

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT, D.D.

August 6, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
(September through April) /6:30pm (summer months)
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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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
Rick Ruhl.....Bookkeeper
Beverly Perella.....Director of Music
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Lead: 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 Saturday afternoon, 1-2pm, after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Baptism preparation class held 2nd Saturday. 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 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

R C I A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in the Catholic faith or in returning to the Church. 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

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, John Bonnell, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Debbie Dayton, Rita DelPercio, Richard DuBois, Scott Forrest, Theresa Fox, Anthony Galentino, Jamison Gray, Marian Gring, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Michael Kline, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Michele Levan, Bob and Helen Macminn, Timothy McCarty, Finnigan McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Nicole Miller, Regina Moran, Patti, Eva Annie Paul, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Cathy Steuber, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Samuel Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Bonnell, husband of Alice. May he rest in peace.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding at 5:00pm.

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. *“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.”*

Pope Benedict XVI

EXCITING LENDING LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library is GROWING!!!! Thank you to all the generous parishioners who have donated an incredible number of extraordinary spiritual books. Almost every week the library receives at least one if not more filled boxes of texts. We have gotten so many that the library has outgrown our shelving.



The Women's Book Club wants to thank the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of two more sets of shelves. If the past donations of books continue, it probably won't be long before we will need even more shelving.

The Women's Book Club hopes you are enjoying the many and varied books. There are books for all ages and all aspects of our wonderful Catholic faith.. You may borrow as many books as you like and return them when you have completed them.

Thank you from the St. Benedict's Women's Book Club



Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—July 30 \$7,212.00 (170 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$3,123.00

Mortgage—July 30 \$1,307.00 (60 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,355.00

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



We thank all of our parishioners and friends who generously and consistently contribute to the parish.

Please consider signing up for the Parish Giving program, which allows you to make your contributions electronically. You may choose the dollar amount and frequency of your giving. You may contribute week by week, or set up the whole year's collections at one time. Go to the parish website and click on the words "Parish Giving" to get started. There is even a video to help you set up your account.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you for all of your prayers and continued support throughout the years. It is only through your help that we can serve God's poor. We currently have a need for help delivering food to the Morgantown/Reading area. The need is based upon our call volume and is on an "as needed" basis and does not require a specific day or time commitment. It is ideal for couples or individuals that would like to serve God's poor in this unique way. If you are interested, please contact Bill Arnold (610)470-6615 for additional information or to volunteer.



ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE CENTER—in Elverson, PA is pleased to announce the return of our music festival, MagniFest, on Saturday, August 19th from 2pm - 10pm, featuring headliner and national recording artist Marie Miller! We are currently seeking sponsors for the festival. We are also looking for vendors to participate. Small businesses, artisans, crafters, etc. are welcome. Visit stmary-prov.org/magnifest/ for more info.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP—Starting the week of September 11, 2023, Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries will have their semi-annual grave clean-off. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of September 11th.

Church of Saint Benedict—August 6, 2023

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

8:30am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

Friday, August 11

8:30am History Committee, Classroom #2

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mass times are Tuesday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm; Wednesday at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —AUGUST 12/13

5:00pm

Lector: Mary Jo Lewis

Altar Servers: Kyle Keenan, Reese McClure

EMs: Mark Brezina, Karen Keenan, Ron McClure

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Pete Snow

8:30am

Lector: Jean Ruhl

Altar Servers: Emily Boyer, Mary Rhoades

EMs: Rich Conte, Jim Valentino, Cindy Miller

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Joe Roland

11:00am

Lector: Joseph Leininger

Altar Servers: Joseph and Jax Leininger

EMs: Brock Drahus, Sr. Eileen, Sylvia Firth

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Mia/Ryan

THE ST. MONICA MINISTRY—will hold its monthly Holy Hour at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown, on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00pm. We will come together before the Blessed Sacrament to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Presiding will be the newly-ordained Rev. Alexander Brown, Parochial Vicar of St. Anne Parish, Bethlehem. All are welcome, and registration is not required. For more information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 08/07 St. Sixtus II, Pope

No Mass

Rev. Mark R. Searles

Tuesday 08/08 St. Dominic

6:30pm Int. of Mark Brezina by the Vocations Committee

Very Rev. Adam C. Sedar

Wednesday 08/09 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. William N. Seifert

Thursday 08/10 St. Lawrence

8:00am William Gebhard by Sharon Helms

Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt

Friday 08/11 St. Clare

8:00am John & Marie Sentenac

Rev. Barnabas Shayo

Saturday 08/12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00am Harold Kitzmiller by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Joseph A. Sheehan

Sunday 08/13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

and Janet Kmiec

8:30am James Roland by Joe Roland

11:00am Parishioners Struggling with Addiction/Those in

Recovery by Mike & Maureen Cranley

Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith



**The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this weekend for
all victims of war, terrorism
and violence of any kind.**

CLARE OF ASSISI HOUSE—will be having a Panera fundraiser on Friday, August 11th, from 4:00pm-8:00pm. This will be at the Panera location at 4395 Perkiomen Avenue. Simply present one of the flyers found in the gathering space and place your order. You may also place your order online at Panerabread.com, using the digital fundraiser promo code **FUND4U**. Panera will donate 40% of all sales for those using the flyer or digital promo



SAVE THE DATE—Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, to be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown on Sunday, September 17th at 3pm. If you wish to attend, or have any questions, please email the office at stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-866-0581 ext. 2310 before September 4th.

This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.—Matthew 17:5



Blessed, handmade prayer shawls are available for anyone in need of comfort and prayers. Please contact Sylvia Firth @ 610-286-5714 or email with the subject line "Prayer Shawl" to rsfirth@ptd.net

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

2023—There are still some dates left for this year. You may memorialize altar flowers for someone living or deceased. Arrangements are \$50 each. You may reserve a date by contacting the parish office.



Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends. As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence. Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. Amen.

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