# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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



#### 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 homebound or hospitalized. Sacrament of Anointing is offered any time.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00pm-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

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

<u>Sunday, February 18</u> 9:30am Lenten Book Club, FLC

Monday, February 19 7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC 7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 20 7:00pm OCIA, Gathering Space 7:00pm Book Club, FLC

#### Wednesday, February 21

6:30pm Stations of the Cross in church

#### <u>SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS</u> <u>DURING LENT 2024</u>

<u>February 17/18 Black and Indian Home Missions</u> The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

<u>February 24/25 St. Francis Home, Reading</u> The St. Francis Home is dedicated to providing comfort and compassionate care to people with a terminal illness in a loving, faith-based family environment.

March 2/3 Mary's Shelter, Reading

Mary's Shelter provides housing and social services related to pregnancy, parenting and youth homelessness through preventative work, crisis intervention and stabilization back into the community.

<u>March 9/10 St. Peter's Catholic Church, Reading</u> A parish in downtown Reading that serves the Hispanic Community.

<u>March 16/17 Clare of Assisi House, Reading</u> Clare of Assisi House provides transitional residential living to non-violent women with a history of domestic violence and/or substance abuse upon their release from prison.

<u>March 23/24 Rice Bowl (CRS) International</u> Through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.



Monday 02/19 Lenten Weekday NO MASS *Rev. Msgr. Vincent York* 

**Tuesday** 02/20 Lenten Weekday 6:30pm Theodore S. Teaford Sr. *Rev. Christopher Zelonis* 

Wednesday 02/21 St. Peter Damian 8:00am Elaine Steinberg by Stanley & Marie Blimline *Rev. Msgr. Edward Zemanik* 

Thursday 02/22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 5:30pm Anna Russell by the Keenan Family *Rev. George Ababio* 

Friday 02/23 St. Polycarp 8:00am People of the Parish *Rev. Jojopa Adagatla* 

Saturday 02/24 Lenten Weekday 8:00am Cameron Bruder by Ruth & Karl Beard *Very Rev. Luke Anderson* 

Sunday 02/25 Second Sunday of Lent 4:00pm(Saturday) John & Ralph Vizza by Ralph & Lisa Vizza 8:30am Mary Ann Kruse Schuhwerk by Marie & Justin Haux 11:00am Mary Reilly by Joy & Lee Bandy *Rev. Robert Anthony* 

#### 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, Camille Beccone, Janet Cannon, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Rita Del Percio, Richard DuBois, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Jamison Gray, James Hart, David Hiester, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, Nova P., Patrick, Patti, Beverly Perella, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Zac Schneider, Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist OP, John Slanga, Cathy Steuber, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Maureen Truckly, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Chad Vogel, Wagner, Rachel Williams, Cheryl Wolfe, Steven John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



#### Church of St. Benedict—February 18, 2024



**LENTEN JOURNEY**—Please mark your calendars to join us for our Evening of Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration, on Friday, March 8th, at 7:00pm. This will be a beautiful experience of quiet, prayer and reflection as we travel on our Lenten journey. The candles remind us of the light of Christ and the bright hope we have as we anticipate the joyous celebration of Jesus' Resurrection and our salvation at Easter. In addition, you can sign up for the various hours of Adoration during our 40 Hours from March 17th through 19th. Sign up sheets are in the notebook in the gathering space.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 4:00pm Vigil Mass, from 3:00pm-3:45pm.

"In Eucharistic Adoration, we encounter the living God who longs to pour out His mercy and healing upon us."—Rev. Donald H. Calloway, MIC

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.



**KOC FUNDRAISERS**—You can purchase tickets for the Lenten Fish Fry, which will take place on Friday, February 23rd. Eat in or take-out available. Menu features cod filet, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, cole

slaw and drink. Tickets are \$15, kids' meals are \$5. Crab cake orders may also be placed, for pickup on February 17th & 18th. See the Knights table in the gathering space for details and order forms.

**LENT AT ST. BENEDICT**—Stations of the Cross will take place on *Wednesday* evenings at 6:30pm. There will be three Simple Suppers held during Lent, immediately be-



fore Stations. Please feel free to take one of the Lenten packets, containing a Little Black Book as well as a calendar of parish events. They can be found in the gathering space underneath the Cross. May we use prayer, fasting and almsgiving to offer ourselves more completely to the Lord during these 40 days, so that we may rejoice with Him on Easter Sunday.



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<u>February 11</u> Stewardship \$7,837.00 (179 envelopes) Parish Giving \$5,085.00

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 \$1,560.00

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



#### The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open this Week!

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in!

The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Benedict. Take the DMI survey today at

#### https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b2t88b

Your input helps strengthen our parish. Results help leadership prepare for the future. A report of the findings will be shared in the near future. If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, you may pick one up after any daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the gathering space, where they can also be submitted once completed.

At St. Benedict we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary disciple-ship.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



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