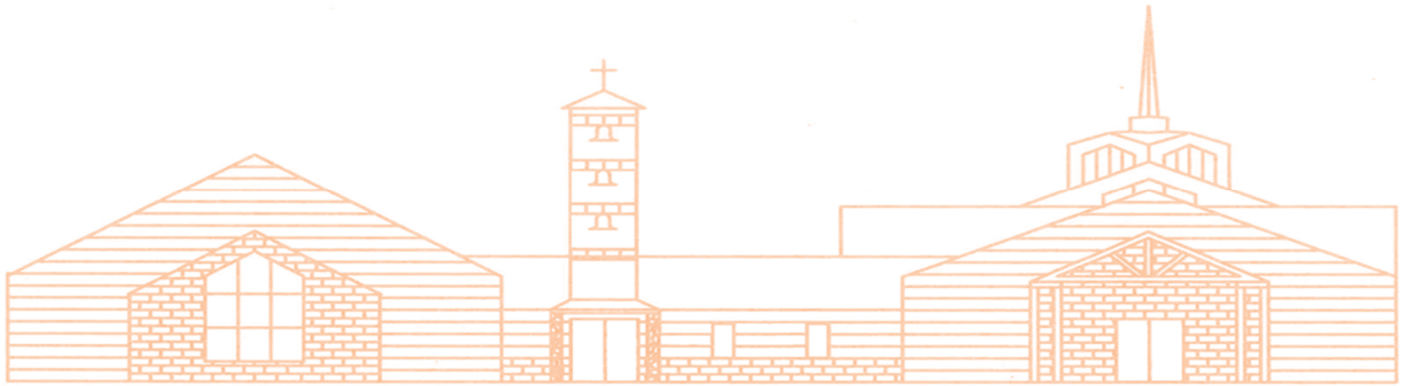


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JANUARY 5, 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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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
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Church of Saint Benedict—January 5, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:30AM-12:30PM—Hospitality Sunday hosted by the Bereavement Ministry, FLC

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00pm Women's Club Holiday Dinner, FLC



Monday 01/06 St. Andre Bessette
8:00am Caryle Wittorf by the People of St. Benedict
Rev. Barnabas Shayo

Tuesday 01/07 St. Raymond of Penafort
6:30pm Harry Mazzarelli by Debbie Mazzarelli
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Smith

Wednesday 01/08 Christmas Weekday
8:00am Marcia Marks by Louise Beard
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak

Thursday 01/09 Christmas Weekday
NO MASS
Rev. Leo Stajkowski

Friday 01/10 Christmas Weekday
8:00am Santo Napoli by Mario, Leann, Christopher and Erin
Rev. Jason Stokes

Saturday 01/11 Christmas Weekday
NO MASS
Rev. Jonas Tandayu

Sunday 01/12
5:00pm(Saturday) John Bonnell by Alice Bonnell
8:30am William & Anna Banis by Greg & Jeanette Selmer and the People of the Parish
11:00am Maria Elena Burrows by the Seven Sisters
Very Rev. Jerome Tauber

**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, 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 **SAVE THE DATE!**—St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Designer Bag Bingo on Saturday, February 1st. Admission is \$30. Tickets are on sale after all Masses beginning January 4th, 2025 and will be available until all tickets are sold. Join us for a fun night of prizes and surprises! Snow date is February 8th.



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**



**CALLING ALL YOUNG PARISH-
IONERS 4TH GRADE AND
OLDER**—Have you received your First Communion and want to serve your church and Christ? Would you consider learning how to be an altar server? This

is an incredible ministry! Learn more about your faith...meet other young people in the parish...and most importantly, serve Jesus! 2 days of training will be January 11th 9am to 10:30am and January 18th 9am to 11:30am. If interested, contact Jim Valentino at bigbuck_val@yahoo.com or 610-999-6647.



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!

December 29

Stewardship \$8,721.00 (176 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$4,715.00

Mortgage \$2,604.00 (65 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,570.00

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

The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns for the Intention of Bernadene Smith on the occasion of her 100th birthday by Rodney and Mary Ann Focht



If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, living or deceased, 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



What can we take from today's beautiful gospel on the Feast of the Epiphany?

First, it is the story of a journey. This is the story like that of our lives trying to seek Jesus. It begins at the moment God creates us and we spend our time traveling toward God, with the help of God's Word, Jesus Christ and the Word of God, the gospel. So all of our journeys are to the infinite.

Second, the kings are astrologers and are trying to unravel the meaning of life in the stars. They might not have absolute certain knowledge about God when they start the journey, but faith leads their travels until they reach the one who will fulfill their desires. The experience of God in our lives is not always obvious, but as we continue on, even if we fall into darkness, Christ is with us because we walk by faith and not by sight.

And finally, the wise men found their way with the help of a star. A single star may not always shine with great light, but it does give direction. We depend on the light of faith and with that is the direction from our God and church.

The wisdom of the Magi was that they sought knowledge and truth. They were willing to journey in faith to personally discover what God was all about.

They did not hesitate to seek help on the way; they looked to the stars and in faith found their way. We pray to God for help, and trust in His answer to our prayers; even if we don't have full understanding and certainty. But we trust and believe.

The wise men accepted what they found; the presence of an Almighty God in such a lowly place as a manger. The magi had a long journey, but in the end were changed. They ended by returning another way, the way told to them by God. In every encounter we have with God, we come away changed. Let today be our epiphany, let today be our revelation.

So when we leave as the gospel tells us, by another way; when a star in the sky is gone; when the kings and the magi are home; when the shepherds are back with their flocks; when the decorations are back in the attic; then the work of Christmas begins; to find the lost, heal the broken, recognize God among us, to rebuild our world and to find a peace that does not yet exist.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



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