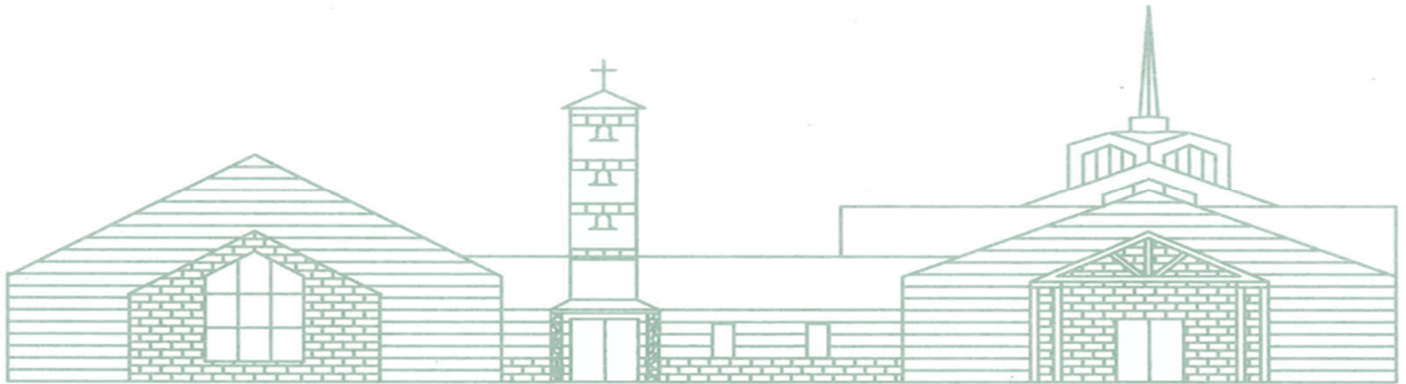


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JANUARY 26, 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](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)  
Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 484-269-8744  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392  
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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 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:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., DIRECT 800-791-9209  
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# Church of Saint Benedict—January 26, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

12 noon Prime Timers, FLC

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30-12:30—Hospitality Sunday, FLC



**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.

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS** – Praying With Confidence For Our Children —Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely. Like St. Monica, as mothers we persevere in prayer for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices praying together, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. Join other mothers, grandmothers, step mothers, godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church. We have three meetings to choose from. Pick one or come to all. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm - 8pm; the second Saturday of the month from 10:15am - 11:15am or the third Wednesday of the month from 9am - 10am. All meetings take place at St. Catharine of Siena Church 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606 For more information please visit [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com).



### **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.



**Monday** 01/27 St. Angela Merici  
8:00am Eileen Flanigan by Joe Roland  
**Rev. Edward Zemanik**

**Tuesday** 01/28 St. Thomas Aquinas  
6:30pm Anne Nyari by Debra Bujovec  
**Rev. George Ababio**

**Wednesday** 01/29 Weekday  
8:00am Dylan Stark by Kathleen Minnich  
**Rev. Jojappa Adagatla**

**Thursday** 01/30 Weekday  
**8:00am** Robert Klumpp by Pat Perles  
**Rev. Eric Arnout**

**Friday** 01/31 St. John Bosco  
8:00am Mary Messner by Jim Pleitner  
**Rev. Hubert Asante Kumi**

**Saturday** 02/01 Weekday  
8:00am Sr. Ann Marie Coll OSF by St. Benedict Ultreya  
**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Baddick**

**Sunday** 02/02 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00pm(Saturday) Sr. Leonora Juliani OSF by Ralph & Lisa Vizza  
8:30am St. Benedict Memorial Society/People of the Parish  
11:00am Joan McCahon by John McCahon  
**Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker**

**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, 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, 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.

## Church of St. Benedict—January 26, 2025



**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!*



**January 19**  
**Stewardship \$5,153.00 (117 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$2,725.00**  
**Mortgage \$1,316.00 (55 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$1,060.00**

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns  
in memory of  
Salvatore Miccicke  
by Antoinette Miccicke*

**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*



Sometimes I think we forget that our faith is founded on a person. 'Forget' may not be the most precise word but this is what I mean. Christianity is not just a philosophy. It is not just a collection of people who say, 'Try to be nice to people and try not to do anything too bad.' No one needs religion to come up with that brilliant insight. And Christianity does not draw its identity simply because we agree on the Name we invoke when we need something.

Rather Christianity is founded, is built, is anchored, rests, on a person; the person of Jesus; the Word made Flesh; our God who has visited his people and who continues to dwell among us through his Holy Spirit. Jesus isn't just the foundation of our religion; He is the foundation of our very lives, of our very beings. Jesus is our God and therefore He deserves our everything.

And that's not easy and you know that. It is so much easier to.....Acknowledge Jesus as Lord...than it is to allow Him to be Lord of our life. It is so much easier to..... Turn to Him in need...than it is to turn to Him when we are trying to decide whether to be generous with someone, or whether to forgive someone, or whether we need to reach out to someone who is lonely or forgotten. It is so much easier to..... Simply do what we want or what works for us, than it is to truly wonder whether or not Jesus would be ok with it. It is so much easier to..... Give Jesus a little... than it is to give Jesus a lot.

The fact is that our faith is founded on the person of Jesus...our God in the flesh...means that we really can't use the excuse 'Well, who can say what God wants of me? Who can say what God expects me to say or do? It is anybody's guess. I'm not going to worry about it'. That just seems like a license to do whatever we want to do. The beauty and the challenge of Christianity is that we actually have a concrete, real-life person we can look to guide us and shape our thoughts and actions. We aren't in the dark. Jesus illuminates for us the way to live, the way to see, the way to think and the way to be. Now, it's true that we don't (and can't) know everything about Jesus. That would be impossible. Yet, we do know so many things about Him. We know what He was about. We know what He stood for. We know whom He identified with. We know some of the stories He told that revealed deep truths. We know about His many healings, and His preaching, and His comforting of the sorrowful, and His reaching out to the lost and forgotten, and His forgiving of those who wronged him. This is our example. This is our calling. This is our mission. This is our God to whom we owe everything.

Our faith is not founded on a few wise sayings or a few moral statements. It is founded on a person. May He be the one we truly adore, worship, follow, (and maybe most importantly) imitate.

God bless you,  
Fr. Stan



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