the New Evangelization. She is featured nationally at women's conferences, retreats, seminaries, universities, and youth and young adult events. The day begins with registration/welcome from 8:15am-9am; pilgrimage events run from 9am-2pm, with free time to explore the shrine and Padre Pio museum from 2pm-4:30pm. Come out and enjoy a day of prayer and peace at the National Shrine for Padre Pio. All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited. No registration is required.

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.



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.

MISSION APPEAL—On the weekend of August 31/September 1, Sister Antonia of the Missionaries of the Holy Rosary will be at St. Benedict, seeking our prayerful and financial support. Their purpose is to spread the word of God and uplift the lives of women worldwide. Their first mission began in Nigeria in 1928, and since then, they have extended their work to other African nations, as well as Brazil, Mexico and the United States. Their focus is on enhancing the quality of life for the disadvantaged through the establishment of more than 200 primary schools, 40 secondary schools, and 32 hospitals. They provide education, healthcare, social development, and community rebuilding services to people affected by conflict. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Monday 08/26 Our Lady of Czestochowa

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Ronald Bocian

Tuesday 08/27 St. Monica
6:30pm Helen Reidel by Tim & Robinn Reidel
Very Rev. Thomas Bortz

Wednesday 08/28 St. Augustine

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Ronald Bowman

Thursday 08/29 Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00am John Bonnell by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski

Rev. Nikolai Brelinsky

Friday 08/30 Weekday

8:00am Theodore “Teddy” Rhoades by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Rev. Richard Brensinger

Saturday 08/31 Weekday

8:00am Jane Ann Braddick

Rev. Alexander Brown

Sunday 09/01 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Int. of Bishop A. Alfred Schlert
by the Seven Sisters Apostolate

8:30am St. Benedict Memorial Society

11:00am Janes Darnell by the Seven Sisters Apostolate

Rev. Thomas Buckley

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Going away on vacation?
Check out [masstimes.org](https://www.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, Millie Kremp, 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, Susan Speicher, 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 18**
- Stewardship \$6,538.00 (158 envelopes)**
- Parish Giving \$2,580.00**
- Mortgage \$1,240.00 (60 envelopes)**
- Parish Giving \$915.00**

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



It's as hard today as it was at the time of the Apostles to be a follower of Christ. For the past few weeks we have been journeying through the 6th Chapter of St. John which is often called the Bread of Life discourse. To go to the core of the Gospel today we have to truly believe what Jesus teaches us about the Bread of Life, which is the Eucharist we receive.

What is the bread Jesus is giving us? Do you think its just a memorial meal for fellowship, or just a symbol of Christ, or just a vague representation of him? The Eucharist is Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. To be a follower and a believer of Jesus and His presence in the Eucharist requires full, active, and conscious participation in the Catholic Church. When we answer 'Amen' after being presented with the Body and Blood of Christ, we understand that we are taking into ourselves not only Jesus himself, but everything Jesus taught, stood for, lived for and died for. To receive communion means to be in communion with Jesus and his Church and all the saints who have gone before us. When we say 'Amen', we agree that we are prepared to faithfully carry out Jesus' mission in the world, a world that is so desperately hungry for the truth.

What society may see as morally acceptable is not the way to follow. How certain groups can interpret Jesus' teaching as the popular opinion is not the truth, and the government is not the standard to seek the source for eternal life. Only Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

St. Augustine had a beautiful way of expressing how we should relate to Jesus in the Eucharist. 'Believe what you see, see what you believe, and become what you are: the Body of Christ.' God bless you. Fr. Stan.

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 for the registration forms (click Religious Education link), calendar and family handbook. For more info, please contact Valerie Christo at stbenedictprepcgs@gmail.com.

*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.
—Joshua 24:15*





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