

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 9, 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

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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:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., DIRECT 800-791-9209  
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## Church of Saint Benedict—March 9, 2025

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

#### MONDAY, MARCH 10

7:00pm Divorce Support Group, Conference Room

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

5-6:30pm KOC Fish Fry

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**

**OFFERTORY CHANGE**—There will be a slight change in procedure concerning the Offertory at Mass beginning the First Sunday of Lent. After the Prayer of the Faithful the congregation is seated and the offertory hymn is announced. At that time, the ushers will begin the collection and the deacon and the servers will prepare the altar to receive the gifts. When the collection is just about complete, the cross bearer will go down the center aisle to the back of the church and those who will be bringing up the gifts should go back to receive the bread and wine to present to the celebrant. When the celebrant and server go to the foot of the altar, the cross bearer will lead the gift bearers and the usher to present to gifts.

The reasons for this change are:

1. When the gifts are brought at the same time as the usher preparing to collect, there is no time to really prepare the altar. It's like serving the food and beverage on your dining room table for a meal without first putting out the plates and glasses.

2. The monetary gifts that are collected are also part of what we are offering to God during the Mass and will be presented as well.

As with all changes it will take a little getting used to and I'm grateful for your understanding and patience.

—Fr. Stan.

**KNIGHTS' NEWS**—If you ordered in the first round of crab cake orders you may pick them up in the FLC kitchen. This is last week-end for orders of the first fish fry on Friday, March 14th. Also, 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 03/10** Lenten Weekday  
8:00am Vincent Parisi by Charlie & Patty Jones  
**Rev. Bruno Dongo**

**Tuesday 03/11** Lenten Weekday  
6:30pm Peg Mitnacht by Jack Mitnacht  
**Rev. Anthony Drouncheck**

**Wednesday 03/12** Lenten Weekday  
8:00am Scott Walt by Don & Deb Kasper  
**Rev. Ladislaus Dudek**

**Thursday 03/13** Lenten Weekday  
8:00am James J. McCahon by John McCahon  
**Rev. Keaton Eidle**

**Friday 03/14** Lenten Weekday  
8:00am Stanley Yuschalk by Marie & Stanley Blimline  
**Rev. Giuseppe Esposito**

**Saturday 03/15** Lenten Weekday  
8:00am John Pacosa by Gary & Betty Scollick  
**Rev. Edward Essig**

**Sunday 03/16** Second Sunday of Lent  
5:00pm(Saturday) Jeannie Weslowski by Mary & Ted Kozak  
8:30am James Arnold and People of the Parish  
11:00am Wallace & Wilma Kompa by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski  
**Rev. Bernard Ezaki**

**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!*



**March 2**  
Stewardship \$9,031.00 (180 envelopes)  
Parish Giving \$3,095.00

Mortgage \$2,378.00 (104 envelopes)  
Parish Giving \$1,620.00

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

## Lent



If you haven't already, be sure to pick up your Lenten packets in the gathering space. In it you will find a "Little Black Book," as well as a calendar listing all of the parish events, including Stations of the Cross, Simple Suppers and extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns  
For Jeannie Weslowski  
By Mary & Ted Kozak*



*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.*

*Next week, 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!*

## From the Pastor's Desk



Today, we see Jesus alone in the desert being tempted by the devil. The devil poses a few interesting scenarios to Jesus, that test Him and tempt Him at the same time. And in each scenario Jesus is somehow able to resist and stay faithful to his Father in all things. Jesus is not willing to give in to what many of us so often give in to - the need for power or prestige or glory or a chance to 'show off.' Rather, Jesus came simply to serve and to save - and the devil's temptations and 'promises' had absolutely nothing to do with any of that.

You might feel that Jesus had it 'easier' than we have it, in that He is God and we are not. 'It couldn't have been the same for Him' we might think to ourselves. The truth is, to do that would be, in a sense, to deny the Incarnation, to deny that Jesus did indeed become one of us. He is God - that much is absolutely true - but He also entered this world by humbly taking on a human nature, and therefore was tempted just like you and me. Yet somehow - in ways we cannot fully understand - Jesus was able to stay on the right path - even when taking a different path would seem better for him.

We're just beginning Lent, our own 40 days in the desert. And during this holy time we will take a deep look within, examine the ways we have been faithful and the ways we haven't; examine the ways we have stayed on the path and the ways we have strayed; examine the ways we have met the needs of others and the ways we have placed our own needs above those of others; examine the ways we have loved and the ways we have chosen to do something else. And that's not easy. Looking honestly at our faults and failings can be a very painful thing.

The key word there is 'honestly'. It seems clear that one of the temptations we will face in this desert during these 40 days is the temptation to deflect the blame for our failures, rationalize the bad choices we have made, fail to accept our role and our culpability in the making of a world that is not a true reflection of what God created it to be. After all, the devil made me do it! Right?

I think we know the answer. Now, that doesn't mean that every single thing we do wrong we are completely guilty of in the eyes of God. Sometimes we are simply not as free as we might assume. There are all sorts of things that can mitigate our responsibility in a particular act. Sometimes we act out of tremendous fear. Sometimes we act under the power of pain or compelling effects of an illness - such as when we find ourselves in the grip of a serious addiction. Sometimes we are just plain ignorant (for a lack of a better word) - really not completely sure what is the right thing to do in a given situation.

But my gut feeling tells me that in most cases, the wrong we do, the immoral or harmful choices we make, are on us - on you and on me. And Lent is the perfect time to take a hard look at those very things, take a long, hard, honest look at our sins (a scarce word in the modern world) - no matter how difficult that may be. And we do so not as an end in itself - but so that we can be better, so that we can be much more, so that we can be the beautiful, loving, kind, generous people God wants us to be (and knows that we can be). That is what Lent is really all about. God bless you, Fr. Stan





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