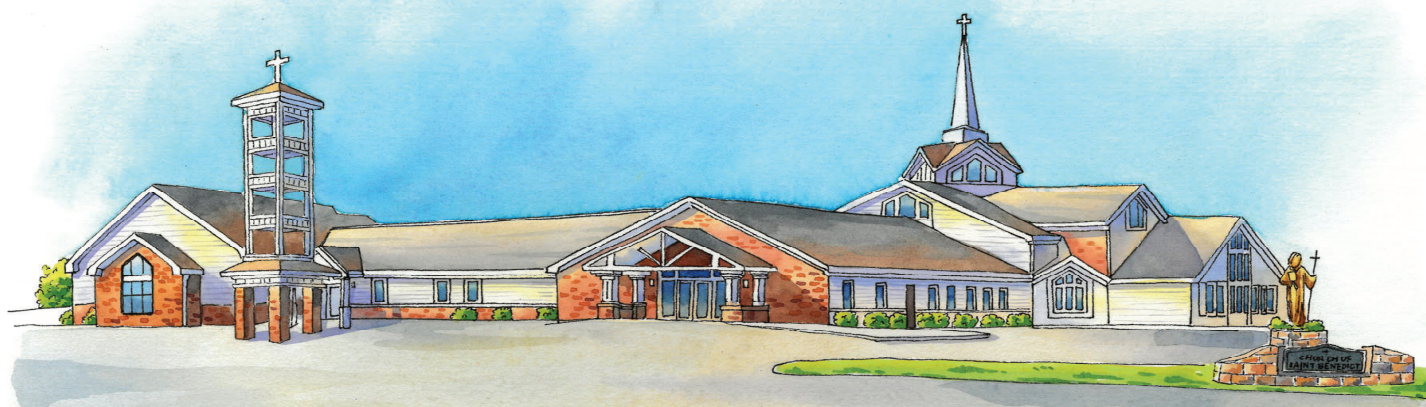


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 20, 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
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS	484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office	610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org	
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....	Pastor
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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 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:

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, JULY 21

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, JULY 22

12 noon – Prime Timers, FLC

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24

7:00pm Summer Festival meeting, Picnic Grounds

SATURDAY, JULY 26/SUNDAY, JULY 27

Farewell reception for Valerie Christo after all Masses



SAVE THE DATES August 10th-14th

for **Vacation Bible School.**

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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.



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 26–27, 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 07/21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00am Rhoda Pyle by Jim Pleitner

Rev. Msgr. Vincent York

Tuesday 07/22 St. Mary Magdalene

6:30pm Stephen Bennett by the Keenan Family

Rev. Christopher Zelonis

Wednesday 07/23 St. Bridget

8:00am William Gallagher by the Terifay Family

Rev. Msgr. Edward Zemanik

Thursday 07/24 St. Sharbel Makluf

8:00am Mary Zuchowicz & Katherine Shuman by Pat Perles

Rev. George Ababio

Friday 07/25 St. James, Apostle

8:00am Gertrude & Joseph Hayer by Jack Mittnacht

Rev. Jojappa Adagatla

Sunday 07/27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Salvatore Miccicke by Antoinette Miccicke
and People of the Parish

8:30am Madeline Simpson/Violet Giordano by Catherine and
Harry Giordano

11:00am William Shelton by Matt & Kelly Reagan

Very Rev. Luke Anderson

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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 13

Stewardship \$6,755.00 (164 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,175.00

Mortgage \$1,254.00 (68 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,455.00

**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 or by mail: Diocese of Allentown; Attn: Human Resources Specialist; PO Box F, Allentown, PA 18105

SUMMER FESTIVAL/CHICKEN

BBQ—We are getting closer to our annual summer festival and chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 2nd. 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



In today's readings, all of the main characters seem to be in agreement, at least implicitly, that the Lord comes before all else. In the 1st reading from Genesis; Abraham and Sarah are visited by God through the appearance of 3 men, and immediately are attentive to their needs. 'Please do not go on past your servant,' Abraham tells them. And in the gospel passage from Luke, Martha quickly goes about doing her best to serve Jesus, while Mary sits at his feet listening to Him. Yet the consequences and the 'quality' of their actions are not exactly the same. Abraham and Sarah are blessed with a child. Mary is affirmed for choosing the 'better part.' And Martha; well it's interesting. She certainly isn't admonished or scolded by Jesus in any way. That doesn't seem to be the case. He in no way appears angry or even seriously disappointed. In fact, Jesus almost seems to have a certain kind of pity for her, and tells her 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.'

In other words, there almost seems to be something 'lacking' in the way she is going about attending to the Lord. The text says that she is 'burdened' with much serving. And that should tell us something. You see, Abraham and Sarah appear to be almost joyful as they scramble about serving the Lord in their midst. And Mary seems to have a peaceful quality about her as she sits at Jesus' feet. But Martha, is neither joyful nor at peace. Rather, she is burdened.

So much in our life is determined by the choices that we make. And the choices we make often depend on what we consider to be the most important, the highest good, the greatest value. Yet, there can often be a difference between saying God is our top priority and the way that conviction manifests itself. Sometimes we say that God means more to us than anyone or anything else; but we really don't mean it. Other times we say it and mean it, but respond to the truth begrudgingly, as something we have to do but don't really want to do. And at other times we go about doing the Lord's work with terribly mixed motives, motives that we can't really unravel, figure out, or understand, and it can be more than a little distressing.

But there is a fourth way; a deep trust and hope in God that helps us keep our priorities perfectly in line, in the right order, in a way that helps us make good and holy choices with a pure heart; a heart on fire with love for the Lord and for the mission which we have been entrusted. And when we get to that place, when we sincerely desire to serve God in all things, not begrudgingly but gratefully, we will almost certainly experience this life with the joy and peace that only God can give.

God bless you—Fr. Stan.



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