

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 13, 2025



## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm; Mon. Wed., Friday 8am; First Thursdays 7pm, all other 8am; First Saturdays & Saturdays during Lent & Advent; 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

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| PREP/CGS   | 484-269-8744 |
| LaSalle Academy Office   | 610-777-7392 |
| <a href="http://www.lsabear.org">www.lsabear.org</a>             |              |
| Berks Catholic High School                                       | 610-374-8361 |
| <a href="http://www.berkscatholic.org">www.berkscatholic.org</a> |              |



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## PARISH STAFF

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....                    | Pastor                       |
| Deacon Mark Brezina.....                          | Deacon                       |
| Valerie Christo.....                              | Director Religious Education |
| Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy |                              |
| Susan Teaford.....                                | Administrative Assistant     |
| Rick Ruhl.....                                    | Accountant                   |
| Beverly Owens.....                                | Director of Music            |
| Rosanne Weidner.....                              | Rectory Housekeeping         |

## 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:

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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)  
Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service  
1-800-276-1562 [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

TUESDAY, JULY 15

7:00pm Book Club, FLC



**SAVE THE DATES August 10th-14th**  
for **Vacation Bible School.**  
Use this QR code  
for more information  
and to register.

**2026 MASS BOOK**— will be opened on Monday, July 21st at 9am. Requests will only be taken in person that first week; after that, they may be called or emailed to the office. In fairness to all, we will also limit requests for a weekend Mass (Saturday Vigil and Sunday mornings) to 2 per person for the year. As always, no personal intentions will be taken for the Easter and Christmas Masses, as well as for All Souls' Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

There are still opportunities for memorializing both the Sanctuary Lamp as well as Altar Flowers. The offering for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$10. Offering for Altar Flowers is \$75 per arrangement. Please call the Parish Office to schedule either one for a loved one, living or deceased, or to celebrate a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary or milestone birthday.



**THANK YOU, VALERIE!** After 32 years of dedicated service, our beloved Director of Religious Education, Valerie Christo, will be retiring at the end of July. Her commitment to the faith formation of our children and families has touched countless lives in our parish community. We invite everyone to join us in thanking her during the weekend of July 27–28, when she will be present at all the Masses. A light reception will follow each Mass to give us an opportunity to express our gratitude and wish her well. Let's come together to celebrate her remarkable ministry!



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**— Even though it's hot outside, some are in need of a warm and caring touch. Through our Prayer Shawl Ministry, blessed hand-made shawls are donated to those who are ill, elderly, or otherwise in need of prayers. These can be for a man or woman. If you wish to receive one for yourself or a loved one, please contact Sylvia Firth at 610-286-5714.



**Monday 07/14** St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
8:00am Jim Smith by Rich & Mimi Rogge  
**Rev. James Ward**

**Tuesday 07/15** St. Bonaventure  
6:30pm James T. McVeigh Jr. by Robert & Joyce Joyce  
**Rev. Msgr. Robert Wargo**

**Wednesday 07/16** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
8:00am James Van Sickle by Bill & Diane Arnold  
**Rev. Leon Weisenberger**

**Thursday 07/17** Weekday  
8:00am Jillian Clayton by Knights of Columbus #14654  
**Rev. Joseph Whalen**

**Friday 07/18** St. Camilius de Lellis  
**NO MASS**  
**Rev. Samuel Yeboah**

**Sunday 07/20** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00pm (Saturday) Charles M. Campion by Frank & Judy Burns  
8:30am Barry Shay by Charlie & Ellie Albright  
11:00am Rodney Focht by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski & POP  
**Rev. Msgr. Daniel Yenushosky**

**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, Jack Anton, Matthew Beam, Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Ludy Concordia, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Bob Glad, Louise Grieve, Fred Harding, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Larry Jenne, Bob & Cecelia Kacmar, Rev. Speratus Kamanzi AJ, Sandy Kozlowski, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Sandy Maio, 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, Theo Polidore, Vincent Rodgers, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, Patricia Snow, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Rex Voelker, Steven Wagner, Dolores Welch, Don Witman, David Williams, Rachel Williams, and all those who are homebound or in nursing homes.



*Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.*





**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.

**HELP NEEDED** *We are in need of adorers to fill in when those who are regularly scheduled are unavailable. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord. Is Jesus calling you? Please contact Diane Arnold at 610-470-6616.*

*Thank you for  
your generous gifts!*



#### July 6

**Stewardship \$7,688.00 (143 envelopes)**

**Parish Giving \$3,700.00**

**Mortgage \$2,407.00 (58 envelopes)**

**Parish Giving \$1,030.00**

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

**HELP WANTED**—Our parish is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to provide business and financial support to the parish and parish office operations. This is a part-time position, up to 10-12 hours per week. Qualified candidates must acquire a bachelor's degree or equivalent and must have at least 3 years of accounting experience. Interested candidates can apply by submitting their cover letter and resume directly to [resumes@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:resumes@allentowndiocese.org) or by mail:

Diocese of Allentown; Attn: Human Resources Specialist; PO Box F, Allentown, PA 18105

#### SUMMER FESTIVAL/CHICKEN

**BBQ**—Planning for our annual summer festival and chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 2nd, has already begun. Many volunteers are needed to make this major parish fundraiser a success. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering space. Consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at any of the stands, such as the bake stand, children's games, serving line, etc. Purchase tickets for the dinners, which are served from 11am-7pm. You may also donate something for the bake stand, silent auction or for the white elephant. There are many ways to help! New faces and ideas are always welcome. Come be part of the fun!



### From the Pastor's Desk



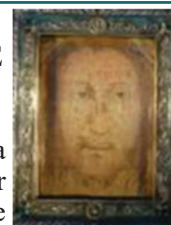
Jesus asks this question regarding the law in response to the scholar's question about eternal life: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus asks in response, "What is the law?" Simple. One need not be a legal scholar to answer. After all, there it is in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ("Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and your whole being, and with your whole strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.") After the law is given, the people of Israel are instructed to teach it to their children, write it on doorposts and gates, recite it in the home and outside the home, at bedtime and when waking -- in short, they are to use any mnemonic device imaginable to remember this one thing.

And yet, the legal scholar wants to make it more difficult. Surely it's not that easy to inherit eternal life. There must be some other, more abstract facet of theology or metaphysics that is required. The scholar then recognizes that there is one element that requires further definition: the neighbor. Who is the neighbor? What constitutes neighborliness? Now here is an issue that will require serious academic consideration.

But that's not what happens. This is where the parable of the Good Samaritan comes in. We don't need to rehearse that parable. The point is simple - anyone to whom the scholar should encounter, friend or foe, stranger or kin, everyone is to be loved and treated with mercy. We can try to make the truth more difficult, more abstract, but we do so at our peril. Love the Lord. Love your neighbor. There it is. You have heard the command. Now as Moses proclaims, "You only have to carry it out."

God bless you—Fr. Stan

#### HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF PADRE PIO



The Diocese of Allentown has scheduled a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Padre Pio for July 15. Bishop Schlert will celebrate Mass at 12 noon and impart the Plenary Indulgence to those who qualify. At the Mass, a duplicate of the cloth that covered the face of Christ in the tomb will be enthroned at the Center for veneration. For more information, please see the table in the gathering space for a flyer which includes all of the day's activities, including an in-depth talk about the cloth, Mass, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. Come out for this unique opportunity.



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