

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 1, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am
Daily: Mon. No Mass; Tues. 6:30pm; Wed., Fri., Sat.
8am; First Thursdays 7pm, all other 8am; Holy Day
(Vigil) 5:00pm, Holy Day 8:00am, 7:00pm
(Please check weekly listing for any changes.)

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 610-856-1006
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392
Mrs. Mary Adams, Principal
www.lsabear.org
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
Deacon Mark Brezina.....Deacon
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Susan Teaford..... Administrative Assistant
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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.

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, worshipping 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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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.

*Thank you for
your generous gifts!*



February 22

Stewardship \$8,039.00 (154 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$2,660.00

Mortgage \$1,275.00 (63 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$715.00

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



Consider utilizing the “Parish Giving” tool for making your donations to St. Benedict. You can customize your giving plan to fit into your personal budget. You choose the funds you wish to donate to, the dollar amount, as well as frequency of donations (weekly, monthly, etc.). You can set up a giving schedule for a year, or initiate contributions on a weekly basis. You can change your choices at any time. You can contribute to the Stewardship and Mortgage funds, special collections, Christmas/Easter holidays, as well as to the St. Benedict Respect Life Committee’s Adoption Billboard fund. It’s easy to set up and safe to use. If you would like to know more about it, just go to the parish website and click on the “Parish Giving” logo, just as you see it above.

We still have many opportunities for scheduling Mass intentions, the Sanctuary Lamp and altar flowers. You can honor a loved one, living or deceased, or mark a special occasion such as a birthday or wedding anniversary. Please call the parish office with your requests.



NUT ROLLS—The Prime Timers are taking orders for nut rolls of various flavors. Please see their table in the gathering space for selection and order forms. They can be picked up March 21 & 22 after all Masses.



From the Pastor’s Desk

In the incredible story of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John have an experience of Jesus that they never had before; one that left them ‘very much afraid.’ Jesus, of course, did what he always does - reached out to make the situation better, sought to bring some healing and peace.

“But Jesus came and touched them saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’”

Jesus touched them....invited them to rise....and encouraged them to not be afraid. How exactly do we do that? Is that even possible? Don’t things have to be different before we can feel that way?

As much as we try to understand to the best of our limited human ability the meaning behind Jesus’ words, I think the order of the phrase we just heard is revealing and helpful in understanding this passage.

First Jesus touches. Then we rise, THEN we are not afraid. The rising comes first. It’s not that we have to get rid of our fear in order that we can rise. It’s in our rising that we allow God to render our fear powerless.

In a very real sense, that is a kind of template for our lives as followers of the Lord Jesus and a beautiful blueprint for Lent. Much of what we do during this holy season we do so that God can touch us, so that God can get to us, so that God can grasp us by the hand. Our prayers, our fasting, our alms-giving are all so that you and I can open ourselves up to all the wonderful things God wants for us— His mercy, His peace, His joy.

And by letting God in, by drawing God close, we allow Him to lift us up, to raise us up to a newness of life. And the result? Well, we allow the power of the resurrection to infuse our very being. There will be no more room for our fears. Instead they will be replaced by true hope. Cynicism? Gone. Complacency? Gone. Fear? Gone.

And so when Jesus tells them, and us, to not be afraid, He is in a sense making us a promise. If we let Him touch us, if we let Him take our hand, He will raise us up to a life beyond our wildest expectations, and our fears will start to dissipate. They no longer will get the best of us nor have power over us.

Earlier I asked if things had to be different for us to live a life free from fear. And the answer is no. THINGS don’t have to be different. WE have to be different.

And so, if life is bringing you down, if you are fearful of tomorrow, know that you are not alone. But also know, that for people of faith, and for Christians in particular, tomorrow can always be better than today. The world need not remain the way it is. WE need not remain the way we are. Let’s let God touch our hearts and minds this Lent, raise us up, and allow us to continue the work of Jesus, free from fear. It’s not just possible, it’s a promise.

God bless you—Fr. Stan

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT



Monday, March 2

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC
7:00pm Divorce Support, Conference Room

Tuesday, March 3

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

Friday, March 6

6:00-6:45pm Simple Supper, FLC
7:00pm Stations of the Cross, in church

Saturday, March 7

8:30am Ultreya, Conference Room
10:00am First Penance, in church

Monday 03/02 Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Paul DaDamio

Tuesday 03/03 St. Katharine Drexel

6:30pm Niki Delaschmidt

Rev. Harold Dagle

Wednesday 03/04 St. Casimir

8:00am Special Intention

Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis

Thursday 03/05 Lenten Weekday

7:00pm Grace Lutzi

Rev. Msgr. Edward Domin

Friday 03/06 Lenten Weekday; World Day of Prayer

8:00am Deborah Lutz

Rev. Bruno Dongo

Saturday 03/07 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

8:00am Joan Moffa

Rev. Anthony Drouncheck

Sunday 03/08 Third Sunday of Lent

5:00pm (Saturday) St. Benedict Memorial Society

8:30am Paul Radosza Jr. and People of the Parish

11:00am Joan and Charles Cronan

Rev. Gaberiele Dulanaquio



KNIGHTS' CORNER—Mark your calendars for the Knight's Lenten Fish Fry during Lent. It will take place on Friday March 20th, from 5:00-6:30pm . Tickets for meals are \$17 and must be purchased in advance. Please see the Knights' table in the gathering space for tickets. Dinners are available for dine in as well as take out.

A program showcasing "Poland's Stories and History as Seen Through Its Artists" will be offered on Tuesday, April 7, 6:00pm at Berks YR Club. This event is presented by Barbara Post and is sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County. Light refreshments are included. Tickets are \$15. For questions or to order tickets, please contact Marilyn Wlazewski: 804 Gibraltar Rd, Reading, PA 19606. Call Michele Datko with questions: 610-955-1421.



**IN THIS DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR,
PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD,
AS WELL AS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE**

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, Nick Ball, Janet Cannon, Gabe Capafferri, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Lucy Concordia, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Pat & Lew Gable, Louise Grieve, Bob Kacmar, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, John Lindsey, Brian Liszcz, Bob and Helen Macmynn, Sandy Maio, Steve Mammarella, Debbie Mazzarelli, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Frank Newhams, Joyce Ney, Ron Nyari, George Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Theo Polidore, Margaret Pouleson, Dustin Sands, Patricia Snow, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Rex Voelker, Steven Wagner, Dolores Welch, David Williams, Rachel Williams, David Wolfe, Patti Yentzer and all those who are homebound or in nursing homes.



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



With all of this snow, who's not looking forward to Spring? If this is you, then know that Holy Guardian Angels (HGA)

Parish, Reading, is planning their Spring Craft Show. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st from 9am to 2pm. There will be over 50 vendors with original, hand-crafted items for sale as well as home-based party consultants—some you know, some new. In addition to some fun shopping, you can enjoy some delicious food, a basket raffle, cash raffle (\$1,000 top prize) and bake sale. If you would like to be a vendor at this event, spaces are \$40 each. You can make inquiries at hgacrafts@hgaparish.com. Just think—Spring is only 19 days away!



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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Benedict Council's Annual Golf Outing

[Benefits in Part St. Francis Home for Hospice Care]

FRIDAY, June 12, 2026

Registration at 7:00am

Four Person Scramble - Shotgun Start at 8:00am

Breakfast Items: coffee, bagels, donuts

Lunch: steak dinner with potato, vegetable, salad, bread, and desserts

Golf Cart provided snacks, hot dogs, and beverages

BLACKWOOD GOLF COURSE

510 Red Corner Road, Douglassville, PA 19518 Phone: 610-385-6200
(Contact during the tournament, Joe Drahus, 610-763-2844)

REGISTRATION

\$440 for foursome & \$120 for individual (organizer will pair up)

Includes Green Fees, Cart, Breakfast, Dinner, Unlimited Drinks

Dinner only option \$40

Proper Golf Attire, including Soft Spikes

ALL ENTRIES DUE BY Monday June 1, 2026

OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

PRIZES: Pot of Gold, Longest Drive, 2 Flights: 1st and 2nd

Closest to Pin, 50/50

Door Prizes for all Golfers

Mulligans

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GOLFER	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
1 (Primary Contact)			
2			
3			
4			

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