

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

December 17, 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

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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.....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 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

Monday, December 18

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, FLC

Tuesday, December 19

7:00PM Book Club, FLC

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- Parents if you would like to have your children, ages 3-12, in the Christmas Pageant, please call Aimee Strick at 610-207-6258. The pageant will be immediately before the Family Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —DECEMBER 23/24

4:00pm

Lector: Pete Snow

Altar Servers: Tom Dobson, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

EMs: Helen Macminn, Mark Brezina, Paul Waterman

Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Sue Hodgkins

8:30am

Lector: Anna Welch

Altar Servers: Emily & Lizzy Boyer

EMs: Jean Ann Leib, Cindy Miller, Sharon Helms

Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Tony Diederich

11:00am

Lector: Maureen Cranley

Altar Servers: Joseph & Sophia Kuszniir

EMs: Tina McHale, Sylvia Firth, Mary Alice Newhams

Musician: Guitar Group Cantor: Sharon Direso

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

NEW HYMNALS—If you have not yet memorialized one of the new hymnals, you still have the opportunity to do so. Simply pick up one of the forms in the gathering space and submit the completed form with your payment. You may dedicate a book in honor or in memory of a loved one or for even yourself.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

2024—is now available on the bulletin board at the main church entrance. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one, simply sign up on the calendar or call the parish office to schedule a particular date. Arrangements are \$75 each.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 12/18 Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. David Lopez

Tuesday 12/19 Late Advent Weekday

6:30pm People of the Parish

Rev. Philip Maas

Wednesday 12/20 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Henry Dawson by David Delehanty

Rev. Stephen Maco

Thursday 12/21 St. Peter Canisius

5:30pm Rev. James Lofton by Parish of St. Benedict

Rev. Leo Maletz

Friday 12/22 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Marguerite Gilpatrick by Jack Mitnacht

Rev. John Maria

Saturday 12/23 St. John of Kanty

8:00am Jill Cranley by Michael & Maureen Cranley

Rev. Msgr. John Martin

Sunday 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00pm(Saturday) Thomas Doherty by Ann Doherty

8:30am Ralph Maio by Sandy Maio

11:00am Bishop Edward Cullen by People of St. Benedict

Rev. Keith Mathur

Christmas Masses

4:00pm People of the Parish

6:00pm People of the Parish

10:00pm People of the Parish

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Oplatek—Polish Christmas Wafer—We have limited quantities of this holiday tradition in the parish office at no cost. First come, first served.

The Parish Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's, December 26-29th, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Emails and phone messages will be retrieved during that time.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this weekend in memory of Floss Pleitner by St. Benedict Office Staff



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.

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, 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence "Floss" Pleitner, wife of Jim. May she 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 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.

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.*

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sharing the gifts
we have been given

*Thank you for your
generous gifts!*

Stewardship—December 10 \$ 8,731.00 (160 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$ 4,280.00

Mortgage—December 10 \$ 2,216.00 (60 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,530.00

**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.)

Additional Confession times at local parishes:

Sunday, December 17th at 7:00pm Holy Guardian Angels
Monday, December 18th at 7pm St. Catherine's
Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm St. Ignatius Loyola





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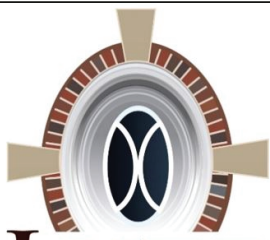
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