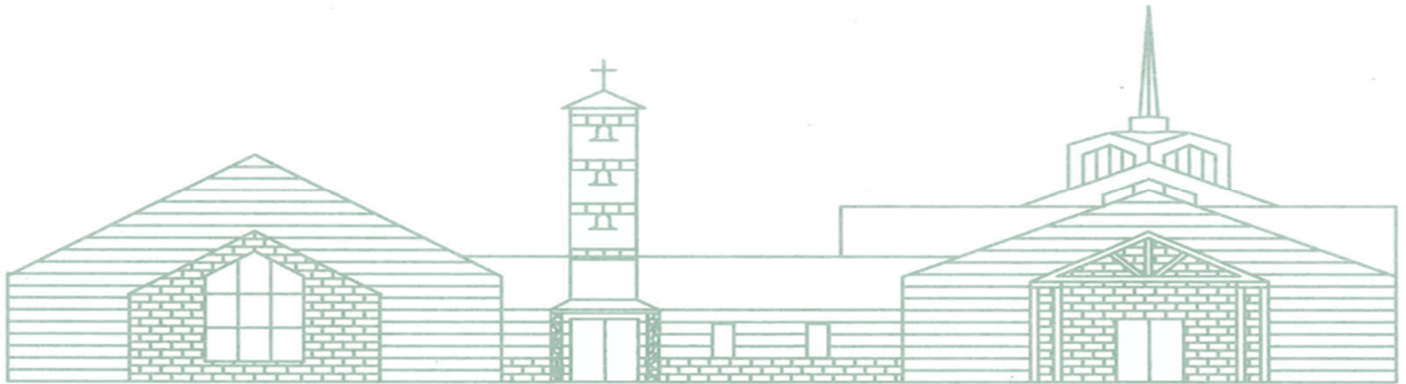


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JANUARY 19, 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 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:

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Church of Saint Benedict—January 19, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30-11:30am—Breakfast Sunday, FLC

*Menu features pancakes and sausage
and egg souffle*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00pm St. Benedict Book Club, FLC



Monday 01/20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

8:00am William O'Connell

Rev. Msgr. Robert Wargo

Tuesday 01/21 St. Agnes

6:30pm Stephen Bennett by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Rev. Leon Weisenberger

Wednesday 01/22 Day of Prayer for the Unborn

8:00am Raymond Radomicki by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

Rev. Joseph Whalen

Thursday 01/23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

8:00am Joseph Patro by Pat Luther

Rev. Samuel Yeboah

Friday 01/24 St. Francis de Sales

7:00am Int. of Rev. John Frink

Rev. Msgr. Daniel Yenushosky

Saturday 01/25

NO MORNING MASS

Rev. Msgr. Vincent York

Sunday 01/26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Anne Nyari by Ron Nyari and People of the Parish

8:30am Charles Goebel by the Netterville Family

11:00am Louis Lanza by his wife Dolores

Rev. Christopher Zelonis

***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, Joseph Hunter, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Sandy Maio, 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, 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.

TRAFFIC SAFETY—Please exercise all caution when leaving the church parking lot after Masses. There have been reports of drivers not looking when pulling out, resulting in close calls with cars passing by the church during these times. Please be sure to look both ways and enter the roadway carefully and safely. Thank you.



Designer Bag Knights Corner— Pick up tickets for the Designer Bag Bingo for Feb. 1, 2025, at the Knight's table in the gathering space. At the table, also pick up the order forms for the 5th annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale. The Women's Club will also be selling pierogi and chicken corn soup.

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**

LADIES, NOT A FOOTBALL FAN?
Join the Columbiettes (women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus) for a pre-game "Ladies' Super Bowl Event" for some wine and cheese, friends, and fun.

Make a field goal and meet other ladies from parishes in the area. We hope you will consider making a touchdown by joining our national fraternal organization too...but you aren't required to do that. This event is in the St. Ignatius Parish Education Center Meeting Rooms from 1:00- 3:00pm on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. If you have any questions, please call Marie Calderoni at 610-334-5736.





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 12
Stewardship \$7,184.00 (150 envelopes)
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Parish Giving \$1,495.00

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

The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns in memory of Rodney Focht by Mary Ann Focht



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 SURVIVING 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's gospel story involves what we call a miracle. It's hard to think the changing of water into wine could be considered anything else. I think that sometimes we get too focused on the fact that Jesus was able to do this.

But focusing simply on the fact that Jesus could, and can, do something can lead us to minimize the breadth and depth of Sacred Scripture. There is far more to it than that. And whenever Jesus performs a miracle in Sacred Scripture, we can be sure that 'what' Jesus does is as important, and maybe more important than the fact that he can do it. So we need to ask ourselves, what does this particular story reveal to us about God?

There is more than one way to answer those questions, but I'd like to consider just one today.

'Everyone serves the good wine first... but you have kept the good wine until now.'

Not only does Jesus transform water into something different, something new, something needed in the moment – the new reality brought about by him is even more incredible than anything that could have been expected. Jesus became involved in the situation and everything changed for the better.

For many of us our lives may resemble that water, maybe a little tasteless, nothing out of the ordinary, possibly even stagnant. And we yearn for something to change. Today's gospel story is, in a sense, a promise to us, a promise that insures that nothing need ever remain the same, that better days can always be ahead of us, and that God will get the final say as to how things turn out.

And that should give us a tremendous amount of hope. Whatever needs to change in your life and mine, can – with God's help of course – and not necessarily in small ways, but in dramatic ways if that's what is needed. However, two things must be present in order for real transformation to be possible. First, we must sincerely desire it. And secondly, Jesus must be invited into the situation – into our hearts, into our minds, into the very core of our being. It is not enough to simply do our part on our journey through life. We must give the Lord the opportunity to do his part, by being truly open to all the wonderful things God desires for us – graces which will bring about whatever is best for each of us.

And so today, we bring the Lord the water jars of our lives, filled with whatever needs to be changed. And with sincere hope and humble hearts we ask him to create us anew, to bring about new possibilities, a new vision, and new attitudes. And as God transforms each of us, may we have the courage to be channels of that same transforming love and power. God always saves the best for last. Let us eagerly await each day God makes that promise become a reality.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



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