

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 8, 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](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)  
Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 610-856-1006  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392  
Mrs. Mary Adams, Principal  
[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)  
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361  
John Petruzzelli, Principal  
[www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor  
Deacon Mark Brezina.....Deacon  
Linda Brezina .....Director of Religious Education  
Susan Teaford..... Administrative Assistant  
Kelly Reagan .....Accountant  
Beverly Owens.....Director of Music  
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 home-bound 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:

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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)  
Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service  
1-800-276-1562 [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT**



**Monday, March 9**

7:00pm Divorce Support, Conference Room

**Tuesday, March 10**

7:00pm Pastoral Council, FLC

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room

**Friday, March 13**

6:00-6:45pm Simple Supper, FLC

7:00pm Stations of the Cross, in church

**\*\*Please note there will be limited parish office hours on Friday, March 13th. It will only be opened in the morning.\*\***



**KNIGHTS' CORNER**—The second Lenten Fish Fry 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 may be enjoyed as for dine in as well as take out. Children's meals also available.

Also, we are taking reservations for the Golf Outing on June 12, 2026 (flyer was in last week's bulletin). The council is in need of door prizes and winner circle gifts along with raffle baskets. If you can make a donation, even financial, please call Rich Conte at 610-223-8846. The tournament benefits, in part, the St. Francis Home for Hospice Care.

**Monday 03/09** St. Frances of Rome

**NO MASS**

**Rev. Keaton Eidle**

**Tuesday 03/10** Lenten Weekday

6:30pm Charles M. Campion

**Rev. Giuseppe Esposito**

**Wednesday 03/11** Lenten Weekday

8:00am Patricia Wool

**Rev. Edward Essig**

**Thursday 03/12** Lenten Weekday

8:00am Emma "Schaeffer" Willis

**Rev. Bernard Ezaki**

**Friday 03/13** Lenten Weekday

8:00am All St. Benedict Parishioners

**Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli**

**Saturday 03/14** Lenten Weekday

8:00am Dell & Andy Tazik

**Rev. Robert Finlan**

**Sunday 03/15** Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm (Saturday) Joseph and Jessie Piller

8:30am Robert Blechman

11:00am Maria & Jan Kochmanski and People of the Parish

**Rev. Samuel Florance**

**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 Macminn, Sandy Maio, Steve Mammarella, Debbie Mazarrelli, 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, Tom Spitz, Jr., 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.**

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to everyone who has participated in the Rite of Continual Conversion and the Rite of Election. Our candidates seeking Holy Communion and Confirmation are Laura Dudas, Gerald Leaman, Sam Mercado, Adrian Traficanti, and Charles Watson. Our elect seeking Baptism are Bonnie Dunkleberger, Spencer Engblom, and Marissa Jones-Garman. Please continue to pray for the candidates and elect as they seek full Communion into the Catholic Church.



**Retrouvaille – Hope for a Better Marriage**

Does your marriage feel distant, strained, stuck, or even in crisis? Do you look perfect on the outside but are not perfect on the inside? Retrouvaille can help. The Retrouvaille Marriage Program has helped thousands find new hope, better communication, and a deeper connection. Talk to someone now at 717-356-2185 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

You can have a better marriage. Don't wait. Our next weekend will be May 1st-3rd, 2026.



**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!*



**March 1**

**Stewardship \$8,895.00 (178 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$3,000.00**

**Mortgage \$2,270.00 (85 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$1,085.00**

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



Congratulations to St. Benedict students at Berks Catholic High School who made the second quarter honor roll.

**Distinguished Honors**—Seniors—Bryanna Gallagher, Timoty Machion; Sophomores—Catherine Basehoar, Giavanna Musallam, Freshmen— Emma Rodriguez.

**First Honors**—Seniors—Mia Kirwan, Michael Ward; Sophomores Carly Debiec, Freshmen Mae Bower, Madison Hoke.

**Second Honors**—Seniors—Gillian Gontarz, Regan McClure, Sophomores Anthony Zoltack.



**Our Children's Youth Choir will be singing at the 11:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. If your child is in kindergarten or older and would like to participate, please contact Beverly Owens at 610-334-4197. There is a flexible rehearsal schedule for practices. Your child can also learn the songs by listening to them on YouTube.**

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC**—When submitting your contribution to the annual “Because We Are Catholic” appeal, please use the envelope enclosed with your donation card and mail it directly to the Diocese of Allentown. Do not put it in the parish collection, as these items are not processed here at the parish. Thank you for your cooperation.

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*From the Pastor's Desk*



The Samaritan woman at the well in the Gospel experienced a true conversion. The Samaritan woman, whether she was fully aware of it or not, was thirsting for God. We too, whether consciously or not, are thirsting for the same God. St. Augustine once pointed out about that this woman could not have thirsted for God unless He was thirsting for her soul. He said ‘He who was asking for drink, was thirsting for the faith of the woman herself.’

A thirsty Jesus goes to the well. He sees a woman who thirsts even more. Jesus thirsts for people who need Him, even if they do not acknowledge Him. One of the last words from the cross that Jesus spoke was ‘I thirst.’ He was not merely talking about water. He was speaking about the overpowering desire within Him to bring God’s love into the world.

In the 1940’s, a nun working in Calcutta was struck by the thought of God thirsting for human souls. Meditating on Jesus’ words, ‘I thirst,’ she heard the call to serve the poorest of the poor. In the silence of contemplation, the cry of Jesus from the cross spurred Mother Teresa to seek out Jesus in the poor.

Because of her experience, Mother Teresa instructed the words, ‘I thirst’ should appear next to the cross in all her communities around the world. Jesus thirsts for our faith. He desires that we come with Him. He is the only one who can fill our heart and quench our thirst.

We thirst. That is very good. It is part of the human condition to thirst for God. St. Augustine also wrote that ‘Our hearts are made for you O God, and cannot rest until they rest in you.’ We will always thirst for a greater presence of God. We seek this presence throughout our lives, particularly in the love of others, in the love of family, in the love of those reaching out to us for help. We seek God in the love of a marriage and children, in the comfort of a parent’s love. We thirst for a greater presence of God in our reading of the Word of God and in the sharing of the Eucharist.

Christ thirsts, and so do we. Allow time to be with the Lord, to be strengthened and refreshed, to be transformed and molded. A woman at a well is thirsty. A thirsty Jesus joins her. A thirsty people, you and I, are also present at that well. Jesus provides the living water of His Word, His forgiveness, and of Himself in the Eucharist. Jesus in His love can free us from our infirmaries, heal our sickness, quench our thirst and give us peace.

God bless you—Fr. Stan





**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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Closest to Pin, 50/50

Door Prizes for all Golfers

Mulligans

**ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT – Please Print Clearly**

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

(Sponsor Form on Back)

Make Checks Payable to: K of C Council #14654

Mail to: Joseph Drahus, 26 Osprey Ln, Birdsboro, PA 19508

## SPONSOR FORM

**Tournament - \$2000**

*Includes: Two foursomes, exclusive sponsorship of one hole, pavilion banner, recognition at dinner, Bulletin Advertisement*

**Platinum - \$1000**

*Includes: One foursome, putting green sponsorship, pavilion banner, recognition at dinner, Bulletin Advertisement*

**Gold - \$500**

*Includes: Two greens fees, tee sponsor, recognition at dinner and bulletin advertisement*

**Putting Green - \$250**

*Includes: Sign, recognition at dinner and bulletin advertisement*

**Hole - \$100**

*Includes: Sign, recognition at dinner*

**SPONSOR TYPE**

**TOURNAMENT**

**GOLD**

**HOLE**

**PLATINUM**

**PUTTING GREEN**

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**(if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

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