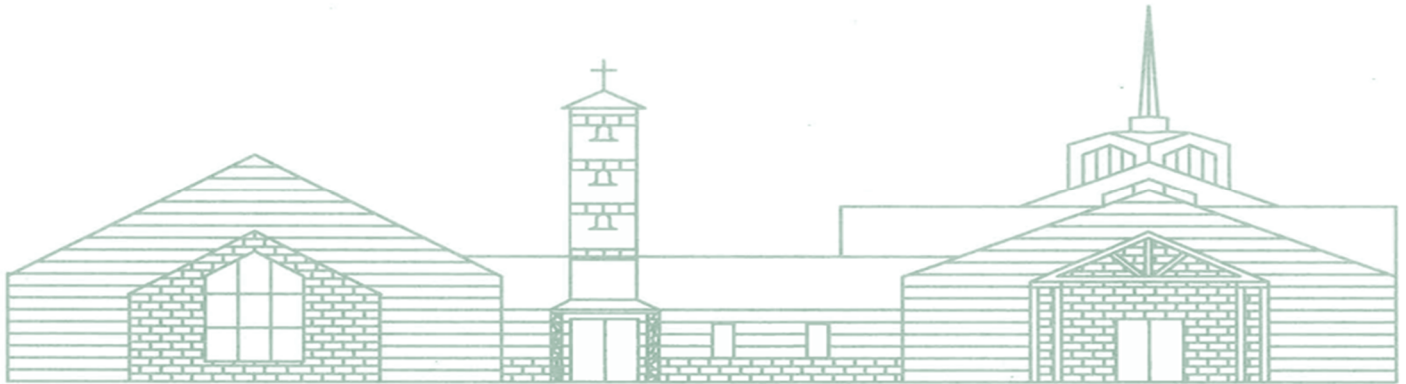


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 2, 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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## 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:

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# Church of Saint Benedict—March 2, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:30am-12:30pm Hospitality Sunday, hosted by CYO

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—We will be serving meals at Kennedy House on Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th. This is a wonderful service opportunity for individuals as well as families. Please sign up in the gathering space.



**PARISH RETREAT**—Our parish retreat, to be held on Friday, April 4th and Saturday April 5th is currently filled and no additional reservations are being accepted. We are anticipating having another retreat in the fall, although no specific details are available at the present time. We ask all parishioners to pray for the spiritual success of this retreat experience for those who will be attending.

**PARISH HISTORY BOOK**—The St. Benedict's history book will be available for sale after Masses during the month of March. Cost for soft cover book is \$20; cost for hard cover edition is \$37.00

**KNIGHTS' NEWS**—Save the date for our two Lenten Fish Fries. They will be held on Friday, March 14th and Friday, April 11th. Dinners will be available to dine in or to take out.



*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 Bob Didyoung Sr. & Bob Didyoung Jr.  
by Kathy Shay*



**Monday** 03/03 St. Katherine Drexel  
8:00am Rodney Focht by Margaret Pascuzzi  
**Rev. Loren Connell**

**Tuesday** 03/04 St. Casimir  
6:30pm Nikole Delaschmitt by Ann Doherty  
**Rev. Edward Connolly**

**Wednesday** 03/05 **Ash Wednesday**  
8:00am Joseph Luther by Pat Luther  
12noon Gerald Razzano by Joe & Carol Hojnacki  
7:00pm Elaine Sternberg by Stanley & Marie Blimline  
**Rev. James Connolly**

**Thursday** 03/06 Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
8:00am Debbie Lutz by Sylvia Firth  
**Rev. Msgr. Edward Coyle**

**Friday** 03/07 Friday after Ash Wednesday  
8:00am Paul Radosza, Jr. by Terry Grundman  
**Rev. Harold Dagle**

**Saturday** 03/08 St. John of God  
8:00am Eugene C. Raser Sr. by Rosanne Weidner  
**Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis**

**Sunday** 03/09 First Sunday of Lent  
5:00pm(Saturday) Sheila O'Rourke & People of the Parish  
by Ralph & Lisa Vizza  
8:30am Charles M. Campion by Frank & Judy Burns  
11:00am Viola Frech by Brooke & Carol Frech  
**Rev. Msgr. Edward Domin**

**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 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!*



**February 23**  
Stewardship \$7,351.00 (173 envelopes)  
Parish Giving \$2,705.00  
  
Mortgage \$1,531.00 (63 envelopes)  
Parish Giving \$830.00

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

# Lent



**Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Ashes will be distributed at Masses at 8:00am, 12 noon and 7:00pm**



**Fasting this Lent? Try these:**

- Fast from hurting words, be filled with kind words.
- Fast from sadness, be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger, be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism, be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries, be filled with trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressure and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness, be filled with joy.
- Fast from selfishness, be filled with compassion.
- Fast from grudges, be filled with forgiveness.
- Fast from words and be filled with silence so you can listen.



## From the Pastor's Desk

As Church, we have honored the countless and learned holy men and women - teachers of all generations and cultures who have dedicated their lives to the advancement not only of holy wisdom but of early knowledge. From the writer of Sirach in our 1st reading to St. Paul the great evangelist and preacher, to modern theologians and catechists, they have shared their knowledge and wisdom and laid before us insights and learning. There may even be those among us who have less formal education but lead lives and speak truths that advance the gospel. They are all teachers of the faith who have helped us understand how God is present in our world and in those great moments of life and death.

Knowledge, integrity and responsibility are necessary qualities for anyone who wishes to teach or share the faith. When these are absent, Jesus points them out as we hear in the Gospel (like ignoring serious matters and insisting on adhering to minor things). Also, if we all concentrated on removing the splinters in our own lives, we would have no time to judge and gossip about the faults and struggles of others. The true teacher would produce good fruit. The uninformed, self-centered, misguided teacher will produce rotten fruit. The status of the fruit reveals the true nature of the tree.

The blind cannot lead the blind. Good produces good, and evil produces evil. As we heard in our first reading, 'so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind'. So let us always, as St. Paul says, 'be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord.' For the ways of the Lord are always and only good, and thus shall be what we teach, preach, and live as a result.

Let us nourish our hearts and bodies with the perfect gift from God in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. May it give us the grace to be firm and steadfast as St. Paul encourages, and to bear good fruit for the world.

God bless you,  
Fr. Stan.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**—There are still opportunities to memorialize altar flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp. You can honor someone living or remember a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary. You can also remember a deceased loved one. If you wish to sponsor either altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp, call the office to check on availability. Altar arrangements are \$75 and Sanctuary Lamps are \$10.





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