

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DECEMBER 15, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

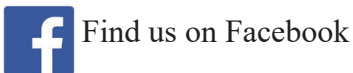
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday;
all other days (M, T, Th., F) 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
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
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Church of Saint Benedict December 15, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00pm St. Benedict Book Club, FLC



Monday 12/16 Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Gregory Pendergraft

Tuesday 12/17 Late Advent Weekday

6:30pm Floss Pleitner by Antoinette Miccicke

Rev. John Pendzick

Wednesday 12/18 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Joseph Appleton by Debbie Mazzarelli

Rev. Dominic Pham

Thursday 12/19 Late Advent Weekday

5:30pm Joseph Burns by the Knights of Columbus #14654

Rev. Quyet Pham

Friday 12/20 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Groff & Mazzarelli Families by Debbie Mazzarelli

Rev. Robert Potts

Saturday 12/21 St. Peter Canisius

8:00am Special Intention

Rev. Msgr. Stephen Radocha

Sunday 12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00pm(Saturday) Floss Pleitner by the Cursillo Group

8:30am Thomas Doherty by Ann Doherty

11:00am Floss Pleitner by Mark & Teri Hettinger

Rev. Miguel Ramirez

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE,
ESPECIALLY IN OUR DIOCESE.**



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS—During Advent, Fr. Stan will be available for Confessions every Saturday from **3:30pm-4:45 pm**, as well as 30 minutes before each Mass on Sunday morning (**7:45am-8:15am and 10:15am-10:45am**). The Christmas Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve—4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day— 10:00am



BREAKFAST SUNDAY—will take place on Sunday, December 15th from 8:30-11:30am in the FLC. Menu choices are pancakes and sausage or creamed chipped beef. Come out and enjoy a tasty home-cooked meal with your fellow parishioners!

ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE—The Sisters and staff invite you to a “Cookies with Santa” event on Sunday, December 15th, at 2:00pm. This will include gingerbread decorating, hot chocolate, and a visit from a Victorian Santa Claus. Cost for this event is \$20 per family.



The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns in memory of Robert Focht by his parents.

USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES—There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the main church entrance for ushers for all the Christmas Masses.

If you know you will be attending, please be sure to add your name to the sheet. We will have the following Christmas Masses: **Christmas Eve 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm. Christmas Day will be at 10:00am.** Thank you for offering to help!



USHERS

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, Gerald Braddick, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Jeanie Hauck, Joseph Hunter, Beth Kase, Millie Kremp, 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, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Stanley Plevyak, Gene Raser, Sr., Bridget Reagan, Vincent Rodgers, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Janet Teafor, Ted Teafor Jr., Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, David Williams, 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



Advent is a time to wait and to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. What exactly does that mean? Advent is more than just waiting for the One who will once again teach us right from wrong. If you think about it, we really don't need Jesus to tell us not to steal. We don't need the Lord to tell us not to hoard our things and money. We don't need the Son of God to tell us to stop cheating one another.

What we need is a Savior - someone to change everything in this life and the life to come. And so, as we journey these last nine days of Advent, as we reflect on our own spiritual journey - let us not reduce our faith to simply accepting a bunch of rights and wrongs. Non-believers can do that much, and not surprisingly often as good or better than us. No, our faith is so much more than that. Rather, let us make sure that we are waiting for a person - someone to meet, someone to get to know, someone to embrace, someone to build a relationship with who will transform us from the inside out in ways we can't imagine.

And then the things we already know in our hearts, the 'right from the wrong' that we know deep within, will be strengthened and illuminated for a life of great meaning and beauty and joy and purpose...a life of profound kindness and generosity and mercy and love.

That's what an intimate bond, a true friendship, an authentic relationship with Jesus provides - a life no longer simply lived as a joyless quest to obey a bunch of do's and don'ts. Rather our whole lives will be a grateful response to our God who loved us first, a God who refused to remain far from us, a God who shows us His face in the person of Jesus. And so, let's fall in love with Him this Christmas. It's really just as simple as that. If we do, a lot of other things - the choices we make each day - will take care of themselves. John the Baptist understood that as he was preparing the way of the Lord. May we come to believe that too. 'Gaudete' (Rejoice).

God bless you,
Father Stan.

ALTAR FLOWERS—The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is now open. You may offer flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You may also offer them for a special occasion, such as a wedding anniversary. The calendar will be placed on the bulletin board at the main entrance after the new year, but if you wish to sponsor the flowers before then, please call the Parish Office to schedule your requested date. The offering is \$75 per arrangement.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

December 8
Stewardship \$8,451.00 (170 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,385.00

Mortgage \$1,559.00 (66 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,380.00

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

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



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is still in need of approximately 20 hams to complete their Christmas baskets. Donations may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the Education wing. Thank you to all who have helped provide holiday meals to our neighbors in need!



*He will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love.
—Zephaniah 3:17*



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