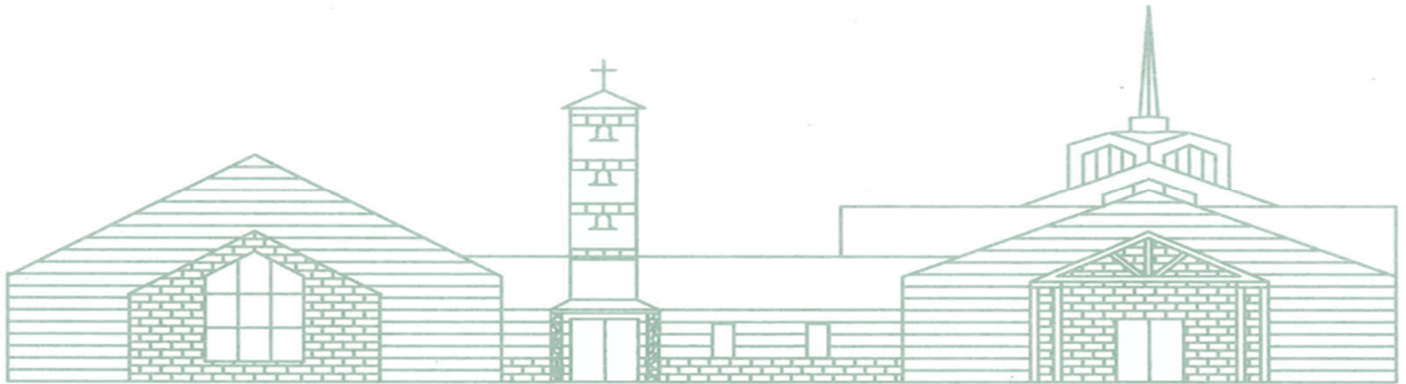


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm; Mon. Wed., Friday 8am; First Thurs. 7pm, all other 8am; First Saturday: 8:00am; , all other no Mass

Holy Day (Vigil) 5:00pm, Holy Day 8:00am, 7:00pm  
(Please check weekly listing for any changes.)

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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## CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Richard Conte, 610-223-8846 To view plan go to:  
<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 Deacon Mark Brezina at the Parish Office.

## 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—February 16, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC  
7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00pm St. Benedict Book Club, FLC



**Monday 02/17** Seven Founders of the Servite Order  
**NO MASS**

**Rev. Douglas Burns**

**Tuesday 02/18** Weekday  
6:30pm Rose and Frank Firth by Sylvia Firth  
**Rev. Thomas Burns**

**Wednesday 02/19** Weekday  
8:00am Eugene C. Raser Sr.  
**Rev. Christopher Butera**

**Thursday 02/20** Weekday  
**NO MASS**  
**Rev. Msgr. Albert Byrne**

**Friday 02/21** St. Peter Damian  
8:00am Caryle Wittorf by Sharon Helms  
**Rev. Floyd Caesar**

**Saturday 02/22** Chair of St. Peter  
**NO MASS**  
**Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan**

**Sunday 02/23** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00pm(Saturday) Richard Angstadt by Joe & Carol Hojnacki  
8:30am Anthony McCarty & People of the Parish by Rick McCarty  
11:00am John & Ralph Vizza by Ralph & Lisa Vizza  
**Rev. Michael Camilli**

**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, Janet Cummings, Dan Dimeno, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Sandy Maio, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Edward R., Bridget Reagan, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Joe Sullivan, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, David Williams, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those who are homebound or in nursing homes.



Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



**KNIGHTS' NEWS**—The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting their “Night at the Races” event. It will be held on Saturday, March 1, at 6:00pm in the FLC. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, or \$30 if you wish to “own” a horse. Food and beverages are included in the cost of admission. Tickets can be purchased in the gathering space.

Many thanks to all who participated in the hoagie, pierogi and soup sale last weekend. Save the date for our two Lenten Fish Fries. They will be held on Friday, March 14th and Friday, April 11th. Dinners will be available to dine in or to take out.

**BREAKFAST SUNDAY**—This Sunday, February 16th, is Breakfast Sunday, served from 8:30am-11:30am. This month’s menu features omelets and baked French toast. Come out and enjoy a hot homemade breakfast with your fellow parishioners.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**—There are still opportunities to memorialize altar flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp. You can honor someone living or remember a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary. You can also remember a deceased loved one. If you wish to sponsor either altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp, call the office to check on availability. Altar arrangements are \$75 and Sanctuary Lamps are \$10.



*Altar flowers this weekend are given  
in memory of Gregory Shaeffer  
by David and Cheryl Wolfe and Danny.*

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.



**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.

**HELP NEEDED** *We are in need of substitutes for this ministry. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord. Any help given is greatly appreciated! Is Jesus calling you? Please contact Diane Arnold at 610-470-6616.*

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*



**February 9**

**Stewardship \$4,099.00 (104 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$4,970.00**

**Mortgage \$1,027.00 (47 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$1,760.00**

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

**PARISH**



**RETREAT**

In response to requests on the Disciple Maker Index Survey completed last year, we will be having a Parish Retreat on Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th. The theme is “Faith, Hope and Love.” ***This retreat experience is open to ALL parishioners.*** There will be Mass, witness talks, small group faith sharing, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as a few other fun surprises. There is no cost to attend. If you would like to sign up, please call or email the Parish Office. There are a limited number of openings, so be sure to register as soon as possible. You may also call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

*From the Pastor's Desk*



There are plenty of experts who will tell us how to live our lives in order to be comfortable, stress-free and successful. Jeremiah in our first reading tells us clearly that trusting in human wisdom is disaster waiting to happen. The only true trustworthy guide is God, who teaches us how to live. The contrast between trusting in human wisdom and following divine guidance is described as the difference between a barren bush and a stalwart tree. Like a bush dying in the desert heat, human wisdom is fruitless. Trusting in God endures like a majestic tree with deep roots and abundant fruit. The contrast is clear and profound. We need to choose.

The gospel from Luke also draws clear contrasts. Not only does Jesus articulate blessings to his followers, but he also warns about the woes that come to those who live according to the materialistic values of the world. The contrast is clear.

Considering Luke’s beatitudes about the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the hated, it’s hard to see these folks as blessed. However, although they are suffering now, their beatitude will come later, and it will last. The reason for the final triumph is that they are suffering for their faith in Christ. In contrast, those who live lives focused on worldly affluence and success will end up lost. The world’s values are short-lived and deceitful. Living with Christ lasts for all eternity.

Paul reminds the early Christians and us that through the salvation brought about by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will enjoy eternal life. Because of it, the life of the human family has changed forever. In the midst of our daily lives, we need to remember and live in joy and hope.

At our baptism, we became members of the Body of Christ, and our Christian faith is the foundation of our lives. There is much in our world that can lead us astray from our commitment to Christ. We need each other and we need to come together to worship and to re-dedicate ourselves to the gospel. We need each others good examples of fidelity. We need each other to keep our faith alive.

God bless you,  
Fr. Stan



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns in memory of John Vizza by Ralph and Lisa Vizza*



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