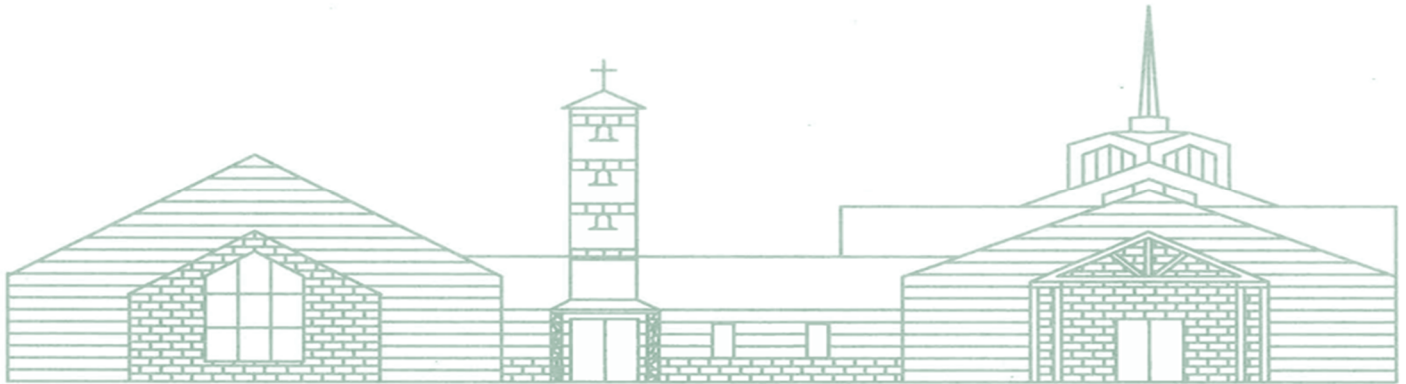


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

FEBRUARY 23, 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

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.
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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 23, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12noon-3pm Prime Timers, FLC

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:00pm-8:00pm ChristLife Committee Mtg. FLC



Mark your calendars! The Annual Holy Guardian Angels Spring Craft Fair is on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 9:00am-2:00pm in the social hall at the school. (3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605). Come & shop 50+ vendors with original, hand-crafted items for sale, as well as home-based party consultants. Take a break from shopping to enjoy the delicious food & bake sale. There will be a fantastic basket raffle as well as a cash raffle-top prize of \$1,000. If you have any questions about the craft fair, including how to be a vendor, please email hgacrafts@hgaparish.com

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH MISSION—All are invited to the St. Francis de Sales (Robesonia) Parish Mission to be held Friday, March 7 through Sunday, March 9th. The theme is “Made for Communion” and will be based on the life and teachings of St. Benedict. The retreat leader is well-known author Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, a Roman Catholic priest and Benedictine monk. You may attend one session or all. Talks are 7pm on Friday and Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday. Visit www.StFrancisRoby.org for more information and the full three-day schedule.



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.

BERNARDINE BONANZA—The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters invite you to join them at the PLEX for their 14th annual Bernardine Bonanza on Friday March 7th at 6:30 pm. This special celebration features live music by the Uptown Band, a full open bar, food stations, a unique eight-item raffle extravaganza called Mission Madness, and an exciting live auction. There is also a raffle for a one-week Disney World vacation for 4 people valued at \$8,600! To see all the details or to purchase event tickets visit www.bfranciscan.org/bernardine-bonanza.



Monday 02/24 Weekday

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Jim Pleitner

Rev. Msgr. Michael Chaback

Tuesday 02/25 Weekday

6:30pm William Wertz by Charlie & Patty Jones

Rev. James Chalangadi

Wednesday 02/26 Weekday

8:00am James Arnold by Jim Pleitner

Rev. Msgr. John Chizmar

Thursday 02/27 St. Gregory of Narek

8:00am Eugene Raser Sr. by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Rev. Msgr. Donald Cieniewicz

Friday 02/28 Weekday

8:00am Mary Messner by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Richard Clement

Saturday 03/01 Weekday

8:00am John Yost by Melanie Yost

Rev. Msgr. Robert Coll

Sunday 03/02 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Marian Yanitis Zielinski by Patti Brenner

8:30am Barry Shay by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

11:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society & People of the Parish

Rev. Remy Coly

**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 Pope Francis, Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Gerald Braddick, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Dan Dimeno, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Larry Jenne, Rev. Speratus Kamanzi AJ, 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, Bridget Reagan, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, Dan Witman, David Williams, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those who are homebound or in nursing homes.



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

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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 16

Stewardship \$5,461.00 (136 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$2,850.00

Mortgage \$1,499.00 (61 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$885.00

**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.

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.



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.

Lent



**Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday,
the beginning of the Lenten season.
Ashes will be distributed at Masses
at 8:00am, 12 noon and 7:00pm**



Fasting this Lent? Try these:

- Fast from hurting words, be filled with kind words.
- Fast from sadness, be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger, be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism, be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries, be filled with trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressure and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness, be filled with joy.
- Fast from selfishness, be filled with compassion.
- Fast from grudges, be filled with forgiveness.
- Fast from words and be filled with silence so you can listen.

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns
for the health of David Williams
by Peggy Williams*



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