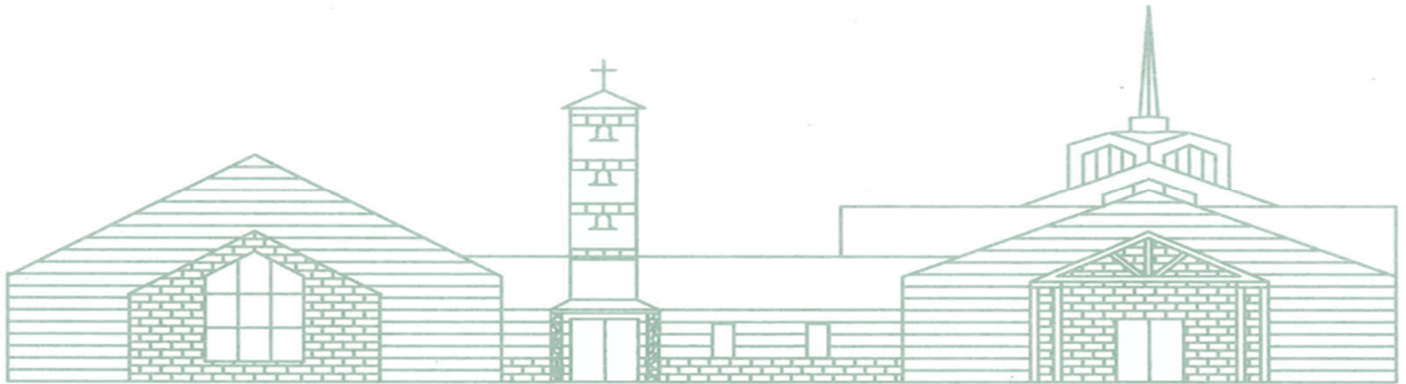


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 28, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

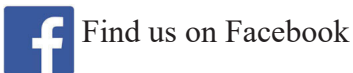
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial
Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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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 (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 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.

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Church of Saint Benedict July 21, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

There are no parish group meetings scheduled for this week. However volunteers are needed each day this week to help organize and set up the picnic grounds for our summer festival next weekend. If you are able to help any day this week, please call the Parish Office and we would be happy to help you coordinate a day and time. Of special note is the foil wrapping of the potatoes which will be done on Friday morning, August 2nd, at 10 am at the picnic grounds.



Monday 07/29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
NO MASS

Rev. Eric Tolentino

Tuesday 07/30 St. Peter Chrysologus
6:30pm People of the Parish

Rev. Andrew Torma

Wednesday 07/31 St. Ignatius of Loyola
8:00am Rose Groff by Debbie Mazzarelli

Rev. James Torpey

Thursday 08/01 St. Alphonsus Liguori
8:00am Vivian K. Martinelli by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

Rev. Mgr. James Treston

Friday 08/02 St. Eusebius/St. Peter Julian Eymard
8:00am Robin Albright Himmelberger
by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Rev. James Ward

Saturday 08/03 Weekday
8:00am Florence Pleitner by Paul & Randy Waterman

Rev. Robert Wargo

Sunday 08/04 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm (Saturday) St. Benedict Memorial Society
8:30am Wendy Martini by Matt Martini

11:00am Joseph Appleton by Rita DelPercio

Rev. Leon Weisenberger

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Going away on vacation?
Check out [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org)
before you leave to find a Catholic Church
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.



SUMMER FESTIVAL AND CHICKEN BBQ—Only 1 more week 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 will be foil wrapping the potatoes on Friday, August 2nd at 10am in the picnic grounds.

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!

The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend is offered for the intention of the Health of Patricia Gable by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski.

The Altar Flowers were offered in memory of Robin Albright Himmelberger by Charlie and Ellie Albright.



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 21

Stewardship \$6,494.00 (153 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$2,625.00

Mortgage \$2,030.00 (65 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$975.00

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

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER—If you haven't already, please take one of the baby bottles from the Respect Life display in the gathering space. You can fill it with loose change, bills or a check (made payable to St. Benedict Respect Life Committee) and return them to the hamper marked "Baby Bottles." Funds raised will be used for many pro-life activities, including the funding of the billboard on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, just before the Morgantown exit. Your contributions help to foster a culture of life in our community.



The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Psalm 145:10

From the Pastor's Desk



Beginning this weekend and for the next four Sunday's, the gospel reading will be taken from the 6th Chapter of St. John, which is also sometimes referred to as the 'Bread of Life' discourse.

This chapter from the Gospel of John contains probably the deepest and richest Eucharistic theology in scripture. It begins with what we heard today, which is the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

The multiplication of the bread and fish is the only miracle that is found in all 4 gospels (found twice each in the gospels of Matthew and Mark, once in Luke and once in John). In all of the presentations, Jesus takes bread, breaks it and gives it to the disciples. The same words are also used at the Last Supper.

There is one other detail that only John reports and that is that the 5 loaves and 2 fish belong to a small boy. Jesus first asks Philip about being able to buy food for the crowd and he sees it as a hopeless situation. Andrew, on the other hand, says that he'll see what he can do, and trusts Jesus to do the rest.

Let me share a story. A priest was doing visitations and he was meeting with a young couple who had 3 children, the oldest one was 5. The parents were getting the 2 younger children settled and so they left the 5 year old and the priest together in the living room. The priest decided he would make some conversation with the young boy by asking him what he wanted to be when he grew up. Without any hesitation at all, the boy said, I want to be 'possible' when I grow up. When the priest questioned him about what he meant, the boy said that there isn't a day that goes by that my mom doesn't tell me how impossible I am, so I figure that some day when I grow up, I can be possible.

Think about it, Andrew didn't know what would happen when he presented that boy to Jesus, but he was providing the material for miracles. We never know the possibilities we are releasing, when we bring someone to Jesus.

The boy did not have much to offer, but he trusted and gave what he had. The world might be denied miracle after miracle because we don't bring Jesus what we have and who we are. We need to bring ourselves into intimate communion with Christ, which we experience when we worthily receive his Body and Blood. We need to realize our responsibility to bring others, especially the children, into a closer relationship with God. We do this by showing and sharing with them how much God loves us and by making it well known that God is the #1 priority of our life.

Just as the young boy in the gospel may have felt he did not have much to offer, we at times may feel the same way ourselves. But that is no reason for failing to bring what we have to Christ. Little is always much in the hands of Christ and with Jesus, everything and everyone is possible.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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