

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DECEMBER 8, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

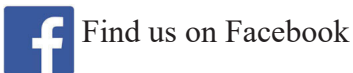
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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.
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
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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 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:

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Church of Saint Benedict December 8, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2:00pm Christmas Concert, in church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 & SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

Adopt-A-Priest Christmas Card Making, FLC after all Masses

Women's Club Cookie Sale, also after all Masses

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30-11:30am Breakfast Sunday, featuring pancakes and sausage or creamed chipped beef



Monday 12/09 Feast of the Immaculate Conception BVM

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Roy & Susan Teaford

7:00pm Mary Messner by Melanie Yost

Very Rev. Anthony Mongiello

Tuesday 12/10 Our Lady of Loreto

6:30pm Matthew Trimbur by Stan & Janet Kmiec

Rev. Michael Mullins

Wednesday 12/11 St. Damasus

8:00am Intention of Joe Fifelski by Adam Scheidel

Rev. Kevin Nadolski

Thursday 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30pm People of the Parish

Rev. Van-Vien Nguyen

Friday 12/13 St. Lucy

8:00am Marci Alti by Patti Brenner

Rev. Richard O'Nyamwaro

Saturday 12/14 St. John of the Cross

8:00am Joseph Appleton by Antoinette Miccicke

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Orsulak

Sunday 12/15 Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm(Saturday) Carol Ann Burns by Frank & Judy Burns

8:30am Floss Pleitner by Joy & Lee Bandy

11:00am Intention of Bridget DeCesare by Adam Scheidel

Rev. Luigi Palmieri

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this weekend in memory of Ralph Maio, by Sandy Maio.

ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE—The Sisters and staff invite you to some upcoming holiday events. There will be tours of the mansion on Saturday, December 14th from 11am-3pm, featuring Victorian decorations. Tickets: adults, \$10 ages 6-13, and free for children under 6. On Sunday, December 15th, there will be a "Cookies with Santa" event, including gingerbread decorating, hot chocolate, and a visit from a Victorian Santa Claus. Cost for this event is \$20 per family.



MUSIC MINISTRY—St. Benedict Christmas Concert—will take place on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm, featuring the youth of our parish, three choirs, the Contemporary Group and Christmas carols. There will be a Cookie Social to follow.

KNIGHTS' NEWS— On Friday Dec. 13 at 5:00pm, the Knights will be having their annual Advent Fish Fry. Tickets are now on sale in the gathering space after each Mass. Adult and children's meals are available for dining in or for take-out.



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**). There will also be additional priests available hearing Confessions on Tuesday, **December 10th, from 7:00pm-8:00pm**. There will be no penance service, simply Confessions. Christmas Mass times will be: Christmas Eve—4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm; Christmas Day 10:00am.

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

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 Macmynn, 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 Teaford, Ted Teaford 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



We all want things. Yet I don't have to tell you that we don't always get what we want. Sometimes, if we're being honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we don't always get what we want simply because we don't want it badly enough.

How many of us want to lose weight, but don't want to exercise and eat right? How many of us want the 'A,' but don't want to do the homework? Wanting something is one thing. Doing what it takes to get what we want is something different altogether.

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths'. So says John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the desert, trying to get people to be ready for the imminent coming of God. He tells them to 'make straight their paths,' in other words, 'make sure that you are making it easy for God to get to you, make sure that there are no obstacles in his way.' Put another way, it's as if John is telling them that God will do his part, but they need to do theirs.

God is coming. That much is true. And you know, that's what Advent is all about. Yet, we are not simply preparing to remember what God did 2000 years ago. Rather, we are getting ready for Jesus to be born once again; in our hearts, in our lives, in our world. God is coming.

How badly do we want him? That seems like a silly question. Who wouldn't want God? Yet maybe the answer is not as simple as we think.

Do we still want God - if it means that we have to forgive those who have hurt us the most? Do we still want God - if it means that we need to be incredibly generous with the poor and those in need; and not simply once in a while, but as a way of life? Do we still want God - if it means we need to be a people of peace and not violence, mercy and not revenge? Do we still want God - if it means we have to be faithful to our responsibilities, honest and diligent at work, patient with those who annoy us, understanding to those who are different from us, and compassionate to those who are hurting?

That beautiful babe born in Bethlehem wants something as well. He wants to be reborn in us. God wants to come into our lives to change us, transform us, re-fashion us in the way he created us to be and died for us to be. That means that God has certain wants and expectations of us (if I can be so bold to use that kind of language about God). God wants us to forgive more. God wants us to give more. God wants us to love more. And so, in saying yes to, do we truly want God; we are saying yes to so many other things; to a whole new way of seeing, acting and being.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

December 1
Stewardship \$6,489.00 (150 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$3,955.00

Mortgage \$1,833.00 (67 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,570.00

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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—This year, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, falls on a Sunday. Because of this, the feast day has been moved to Monday, December 9th. *This date will still be a Holy Day of Obligation.* There will be **NO** Vigil Mass on Sunday evening, December 8th. However, there will be 2 Masses on Monday, December 9th at 8:00am and 7:00pm.



SAVE THE DATE— March for Life in Washington DC on **Friday, January 24, 2025**. St. Benedict's will be hosting a bus to the event. More details to follow.

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!





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