

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 16, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm; Mon. Wed., Friday 8am; First Thurs. 7pm, all other 8am; First Saturday: 8:00am; , 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
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all other days (M, T, Th., F) 9:00am-4:30pm.
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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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:

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00pm St. Benedict Book Club, FLC

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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

For those who wish to send Msgr. Domin a get well card or a note of encouragement, his mailing address is:

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church
4049 Hartley Ave., Easton, PA 18045

Also, please join us in the church to pray the Rosary for the health of Msgr. Domin on Saturday mornings during Lent at 7:30am, before the 8am Mass. We will also be doing this on Tuesday March 25th at 6:00 pm before the 6:30 evening Mass. All are welcome.

St. Mary of Providence Center 5K - Join us on April 12th for our First Annual Historic Potts Mansion 5K Run/Walk, a fundraiser to support the mission of Saint Mary of Providence Center. There will be t-shirts, prizes, and pretzels for participants. All ages can participate. Register at www.stmaryprov.org



Monday 03/17 St. Patrick
8:00am Floss Pleitner by Jim Pleitner
Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli

Tuesday 03/18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
6:30pm Matthew Trimbur by Stan & Janet Kmiec
Rev. Robert Finlan

Wednesday 03/19 St. Joseph
8:00am Wallace & Wilma Kompa by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski
Rev. Vincent Freeh

Thursday 03/20 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Carl Riccobono by Joyce McGregor
Rev. John Frink

Friday 03/21 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Gerald Razzano by the Prime Timers
Rev. Kevin Gallagher

Saturday 03/22 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Mary Grieco by Matt & Kelly Reagan
Rev. Joseph Ganser

Sunday 03/23 Third Sunday of Lent
5:00pm(Saturday) Barry Shay by Charlie & Patty Jones
8:30am Rhoda Pyle by Jim Pleitner
11:00am Richard Ball by Robin Ball & People of the Parish
Rev. Angel Garcia-Almodovar

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE,
ESPECIALLY IN OUR DIOCESE.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—SAVE THE DATE

This year, Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, August 10th through Thursday, August 14th. More details to follow.

Sunday, March 16th, is Breakfast Sunday.
The menu features Irish omelets and baked oatmeal.
Breakfast is served from 8:30-11:30am.
Come enjoy a delicious meal with your parish friends!

KNIGHTS' NEWS—The next fish fry will be on Friday, April 11th. Orders will be taken shortly. Orders are also being taken for the next delivery of crab cakes. We are in need of donations for raffle baskets and door prizes as a part of the golf outing, June 13th. Any reasonable gift will be acceptable and can be placed with other gifts to form a raffle basket. Contact Rich Conte 610-223-8846 for pickup arrangements.



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and home-bound, especially Pope Francis, Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Gerald Braddick, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Dan Dimeno, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Larry Jenne, Rev. Speratus Kamanzi AJ, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Sandy Maio, Marie Mast, 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, Bridget Reagan, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, Dolores Welch, Don Witman, David Williams, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those who are home-bound 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 substitutes for this ministry. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord. Any help given is greatly appreciated! Is Jesus calling you? Please contact Diane Arnold at 610-470-6616.*

Thank you for your generous gifts!



March 9
Stewardship \$8,313.00 (181 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$5,720.00
Mortgage \$1,773.00 (77 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,730.00

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



SAVE THE DATE—

We will be having a special program at St. Benedict's to celebrate Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 27th from 12 noon-3pm.

A time for mercy.

A time set aside to pray as a parish family. Receive the graces and indulgences promised.

The afternoon will include Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, litany prayers, a reflection by Deacon Brezina and praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns for the Kompa & Kozlowski Families by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski



From the Pastor's Desk

In the Gospel we hear how Peter, James and John are on the mountain with Jesus. They witness the Lord's physical transformation, his transfiguration. Jesus' new appearance mesmerizes the apostles. The story of the Transfiguration tells us what happened to Jesus, but a more important question is: What happened to those 3 apostles? We know they were amazed, but were they changed in some permanent way by a vision? Certainly the experience changes their vision of Jesus forever: He would always be seen in another light. Not only did they see the Lord's transfigured body, but they heard a voice from heaven say, 'This is my chosen Son, listen to him.' Jesus was transfigured, but his temporary physical transformation produced a permanent change of heart for the apostles.

In a similar way our encounters with God must transform our lives. By keeping our perspective of who we are and where we want to go, our encounters with God can be transformative. In our busy world that demands more and more of our time and energy on a daily basis, we are tempted to cast aside our faith to place God somewhere further down the priority list. If God is not first in one's priorities at all times, we will probably miss that call or encounter and the opportunity it brings.

Since Lent is our time to focus on transformation, now is a good time to ask: What transformation do I need? Some of our opinions and attitudes, even though we know them to be wrong, are difficult to change; they need the transformative power of the Lord. Most of us have some common faults into which we often fall. We need to work diligently to transform our actions and words into something more Christlike. Others still need a transformation in faith - to a complete and utter trust in God and not the things of the world.

The transformation that we need in our life is more than mere external ones that last for a period of time. Let us seek to be permanently transformed on the inside to a new and deeper understanding of our role in God's loving plan of salvation. May all the opportunities that we have to encounter God, through people and events, be transformative for us so that we may live more rightly today and be brought to eternal life tomorrow.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

There are still opportunities to memorialize altar flowers for a loved one, living or deceased, or to celebrate a special event, such as a wedding anniversary. Cost is \$75 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to check availability and to sponsor a particular weekend.





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