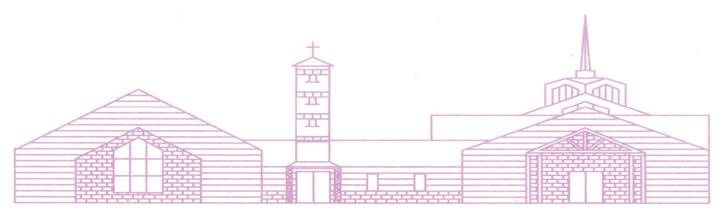
CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 30, 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

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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.

OCIA

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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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference room Tuesday, April 1 7:00-8:00pm Confessions/Adoration, in church

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

6:45-9:00pm Parish Retreat 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, in church

SATURDAY, APRIL 4-5

8:00am-7:00pm Parish Retreat

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:30-11:30am Hospitality Sunday, FLC

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

EASTER EGG HUNT—Donations of candy are being accepted for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, which will

take place on Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday) immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Candy may be placed in the marked box in the gathering space.

CONFESSIONS—Just a reminder that several priests will be hearing confessions on Tuesday, April 1st from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be available. Take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten Season in preparation for a joyous Easter.



HOLIDAY BASKETS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of ham roasts, whole turkeys, and the following canned goods for the Easter meal distribution April 11th and 12th: peas, cranberry sauce, and family sized

cans of yams, fruit and soup. Please put the meat in the refrigerator in the educational wing, and the canned goods on the table nearby. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS' NEWS—The next fish fry will be on Friday, April 11th. Orders will be taken in the gathering space. Orders are also being KNIGHTS 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.



Monday 03/31 Lenten Weekday 8:00am John McCahon by Bill & Diane Arnold

Rev. Eric Gruber

Tuesday 04/01 Lenten Weekday 6:30pm Caryle Wittorf by St. Benedict Eucharistic Ministers Rev. Francis Grundowski

Wednesday 04/02 St. Francis of Paola 8:00am Ginny Eyrich by John & Mimi Frank Rev. Kevin Gualano

Thursday 04/03 Lenten Weekday 7:00pm Arthur Shaub by Danielle & David Delehanty Rev. Abraham Ha

Friday 04/04 St. Isidore 8:00am Joseph Sullivan by Sharon Helms

Rev. Msgr. William Handges

Saturday 04/05 St. Vincent Ferrer 8:00am Gary & Sandra Moyer by Mark & Paula Schrum

Rev. James Harper

Sunday 04/06 Fifth Sunday of Lent 5:00pm(Saturday) Thaddeus & Mary Accordino Kozak by Ted and Mary Kozak

8:30am Catherine & Chester Selmer by Greg & Jeanette Selmer and People of the Parish

11:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society

Rev. John Hilferty

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



PRAYER LIST Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and

health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Pope Francis, Robert Blechman. John and Elsie Bauer, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Janet Cummings, Msgr. Ed Domin, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Larry Jenne, Cecelia Kacmar, 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, Theo Polidore, 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 homebound or in nursing homes.

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

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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 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 23

Stewardship \$6,073.00 (162 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$2,790.00

Mortgage \$1,505.00 (55 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$ 830.00

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 in memory of Sandy Cagle by Sandy Kozlowski

From the Pastor's Desk



The parable of the Prodigal Son gives us the beautiful image of our God, who is a loving Father and always willing to forgive and constantly inviting us to share in the banquet he has prepared for us. But the gospel also challenges us to recognize how it is that we respond to Our Father's love.

The parable reflects not only on the generous and merciful father, but also about his 2 sons who are struggling with self centeredness in their own particular ways. The younger son, the spendthrift, tells us something about greed and its consequences, but also about the virtues of humility and repentance. The older son, the complainer, tells us about human nature and how easily envy, jealousy and resentment can arise in our hearts when we perceive that other people are given advantage over us.

God operates beyond our comprehension for He knows our weaknesses and sinfulness. He know us, He loves us, He makes allowances for us and is always willing to take us back. How do we respond to his many invitations to love?

All of us are called to moments of grace. We are called to forgive, and we are called to seek forgiveness. Husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children, neighbors and strangers, we are called to the ministry of being reconciled with one another, just as God the Father seeks, through every person of every age, to be reconciled with us.

God bless you, Fr. Stan.



The Bereavement Ministry would like to invite members of our parish community who have experienced the loss of a loved one to a six week "Grief Support Group." The sessions are one and half hours long for six weeks. The start date and times will be determined by the groups availability. Please call Mary Ann Razzano 610-858-0946 for information and to register. You don't have to be alone as you journey through the grieving process, let us help you. Meetings are confidential.

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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