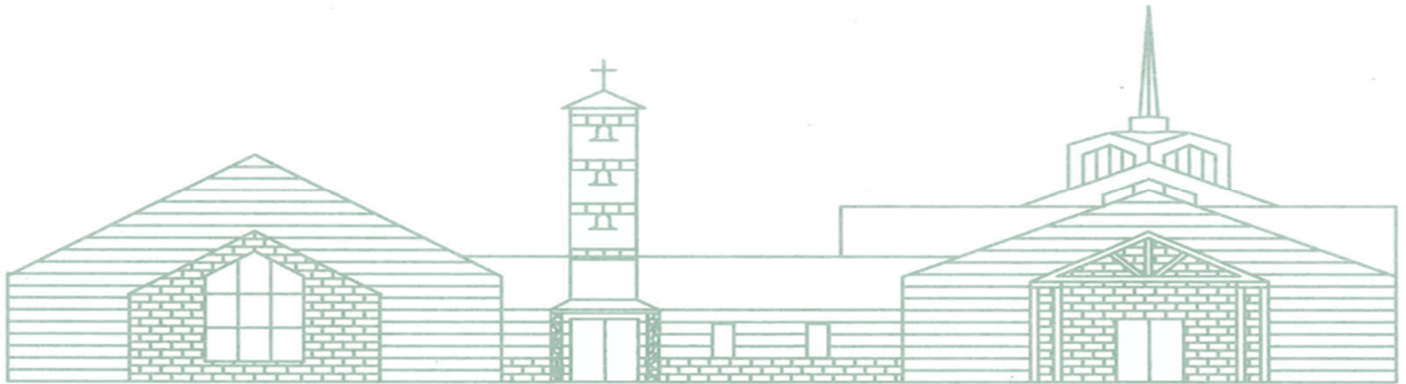


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

AUGUST 4, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

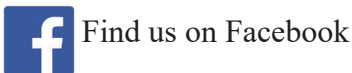
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial
Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
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Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy
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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.

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Church of Saint Benedict August 4, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC



SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WASHINGTON DC—To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the Shrine, Bishop Schlert has authorized a collection to be taken up **the weekend of August 17/18**. This collection will be part of a larger fundraising endeavor that will be used to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal that will begin later this year. All Bishops of the United States have been asked to take up this collection. There will be no special envelope used. Thank you for your generosity in helping to support and celebrate this piece of US Catholic history.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL—Your St. Vincent de Paul society wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, food donations and monetary support with our mission to assist our brothers and sisters needing help. Special thank you to Berks Meat Packing who is always there for our society with food donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation you can use the poor boxes in the church. Food donations can be left on the SVdP cart adjacent to the water cooler and bookcase. Cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and canned fruit are always great items to donate. Our pantry is open to everyone in need, within our parish family, our community and beyond. We are truly blessed by our service to others.



ST. BENEDICT'S HISTORY COMMITTEE—The committee assembling the history of St. Benedict's is nearing the completion of their research. We would like to include a section on our former pastor, Father (now Monsignor) Albert Byrne. If anyone has any stories or insights they would like to share please reach out to Gary Scollick at gscollick@ptd.net or 610-223-1593. We would love to include information on Msgr. Byrne's time with us. Thank you for sharing.

The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend was given in memory of Robin Albright Himmelberger by Charlie and Ellie Albright.



THE ST. MONICA MINISTRY—presents "Through the Hands of Our Lady: A Personal Witness" on Sunday, August 11, 10:30am, at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Hellertown. Seminarian Dominic Civitella will share about his reversion to Catholicism and entry into the seminary. He will also discuss the roles played by Our Lady and all the saints, especially St. Monica. Coffee and donuts will be served. Please RSVP at StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.



Monday 08/05 Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
NO MASS

Rev. Joseph Whalen

Tuesday 08/06 Transfiguration of the Lord
6:30pm Joseph & Jessie Piller

Rev. Samuel Yeboah

Wednesday 08/07 St. Sixtus & Companions
8:00am Dennis Ruano by Joseph Nierle

Rev. Msgr. Daniel Yenushosky

Thursday 08/08 St. Dominic

8:00am Anthony Cuoco by Robert & Joyce Joyce

Rev. Msgr. Vincent York

Friday 08/09 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

8:00am Irene Didyoung by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

Rev. Christopher Zelonis

Saturday 08/10 St. Lawrence

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Msgr. Edward Zemanik

Sunday 08/11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Stanley J. Kmiec Sr. by Stan & Janet Kmiec

8:30am James Roland by Kelly Leininger & Joe Roland

11:00am Joseph Appleton by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Rev. George Ababio

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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, Camille Beccone, Janet Cannon, 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, 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.

**Going away on vacation?
Check out masstimes.org
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where you will be staying.**



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!

July 28
Stewardship \$6,473.00 (145 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$2,845.00
Mortgage \$1,402.00 (58 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,185.00

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

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.

HYMNALS—If you would still like to sponsor one of our new hymnals, it's not too late. The offering is \$30 per hymnal. Simply pick up one of the forms in the gathering space, fill it in and remit your donation with the form. You may place it in the collection basket on Sunday. A hymnal may be dedicated to someone living or deceased, in honor of your family, or anonymously, if you so choose.



From the Pastor's Desk



As we continue on with the Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel, we hear Jesus say. 'Amen, amen I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled.'

Jesus, it seems is starting to recognize that many are following him because of what he can provide for them in a physical sense. Remember, he has just fed over 5,000 hungry people and now is beginning to wonder if people are failing to see the bigger picture, failing to see who he truly is and what he is truly about. Jesus, however, knows that his mission, his purpose, his very being is so much bigger and more profound and more life changing than simply taking care of the physical needs of his followers.

To make his point, Jesus brings up a defining story from their history as a people, the manna from heaven provided for them during their time wandering in the desert. This was one of the greatest moments in their history, an event in which God clearly had a hand. Without it, who knows what might have happened to them? Jesus tells them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven; my Father gives you true bread from heaven.'

Notice that Jesus is talking in the present, in the now, and not in the past. Listen again; he says 'My Father GIVES you true bread from heaven', not gave you. You see, he is talking about what God can and is providing for them in that very time and place., in that very moment, and incredibly, in that very person. When pressed, Jesus begins to use language that they have never heard before, language for which they have no categories, language which confounded them and which we continue to ponder the meaning of some 2,000 years later.

'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

It is not always easy believing that there are needs within us which supersede our basic physical needs. Our own physical needs (food, shelter, clothing, medical care) and the needs of others do matter. And we should do absolutely all we can to meet those needs, do all we can to provide material things for all those who lack the basic things necessary to survive in the world.

Yet, recognizing that eternal things are more important than things that will pass away, more important than our earthly needs, can help us continue to find meaning and peace and joy even when we are struggling to meet those physical needs, even when life is overwhelming, challenging, uncertain, or disappointing. Only God can provide us and every human heart with the things that will ultimately sustain us through the tough times, things that will help us thrive as children of God, no matter what the externals of life look like.

'Whoever comes to me will never hunger'. May we believe that in the deepest recesses of our hearts, our souls and our very being.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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