

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 21, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday; all other days 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	
Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org	



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
Rick Ruhl.....Accountant
Beverly Perella.....Director of Music
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Richard Conte, 610-223-8846
Location of Emergency Operating Plan
<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 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 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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Website www.allentowndiocese.org

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

TUESDAY, JULY 23

12noon-Prime Timers, FLC

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

ST. BENEDICT HISTORY BOOK UPDATE—We are currently researching various publishers of the manuscript of our parish history book. In the near future, parishioners will have an opportunity to place an order for the book. The price and quantity of printed copies of the books will be determined by pre-sale sign-ups. Stay tuned.



SUMMER FESTIVAL AND CHICKEN BBQ—Only 2 more weeks until festival day! Consider signing up for a 2-hour shift at any one of the activities—volunteer sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. All cooks and bakers can sign up to bring their favorite baked goods/jellies/jams/pickles, etc. for the bake stand.

We are looking for donations of themed baskets for the auction. Some ideas are: Basket of Cheer, Book Lover's Basket, Dog/Cat Lover's Basket, Family Game Night Basket, Car Wash Basket, Lottery Ticket Basket, Children's Toy/Craft Basket, New Baby Basket, BBQ/Grill Basket and sports teams baskets, just to name a few. These baskets may be placed in Classroom #3.

Items for the white elephant will ONLY be collected at the picnic grounds, under the pavilion, the week leading into the festival, beginning Monday, July 29th. Please do not bring items before that.

Most importantly, get your dinner tickets and raffle tickets for some great cash prizes. It's never too early to pray that God will bless us with good weather, so that a safe and fun time can be had by all.

Make plans to join family, friends and fellow parishioners to mark the 68th year of this annual St. Benedict tradition on Saturday, August 3rd!

RETRouvaille—Rediscover the love in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Monday 07/22 St. Mary Magdelene

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak

Tuesday 07/23 St. Bridget

6:30pm Joseph Appleton by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

Rev. Leo Stajkowski

Wednesday 07/24 St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Jason Stokes

Thursday 07/25 St. James, Apostle

8:00am Irene Didyoung by Joy & Lee Bandy

Rev. Jonas Tandayu

Friday 07/26 Sts. Joachim and Ann

8:00am Grandmom & Grandpop Storti by Pat Luther

Very Rev. Jerome Tauber

Saturday 07/27 Weekday

8:00am Marjorie Gunster by St. Benedict Book Club

Rev. James Tomas

Sunday 07/28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday)

8:30am David Mont by Jean Ann Leib

11:00am Connie O'Brien, Aileen O'Conner and

Cornelius O'Brien III by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Joseph Tobias

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Going away on vacation?
Check out masstimes.org
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where you will be staying.**

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, Camille Beccone, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Jeannine Dutton, Maria Elena, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Alexa Gebhard, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Kevin Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Stanley Plevyak, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist OP, John Slanga, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those 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.

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!

July 14
Stewardship \$7,307.00 (179 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,335.00
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Parish Giving \$1,505.00

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2024 Parish Total Goal	\$61,001.50
Total Committed	\$37,554.00
Total Collected	\$32,335.5
Number of Donors	80
Average Gift	\$469.30

We are grateful to all who pledged their support thus far to the 2024 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks. You may mail in the pledge card that was mailed to you or you can visit <https://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org> to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity!

From the Pastor's Desk



The image we have in today's gospel is a very human one. Jesus and the apostles have become like celebrities. People are starting to hear about what they are teaching and doing. Crowds begin to follow them everywhere. And when they try to get away for a little break, the crowds manage to find them. Before long, another large crowd has formed. And to Jesus they seem as though they are like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus seems to recognize a certain restlessness in those gathered. He can sense that they are searching for something or someone. They are looking for some kind of positive difference in their lives. The men and women gathered seem to be longing for more than what they have so far experienced in the ups and downs of their day to day existence. They appear to be spiritually thirsty, hungry, yearning. These restless souls seem to be looking for someone to lead, something or someone to help give their lives meaning and direction. And something inside of them is making them wonder if this Jesus might be that someone. And so they follow him wherever he goes.

It should come as no surprise that our lives can be a little like that. I often wonder if Jesus looks at us today and feels the same way. I know that I often go from one thing to another, one distraction to another, as I strive to find as much happiness, joy and peace that I can. And this life (especially in this country) provides us with so many opportunities, so many things to do, see and experience.

There is so much to experience in this life. And so much of it is good and worthwhile, and can cause us little, if any, harm. And we needn't stay clear of or be fearful of all the wonderful opportunities that come our way. However, if we are in deep-seated need for happiness and meaning; if we continually try everything or bounce quickly from relationship to relationship, or latch on to every latest, greatest, best thing; we may be looking in the wrong place. Actually, there is no 'may' about it. We are certainly looking in the wrong place. It is as if we are sheep who have somehow forgotten the need to stay close to the shepherd.

There is a longing in each of us that can be filled only by God. That's just how we were made. Oh, we can try to fill it a thousand different ways, but we will always come up short. We won't be able to experience the peace of joy we desire so deeply. Life simply won't live up to all the hype. Jesus knew that the men and women following him all over the place needed him more than they knew. And he knows the same about us, knows that all our wanderings will get us nowhere unless we wander into earshot of him, and ultimately, into his arms.

That's what Jesus wants for us, for him to lead us where we need to go; protecting us, caring for us, sustaining us, and guiding us every step of the way. That's the sort of God we have, a God who never gives up on us and who never wants anything but the best for us. And so let's stop bouncing from one thing to another in this life in the hopes that it will bring us more happiness than is possible. Rather, let's let Jesus take our restlessness and transform it into the peaceful, joyful rest each of us desperately needs. Only he can do that.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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