

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

December 10, 2023



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: 4:00pm
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

PREP/CGS	484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office	610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org	
Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....	Pastor
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Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal	LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford.....	Parish Secretary
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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 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 home-bound or hospitalized. Sacrament of Anointing is offered any time.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00-3:45pm 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, worshipping 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Friday, December 8

5:00-6:30pm KOC Fish Fry, FLC

Saturday & Sunday, December 16 & 17

After all Masses—Vocations Committee Adopt-Priest Christmas card-making project, 16th Classroom #2, 17th FLC

Sunday, December 17

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Sunday



What a wonderful time of the year! It is especially fantastic for our church library! We have received four full boxes of books about our wonderful Catholic faith. Our shelves are bursting! Several children's books have been added. Books on Pope John Paul, Mother Teresa, and Prayer have also been donated. Please do some "window shopping" and choose one or two books or even more. Check out the basket of free videos, children's coloring books and books for which we have many duplicates. **HELP YOURSELF!!!!** Have a wonderful Spirit-filled Advent!

— St. Benedict Library Committee

O COME LET US ADORE HIM—On all First Saturdays of the month, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, before our 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. What a wonderful way to participate in the spirit of the National Eucharistic Revival. Everyone is invited to come to Mass a few minutes early to spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. *Please remember to maintain sacred silence.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —DECEMBER 16/17

4:00pm

Lector: Lisa Vizza

Altar Servers: Tim Machion, NEED VOLUNTEER

EMs: Nick Gatto, NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

Musician: Patti Brenner Cantor: Patti Brenner

8:30am

Lector: Steve Keech

Altar Servers: Emily & Lizzy Boyer

EMs: Jim Valentino/Kelly Leininger/Mary Ann Razzano

Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Joe Roland

11:00am

Lector: Charlie Jones

Altar Servers: Evan and Alaina Rementer

EMs: John Cocco, Bo Kusznir, Mark Brezina

Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Mandy Maiers

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please find a substitute in advance. Thanks!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 12/11 St. Damasus

NO MASS

Rev. Patrick Lamb

Tuesday 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30pm Protection of the Unborn by Respect Life Committee

Rev. Daniel Lannen

Wednesday 12/13 St. Lucy

8:00am Erlyn "Penny" Phillips by the People of St. Benedict

Rev. Brandon Laroche

Thursday 12/14 St. John of the Cross

5:30pm People of the Parish

Rev. Keith Laskowski

Friday 12/15 Advent Weekday

8:00am Barbara Silver by LaSalle CYO

Rev. William Linkhorst

Saturday 12/16 Advent Weekday

8:00am Anne Dowling by Joe Piccora

Rev. John Little

Sunday 12/17 Gaudete Sunday

4:00pm(Saturday) Carol Ann Burns by Frank & Judy Burns

8:30am Barbara Silver by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

11:00am Int. of Jonathan Cranley by Michael/Maureen Cranley

Rev. David Loeper



The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this weekend for John Andrew McGinn by Bill & Margaret Westley

ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP—are available to memorialize or honor a loved one. Cost for arrangements is \$75. You may also have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a loved one, living or deceased; the suggested offering is \$10. To make arrangements for either flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp, please contact the parish office.

THE VOCATIONS COMMITTEE—is having their annual Adopt-a-Priest Project after all Masses the weekend of December 16th and 17th. On the 16th, it will take place in Classroom #2; on the 17th, it will take place in the FLC. Please join in cheering up a retired priest by making him a home-made Christmas card. Any teen who needs service hours may assist the children as they make their cards.



COOKIES!! St. Benedict's Women's Club will be holding their Christmas Cookies Sale this weekend, December 9th and 10th after all the Masses. Get your favorites before they're all gone!

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, Jonathan Cranley, Debbie Dayton, Rita Del Percio, Richard DuBois, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Jamison Gray, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Michele Levan, Bob and Helen Macminn, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Nicole Miller, Regina Moran, Nova P., Patrick, Patti, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Zac Schneider, Cathy Steuber, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Maureen Truckly, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, Cheryl Wolfe, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

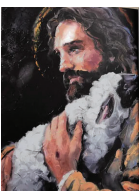


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding at 7:00pm. Feel free to come any time during the day and spend some time in peace and quiet with the Lord. There are some prayer resources available to assist you if Adoration is a new prayer practice for you.

Please remember when entering the church or the Adoration chapel to maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation, especially before Mass, as there are people who have come early to pray.

To the wonderful people of St. Benedict—Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping with the St. Vincent DePaul food drive. With your donations of canned goods, hams and turkeys, 50 boxes were prepared to feed families who called for our assistance at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those boxes fed 141 people. It is because of our your goodness that we are able to make families' holidays a little bit brighter. We are truly blessed with the best.

ADVENT FISH FRY - The Knights of Columbus Annual Advent Fish Fry will take place on Friday, December 15th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the FLC. Dine in or take out is available. Tickets are \$15 for an adult meal, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life charities of the Council. This is the last weekend to order your dinners.



Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care. —Isaiah 40-11



Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—December 3 \$ 11,481.00 (184 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$ 4,280.00

Mortgage—December 3 \$ 1,813.00 (72 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$ 1,250.00

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

BREAKFAST SUNDAY—Join us Sunday morning December 17th from 8:30-11am in the Family Life Center. The menu this month features pancakes and sausage or Eggs St. Benedict. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BENEDICT

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, **December 19th** from 5:30-6:15pm; 7:00-7:45pm
Thursday, **December 21st** from 4:30pm-5:15pm
and 7:00-7:45pm
(There will be no Advent Penance Service)

SPECIAL EVENT—CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday **December 10th** at 2:00pm
Christmas Concert, featuring two choirs,
2 guest soloists, instrumentals and congregational singing.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24th—4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
Monday, December 25th—10:00am

JANUARY 1, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Regular Sunday Morning Mass Schedule
Sunday, December 31st 8:30am & 11:00am
Monday Morning **January 1st** 9:00am
(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
There is no vigil Mass on Sunday evening, December 31st.)





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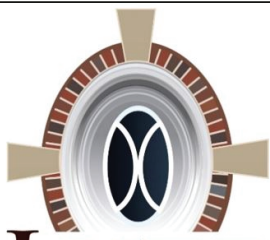
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