

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 6, 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	484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office	610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org	
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....	Pastor
Deacon Mark Brezina.....	Deacon
Valerie Christo.....	Director Religious Education
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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
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1-800-276-1562 www.reportbishopabuse.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, JULY 7

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

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.



SAVE THE DATES August 10th-14th
for **Vacation Bible School.**

Use this QR code
for more information
and to register.

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! The next planning meeting will be Thursday, July 10th at 7pm the picnic grounds pavilion. New faces and ideas are always welcome. Come be part of the fun!



FORTY HOURS—In honor of the Feast of St. Benedict, the parish will be holding a 40 Hour celebration. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (July 9-11) there will be morning Mass at 8AM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to sign up to spend time with our Lord in Adoration. At 7PM each evening there will be Evening Prayer with homily and Benediction. Our guest homilist will be Father Aaron Scheidel. On Saturday, July 12, we will have our traditional feast day pot luck dinner at the picnic grove immediately following the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and Prime Timers will provide drinks. Bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert to share. The Women's Club will accept your dishes and set up the serving line before Mass.



Monday 07/07 Weekday

8:00am Erlyn "Penny" Phillips

Rev. James Thomas

Tuesday 07/08 Weekday

6:30pm Ann Diem by Mary Aschenbrenner

Rev. Joseph Tobias

Wednesday 07/09 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

8:00am Shane Price by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Eric Tolentino

Thursday 07/10 Weekday

8:00am Gerald Braddick by Sharon Helms

Rev. Andrew Torma

Friday 07/11 St. Benedict

8:00am All Benedictines Living and Deceased

Rev. James Torpey

Sunday 07/13 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Rodney Focht by Bill & Pat Walton

8:30am Anna Selmer by Greg & Jeanette Selmer & POP

11:00am Connie O'Brien, Aileen & Cornelius by the Franks

Rev. Msgr. James Treston

**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, 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!*



June 29

Stewardship \$7,217.00 (157 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$3,185.00

Mortgage \$1,211.00 (58 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,620.00

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

Last call for anyone wishing to join the bus tour to the Connecticut shipbuilding seaport of Mystic, Connecticut, with the Prime Timers on September 17-19. Please contact tour advisor Mark Schrum at 484-706-2215 or email him at mark.r.schrum@gmail.com

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

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



In today's Gospel, we see Jesus sending out His followers in pairs from town to town, blessing households with peace, curing the sick, and proclaiming the kingdom of God is at hand. But before He tells them to do all of that, He tells them to 'Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals...'

We can debate why Jesus told them not to take these particular things with them. And yet what seems quite clear is that, if we want to be faithful disciples, if we want to preach Jesus' message in an authentic way, there are some things we need to leave behind, some things we simply can't take with us if we truly want to do the Lord's work. Like space exploration, we need to travel light.

And so, what should we leave behind? What can we not allow ourselves to get weighed down by?

Maybe we need to leave behind our own agendas and do our best to make sure that the things we're working towards are things Jesus would work towards too.

Maybe we need to leave behind our egos and see doing the Lord's work as an end in itself, not as an accomplishment for ourselves.

Maybe we need to leave behind our need to always be right and stop seeing the sharing of our faith as some sort of argument to be won.

Maybe we need to leave behind our need to be recognized or liked, and instead choose to do things for God even if not a single soul ever knows about it.

Maybe we need to leave behind our need to be comfortable and have the courage to do the risky thing, the scary thing, the unpopular thing, the thing that has nothing in it for us.

The list could go on and on. We have to figure out for ourselves what might be holding us back and weighing us down from truly doing what God is asking of us. Every grudge, every fear, every moment of indecision or laziness, every act of selfishness, every impure motive, and yes, every sin matters.

The infinite force that can change not only individual lives but the world as a whole is nothing short of the Spirit of the Living God dwelling within each of us. And it is a power beyond our wildest imagination. But because of the freedom God gives us, because of that precious gift, we, through a myriad of things, can actually weigh down and hold back that power from propelling us as far as God intends.

And so that's the challenge we face this day. May each of us have the faith and wisdom and courage to let go of the countless things we need to let go of, letting ourselves be stripped of everything that can hold us back from going where the Lord wants us to go, and thereby let God reach incredible heights of love, mercy, compassion, and generosity through us.

God bless you—Fr. Stan



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