# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 27, 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 Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

PREP/CGS LaSalle Academy Office	484-269-8744 610-777-7392
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### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski	Pastor
Deacon Mark Brezina	Deacon
Valerie ChristoDirec	
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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.

### ΟСΙΑ

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 Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service 1-800-276-1562 www.reportbishopabuse.org



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### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **‡**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

1:00pm Potato wrapping, picnic grounds All day—Set up at the picnic grounds



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

**2026 MASS BOOK**— has been opened. Requests may be made in person, mailed in or emailed to the parish 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. *"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."* —2 Maccabees 12:46



**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 this weekend, 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!

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Wendy Martini requested by Virginia Martini





**THE POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**—is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Leave Reading at 10:30AM; return at 7:45PM. Members: \$60. Non-

Members: \$65. Price includes bus, admission & driver gratuity. For more information call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is Friday, August 16.



Monday 07/28 Weekday 8:00am Floss Pleitner *Rev. Robert Anthony* 

**Tuesday** 07/29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus 6:30pm Janet, Carol & James Morgitan *Rev. Eric Arnout* 

Wednesday 07/30 St. Peter Chrysologus 8:00am Jillian Clayton *Rev. Hubert Asante Kumi* 

Thursday 07/31 St. Ignatius of Loyola 8:00am Rose Groff *Rev. Msgr. Thomas Baddick* 

Friday 08/01 St. Alphonsus Liguori 8:00am St. Benedict Eucharistic Ministers *Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker* 

Saturday 8/2 St. Peter Julian Eymard 8:00am Robin Albright Himmelberger *Rev. Msgr. William Baker* 

Sunday 08/03 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm (Saturday) Joan Ball & Jack McDonnell 8:30am St. Benedict Memorial Society and POP 11:00am Barbara Goebel *Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus* 

### 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, Cass Wright and all those who are homebound or in nursing homes.

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

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EUCHARISTIC **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!



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\$1,527.00 (70 envelopes) Mortgage Parish Giving \$790.00

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July 13

Our annual mission co-op appeal will be next weekend. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Thomas Osei-Gyau issions who will speak about the Sunyani Diocese of Ghana. Fr. Thomas is cur-

rently stationed at St. Ambrose Parish in Schuylkill Haven, PA. as the assistant pastor. The second collection will be taken for this appeal next weekend. There is an envelope for this appeal in your envelope packet dated Aug. 24th

#### SUMMER **FESTIVAL/CHICKEN**

**BBQ**—One more week to go for our annual summer festival and chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 2nd. Many volunteers are still needed to make this major parish fundraiser a success. Signup 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. Cost is \$15. You may also donate something for the bake stand, silent auction or for the white elephant. There are many ways to help! Come be part of the fun!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### From the Pastar's Desk



God wants us to continually ask him for whatever we long for. He wants us to knock often and loudly. And it's important NOT to ask with the idea that God will suddenly change his mind. That makes God seem kind of small. Rather, when we continually bring our needs before God, it is we who are changed, we who begin to see our circumstances in a new way, we who eventually submit our wants and concerns to those of God. When we ask in this way, persistently and in faith, we keep the divine conversation going, the interplay between God's will and ours. Praying often helps these 2 come together.

Lord, teach us to pray....as you have taught.... believing that when I ask, I will receive, when I seek, I will find, when I knock, the door will be opened to me. Put simply, this third portion of the gospel passage encourages us to approach prayer with a great deal of hope and trust.

'If you then... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?' Jesus draws the analogy between a parents love and God's love for us. Jesus tells us there is really no comparison. Not only can God do far more for us, He desires to do just that. God desires to provide us with the most precious of gifts, the gift above all others, the gift of His very self. The gift of His Spirit of love. When we pray in this way; hoping and trusting in His great love and providence; good things will almost certainly begin to happen. And these blessings, these answers to our prayers, may not always change the circumstances of our lives, but they will change us, of that we can be sure; and that makes all the difference.

Lord, teach us to pray; with humility, persistence, hope and trust.

God bless you— Fr. Stan.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES—From time to time, when sending out the monthly ministry schedules, the parish office receives notification that these emails are sometimes undeliverable. It doesn't happen to everyone, but upon checking, the email addresses being used are correct. If, for some reason you don't receive your schedule by the 20th of the month and aren't able to get it from someone else, please contact the Parish Office and we will send it to you individually. That seems to work. Go figure! Sorry for the inconvenience, but we want to make sure that everyone who is volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server is receiving the schedules in a timely manner.