CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT, D.D.



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: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540 610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday; all other days 9:00am-4:30pm. Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

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www.lsabear.org	
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www.berkscatholic.org	

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PARISH STAFF

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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 Saturday afternoon, 1-2pm, after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Baptism preparation class held 2nd Saturday. 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 3:00pm-3:45pm 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.

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

Church of Saint Benedict March 3, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Sunday, March 3

9:30am-12 noon-Hospitality Sunday 9:30am – Lenten Book Club, Conference Room

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

7:00pm OCIA, Gathering Space 7:00pm Women's Club, FLC 7:00pm Book Club, Classroom #2

Wednesday, March 6

5:30pm Simple Supper, FLC 6:30pm Stations of the Cross in church



PILGRIMAGE—The Women's Club is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. The day includes Mass, choice of a video or walking tour, Polish buffet lunch, as well as free time to explore the

grounds, browse the gift shop or spend some prayerful time in Adoration. The cost for the trip is \$55. You may sign up at the display in the gathering space.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL LENTEN COLLECTION WILL BE FOR:

March 2/3 Mary's Shelter, Reading *Mary's Shelter provides housing and social services* related to pregnancy, parenting and youth homelessness through preventative work, crisis intervention and stabilization back into the community.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL LENTEN COLLECTION WILL BE FOR:

March 9/10 St. Peter's Catholic Church, Reading A parish in downtown Reading that serves the Hispanic Community.



CODE LASALLE CYO— Cash & Prize Bingo will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 in the FLC. Doors open at 10:30am and games begin at 12:00pm. Tickets are \$30 in advance and will be sold after all Masses in the gathering

space. Raffle baskets will be displayed and tickets sold in the gathering space the weekend of March 9th and 10th. Proceeds will benefit the youth of La Salle Academy, St. Benedict's and St. John's parishes.



Monday 03/04 St. Casimir NO MASS **Rev. Frans Berkhout**

Tuesday 03/05 Lenten Weekday 6:30pm Albert "Scott" Forrest by Valerie Christo **Rev. Robert Biszek**

Wednesday 03/06 Lenten Weekday 8:00am Debra Hilton by Sylvia Firth Rev. Kevin Bobbin

Thursday 03/07 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity 5:30pm Int. of Rev. John Frink by Doris Yeager Rev. Msgr. Ronald Bocian

Friday 03/08 St. John of God 8:00am Albin Pendrak by the Seven Sisters Apostolate Very Rev. Thomas Bortz

Saturday 03/09 St. Frances of Rome 8:00am People of the Parish Rev. Ronald Bowman

Sunday 03/10 Fourth Sunday of Lent 4:00pm(Saturday) Charles Campion by Frank and Judy Burns 8:30am Florence Mont by Jean Ann Leib 11:00am Albert "Scott" Forrest by Bob and Cecelia Kacmar **Rev. Richard C. Brensinger**

Please note that as of Saturday, March 16, the Saturday Vigil Mass will return to 5:00pm.

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, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Rita Del Percio, Jeannine Dutton, Richard DuBois, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Jamison Gray, James Hart, David Hiester, 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, Nova P., Patrick, Patti, Beverly Perella, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Zac Schneider, Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist OP, John Slanga, Cathy Steuber, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Maureen Truckly, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.—Psalm 19

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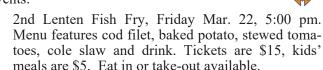
LENTEN JOURNEY—Please mark your calendars to join us for our Evening of Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration, on Friday, March 8th, at 7:00pm. This will be a beautiful experience of quiet, prayer and reflection as we travel on our Lenten journey. The candles remind us of the light of Christ and the bright hope we have as we anticipate the joyous celebration of Jesus' Resurrection and our salvation at Easter. In addition, you can sign up for the various hours of Adoration during our 40 Hours from March 17th through 19th. Sign up sheets are in the notebook in the gathering space.

EUCHARISTIC 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 4:00pm Vigil Mass, from 3:00pm-3:45pm.

"My hope is to see our Church and our country healed, transformed and renewed through a deep, personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist." Bishop Andrew Cozzins, Bishop of Crookston (Minnesota)

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.

KNIGHTS' CORNER—Save these dates for upcoming Knights of Columbus sponsored events:



- 2nd crab cake pickup the weekend of March 23/24
- Designer Bag Bingo, Sunday, April 21, 1:00 pm
- Golf Outing on Friday, May 17—shotgun start at 8:45 am (breakfast items, games, and steak dinner)

See the Knights table in the gathering space or details and order forms.



STEWARDSHIP Managing God's Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

<u>February 25</u> Stewardship \$7,445.00 (156 envelopes) Parish Giving \$2,600.00

Mortgage \$1,542.00 (66 envelopes) Parish Giving \$705.00

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



<u>The Disciple Maker Index Survey</u> <u>is Now Open</u>

Catholic Leadership Our parish is on a journey to know, love,

and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in!

The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Benedict. Take the DMI survey today at

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b2t88b

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY-

will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as hams for their Easter packages for our neighbors in need. Hams may be placed in



the refrigerator in the Education wing. Please see their display in the gathering space for more details.

Mark your calendars to join us for our Parish Mission and celebration of 40 Hours coming up on March 17, 18 and 19. Rev. Herald Brock CFR will speak each evening at 7:00pm. The theme is "With Burning Desire— A Eucharistic Parish Mission" Babysitting services will be offered on Monday night of the Mission.

LENT AT ST. BENEDICT—Stations of the Cross will take place on *Wednesday* evenings at **6:30pm**. There will be three Simple Suppers held during Lent, **at 5:30pm**, immediately before Stations on March 6 and March 13. May we use prayer, fasting and almsgiving to offer ourselves more completely to the Lord during these 40 days, so that we may rejoice with Him on Easter Sunday.



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