

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JANUARY 12, 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 home-bound 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:

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

Church of Saint Benedict—January 12, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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



Monday 01/13 St. Hilary
8:00am Shirley Ruhl by Jim Pleitner
Rev. James Thomas

Tuesday 01/14 Weekday
6:30pm Santo Napoli by St. Benedict Book Club
Rev. Joseph Tobias

Wednesday 01/15 Weekday
8:00am Robert Flanagan by John & Mimi Frank
Rev. Eric Tolentino

Thursday 01/16 Weekday
8:00am Carole Bernard by Pat Perles
Rev. Andrew Torma

Friday 01/17 St. Anthony, Abbott
8:00am Carmela Gormley by the Ippolitti Family
Rev. James Torpey

Saturday 01/18 Weekday
NO MASS
Rev. Msgr. James Treston

Sunday 01/19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm(Saturday) Stephen Bennett
by George & Irene Milligan
8:30am Florence Pleitner by Jim Pleitner
11:00am John Yost & People of the Parish by Patti Brenner
Rev. James Ward

**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, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Jeanie Hauck, Joseph Hunter, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Kevin Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Gene Raser, Sr., Bridget Reagan, Vincent Rodgers, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, 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.

2024 TAX STATEMENTS—are now available. They are not sent out automatically, but you can request one either via email or by calling the parish office.



Designer Bag Knights Corner— Pick up tickets for the Designer Bag Bingo for Feb. 1, 2025, at the Knight's table in the gather space. At the table, also pick up the order forms for the 5th annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale (Women's Club selling Pierogi and Chicken Corn Soup). Please note the Novena for Life January 16th through the 24th.

CHANGES IN DAILY MASS TIMES—Please be aware that as of January 1st, changes have been made to the Daily Mass times. Here are the revisions:



Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am (Monday newly added)

Tuesday 6:30pm (no change)

1st Thursday of the month 7:00pm,
All other Thursdays 8:00am

1st Saturday of the month 8:00am
All other Saturdays NO MORNING MASS

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES—SATURDAY EVENING
VIGIL AND SUNDAY MORNINGS—
WILL REMAIN THE SAME—5pm, 8:30am, 11am**

LIFE AD—Be counted along with other Berks County Catholics when we publish the pro-life ad in the Reading Eagle on Wednesday, January 22nd. The suggested donation is \$10 per individual and \$15 per family. Simply complete the coupon below and mail it to St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 2810 St. Alban's Drive, Reading 19608. Make check payable to St. Ignatius of Loyola Church.

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Parish: Church of St. Benedict

Thank you for witnessing to the sanctity of life!





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.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

January 5
Stewardship \$10,222.00 (177 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,015.00
Mortgage \$2,683.00 (81 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$880.00
Christmas Collection \$23,135.00

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The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns in memory of Wallace & Wilma Kompa by Sandy & Jim Kozlowski



If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, living or deceased or a special occasion, contact the Parish Office. Suggested offering is \$10.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 24, 2025. St. Benedict's will be

hosting a bus to the event. For details and to register, please visit the display in the gathering space.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP—SURVIVING DIVORCE—a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce starts February 3, 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



Today we gather to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a day on which we hear how Jesus came to the Jordan to receive a ritual washing from John, and rose from those waters filled with God's Spirit and focussed on the mission ahead. In a certain sense, his life changed drastically from the moment of this event. Up to this point He almost certainly was living His life simply as Jesus, the carpenter's son, a man going about the regular day to day activities of life. But after His Baptism He was all about His Father's work in a very unique and particular way, work that would change, well, everything, and yet, in a very real way, this day is not so much about Jesus' baptism as it is about our own baptism; yours and mine. You see, when we were washed clean by these sacred waters (either as an infant or as an adult) we weren't just receiving some sort of spiritual 'life insurance policy', but rather were united in a particular and holy way; one in which we share in his death and resurrection and share in his sacred mission, a mission in which we are called to do nothing less than help transform the world.

How can we possibly do that? Jesus is God and we are not. That pretty much says it all. And yet, that is the miracle that took place through the waters of Baptism and which, in a sense, continues to take place every time we renew our baptismal vows, every time we recommit to living our lives in imitation of Jesus. The same Spirit that was revealed to be alive in Jesus that day in the Jordan 2000 years ago is the same Spirit poured out upon us for the same purpose; to empower us and enliven us and strengthen us and guide us in all that God calls us to do.

So how can we do what we are called to do? Love. And why should we do these things, why should we lay down our lives at God's service and in the service of others? Same answer. Love. But don't mistakenly think that faithful discipleship starts with the love we show. It starts with God's love; our incredible God has loved us first. It starts with our God looking down upon each of us and saying some pretty incredible and profound words, words not unlike what came from the heavens that day long ago, 'You are my beloved...'

Everything we do starts with that truth; that God loves us; not a little, or once in a while; but deeply, continually and unconditionally. And nothing we do or don't do can ever change that, from the most serious sin to the greatest act of kindness. God simply loves us, period. And that is what makes all the difference.

And so, as we think about our own baptisms this day, as we reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, let us ask the more important question, 'Why do we even follow him at all?' Hopefully the answer will be, 'Because he loved us first'. Everything else is just a response to that profound, utterly gracious, life-changing truth.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan



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