

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

December 31, 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

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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

Church of Saint Benedict December 31, 2023

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —JANUARY 6/7

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.



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.

*Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years.
Bless your children at
the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the
bright hope that is ours
in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen.*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 01/01 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Michael Mullins

Tuesday 01/02 St. Basil the Great/St. Gregory Nanzianzen

5:30pm Elizabeth & Andrew Potochney by Terry Grundman

Rev. Elias Munyaneza

Wednesday 01/03 Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am David Coffee by William Cranston

Rev. Msgr. John Murphy

Thursday 01/04 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:30pm Barbara Silver by Sharon Helms

Rev. Kevin Nadolski

Friday 01/05 St. John Neumann

8:00am A Special Intention by Bryan Sztukowski

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Orsulak

Saturday 01/06 St. Andre Bessette

8:00am Int. of Rachel Williams by Peggy & David Williams

Rev. Richard O'nyamwaro

Sunday 01/07 Feast of the Epiphany

4:00pm(Saturday) Phyllis Noga by Randy & Mary Jo Lewis

8:30am St. Benedict Memorial Society

11:00am Harry Mazzarelli by Debbie Mazzarelli

Rev. Luigi Palmieri

*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.*



SURVIVING DIVORCE—a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce starts January 8, 2024 and runs through March 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Church of Saint Benedict, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, PA 19540. For more information please contact Joe Boylan, 610-781-6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com.

MASS INTENTIONS—Please note that our 2024 Mass Intention Book is *completely filled*. It is uncertain when the 2025 books will be available for purchase. If you wish, we can take Mass intentions for **UNANNOUNCED** Masses. This means the names will **NOT** appear in the bulletin but will be used for occasions such as school Masses and Monsignor's monthly Masses at the Heritage. Watch the bulletin for news of the availability of 2025 Mass Book.



Happy New Year!



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, 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 parishioner Helen Nowotarski. 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.

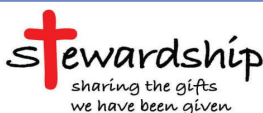
Please remember when entering the church or the Adoration chapel to maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation, especially before Mass, as there are people who have come early to pray.

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.*



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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY—Join us next Sunday January 7th, after the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses for donuts, bagels, coffee and juice. Come join your fellow parishioners at the first Hospitality Sunday of 2024, hosted by the Bereavement Group.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—not available at time of publishing

Mortgage—not available at time of publishing

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.

JANUARY 1, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

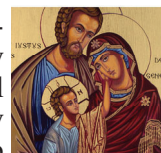
Regular Sunday Morning Mass Schedule
Sunday, December 31st 8:30am & 11:00am
Monday Morning **January 1st 9:00am**

(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
There is no vigil Mass on Sunday evening, December 31st.)



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!!!!**

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY—Sunday December 31 is the Feast of the Holy Family. During the Prayer of the faithful at all Masses, we will dedicate our families to the Holy Family, using a prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. This is an annual tradition in our parish, offered by our own Knights of Columbus Council to promote holy families.





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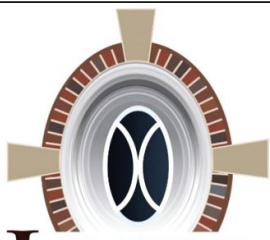
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