

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

December 24, 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](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)

Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 484-269-8744

LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

[www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)



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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor

Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education

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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, 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

Website [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS —DECEMBER 30/31**

**4:00pm**

**Lector:** Mary Jo Lewis

**Altar Servers:** Cooper Whitely, NEED VOLUNTEER

**EMs:** Joe & Carol Hojnacki, Rich Conte

**8:30am**

**Lector:** Irene Milligan

**Altar Servers:** Kye Keenan, James Leshner

**EMs:** Lori McClure, Glenn Unger, Mark Brezina

**11:00am**

**Lector:** Chris Mensak

**Altar Servers:** Bryanna Gallagher, Tom Coppa

**EMs:** Ursita Blechman, Nick Gatto, Mary Newhams

*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.



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.



**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

*For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him  
Wonder-Counselor,  
God-Hero, Father-Forever,  
Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:5*



**Merry  
Christmas!**



**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday 12/25** Nativity of the Lord

**10:00am** People of the Parish

**Rev. Msgr. John McCann**

**Tuesday 12/26** St. Stephen

**NO MASS**

**Rev. Robert McConaghy**

**Wednesday 12/27** St. John the Evangelist

**8:00am** Alverda Rightus by the Brenner Family

**Rev. Brian Miller**

**Thursday 12/28** Holy Innocents

**5:30pm** For the Safety and Protection of the Unborn

**Rev. Ronald Minner**

**Friday 12/29** St. Thomas Becket

**8:00am** Dec'd of Groff & Mazzarelli Families by Debbie Mazzarelli

**Rev. Stanley Moczdlowski**

**Saturday 12/30** 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

**8:00am** Ted Curran by Mike & Maureen Cranley

**Rev. Anthony Mongiello**

**Sunday 12/31** Feast of the Holy Family

**4:00pm(Saturday)** Jennifer Welsh by Mary & Garfield Welsh

**8:30am** Kathleen Leininger by Kelly Leininger

**11:00am** William Gebhard by Alexa Gebhard

**Rev. Joseph Muller**

*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered  
this weekend in memory of  
Ronald Ney, Sr.  
by the Ney & Bilski Families*



*If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a loved one, living or deceased or for a special intention, please contact the parish office. The suggested offering is \$10.*

**RETROUVAILLE**—Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage. Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help. The next program will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit their website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### 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 Shirley Wagner mother of Steve. 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 many duplicates. **HELP YOURSELF!!!!**



*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

**Stewardship—December 17** \$ 8,097.00 (172 envelopes)  
**Parish Giving** \$ 3,120.00

**Mortgage—December 17** \$ 2,886.00 (66 envelopes)  
**Parish Giving** \$ 825.00

**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.



## CHRISTMAS AT ST. BENEDICT

### 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.)



**Msgr. Domin and the staff of St. Benedict (and Ossa!) wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year!**

**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.* **SPECIAL NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.**



**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL**—graduating class of 1970 will be having a reunion on Saturday, May 4th 2024 at 6PM at GNA in West Reading. We are looking for classmates. Please pass this news along to anyone you know who may have been in this class. For more information you can contact Theresa (Kimrey) Shumard @ 484-706-4208 or Maureen (Shannon) Walton @ 610-406-2647





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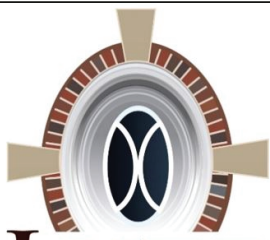
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