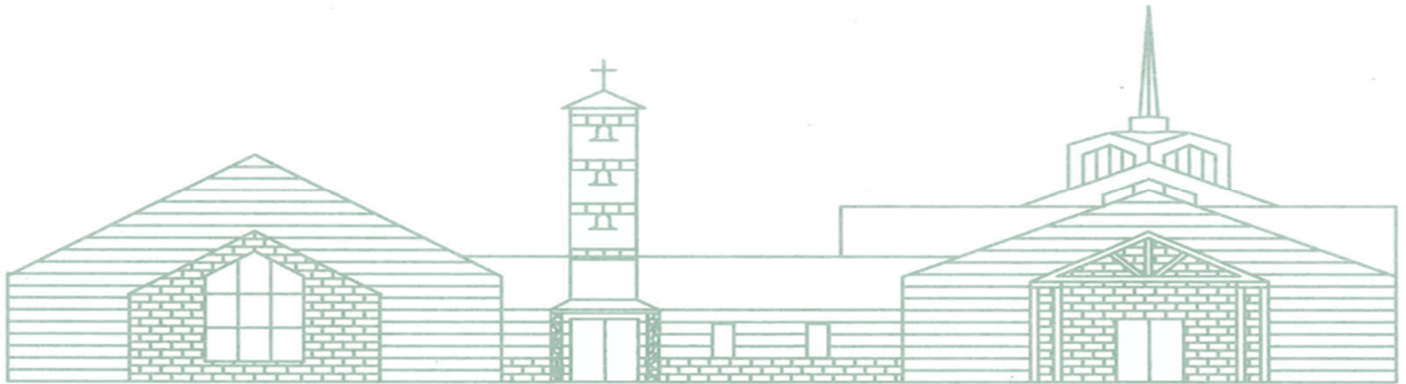


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

FEBRUARY 9, 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
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all other days (M, T, Th., F) 9:00am-4:30pm.
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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 9, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & 16

10:30am-1:30pm Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30am-11:30am—Breakfast Sunday, FLC



Monday 02/10 St. Scholastica

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Ronald Bocian

Tuesday 02/11 Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30pm The Sick and Homebound of the Parish

Rev. Thomas Bortz

Wednesday 02/12 Weekday

8:00am Gerald Razzano by George & Irene Milligan

Rev. Ronald Bowman

Thursday 02/13 Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Nikolai Brelinsky

Friday 02/14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius

8:00am Richard Ball by Debbie Mazzarelli

Rev. Richard Brensinger

Saturday 02/15 Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Alexander Brown

Sunday 02/16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Joseph Donadieu & People of the Parish
by Mary Aschenbrenner

8:30am Floss Pleitner by Robin Ball

11:00am Wallace & Wilma Kompa by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski

Rev. Thomas Buckley

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



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.

Also, anyone who ordered hoagies, soup and pierogi may pick them up after all Masses this weekend.



FLY EAGLES FLY!



KENNEDY HOUSE—It's St. Benedict's turn to serve meals at the Kennedy House. This will take place next weekend, February 15th and 16th. Hours are approximately 10:30am-1:30pm, including serving and clean up. Individuals as well as families are encouraged to volunteer. Sign-up sheets can be found in the gathering space.

BREAKFAST SUNDAY—Next 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.



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.



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.

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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.

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.

HELP NEEDED for recent openings in our Wednesday Adoration schedule. The openings are 8:30am to 9:30am and 12:30pm to 1:00pm. We are also 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 2
Stewardship \$10,424.00 (187 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$3,435.00
Mortgage \$2,650.00 (84 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,620.00

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns
For a Special Intention
by the Seven Sisters Apostolate*

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP—
SURVIVING DIVORCE**—a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce starts February 10, 2025 and runs through April 21, 2025, 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.



From the Pastor's Desk



In today's Gospel passage Simon Peter finds himself in a kind of dead end. He and the other fishermen have been out on the lake all night, and had caught nothing. We know what happens next. Jesus comes on to the scene, invited them to put out into deep water and lower their nets, and everything changes for the better. The dead-end that Peter had perceived was seen entirely different by the Lord. Peter had seen the road come to an end, and Jesus (on the other hand) had seen a real possibility. Peter had been filled with discouragement and frustration, while Jesus had been filled with hope. Peter was 'done' and God was just getting started.

As you well know, life is full of apparent dead ends. That seems relatively obvious. Often these 'dead ends' are in relationships, relationships which have undergone great strain and appear to be coming to an end. Sometimes the dead ends in our lives concern our attitudes or actions that we are longing to change. There are lots of things I simply wish were different about me. Yet it seems as though I'm constantly working on the same things over and over again. It's as if, when it comes to being a better person, I find myself stuck in a rut, wanting to be more faithful, but not really making much progress.

These are just some examples of how we can feel as though we have reached a dead end in our lives. There are countless others. But the fact of the matter is that in the spiritual life, there are no dead ends. They don't exist. Their apparent existence is but an illusion. What I am advocating is more than just a reiteration of 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.' No, that saying implies that the good things in life, the things we want to achieve and experience will only happen exclusively through our own efforts. Today's gospel passage reveals something altogether different.

You see, God seems to be inviting us to embrace two things. One—to always hold out hope that the best things are yet to come, provided we have the trust and courage to move beyond what is comfortable, familiar and safe; to 'step out of our vehicles and press on'. In this sense, it does involve not giving up or throwing in the towel. It requires something of us, a commitment and an action on our part.

The big difference (and the 2nd part of God's invitation), is that we don't dare go it alone; we can't and we shouldn't. Rather, as we continue our journey in faith through each apparent dead end, we do so with the Lord at our side, with Jesus in our boat; heeding his advice, his guidance and his inspiration. And like Simon Peter, what awaits us are things beyond our wildest imaginations, experiences we can only dream of. So, what are our dead ends? What seems to be stopping us in our tracks? What is getting in our way, causing us to stop trying? What nets of ours are continually empty? Let's be sure to see them only as bumps in the road, momentary pauses on a path to lives more beautiful and meaningful than we've experienced so far. On our own we can only go so far. With God, who knows what is around the next corner?

God bless you.
Fr. Stan.



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