

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MAY 18, 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](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)  
Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS	484-269-8744
LaSalle Academy Office	610-777-7392
<a href="http://www.lsabear.org">www.lsabear.org</a>	
Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....	Pastor
Deacon Mark T. Brezina.....	Deacon
Valerie Christo.....	Director 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:

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  
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## Church of Saint Benedict—May 18, 2025

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

#### MONDAY, MAY 19

6:00pm-9pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

5:00pm-9:00pm ChristLife, FLC/Conference Room

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

August 9-14th for Vacation Bible School. More details to follow, or you may use this QR code for more information.



The History Committee is requesting copies of the 2007 parish directory for the archives. The directory was produced as a hardback with white cover and contains photos of the statues of Mary in the prayer garden. If you wish to donate a copy you aren't using, please contact Mark Schrum at 484-706-2215.



#### **Prayer for Pope Leo XIV**

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably upon your servant, Leo XIV, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (from the Roman Missal)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—If you are an experienced teacher or have had training in Education, please consider volunteering your time and talent at the Mother Veronica Resource Center. We are looking for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and substitute teachers for both morning and evening classes beginning in September 2025. Perhaps you'd prefer working one-on-one as a tutor during the day or evening? Tutoring is offered in Adult Basic Education (ABE), ESL, GED preparation subjects, and Citizenship preparation for the Naturalization Test. Or maybe you are proficient in computer skills? We need computer skills instructors knowledgeable of Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, and use of the Internet for morning or evening classes. For further information, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-516-2138 or mveronicacenter@gmail.com. Thank you.



#### **Monday 05/19 Easter Weekday**

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Jim Pleitner

**Rev. Msgr. John Martin**

#### **Tuesday 05/20 St. Bernardine of Siena**

6:30pm Eugene C. Raser Sr. by the Keenan Family

**Rev. Keith Mathur**

#### **Wednesday 05/21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions**

8:00am Bernadette Shisslak by Barbara Ruano

**Rev. Msgr. John McCann**

#### **Thursday 05/22 St. Rita of Cascia**

8:00am Elizabeth Blimline by Marie & Stanley Blimline

**Rev. Robert McConaghy**

#### **Friday 05/23 Easter Weekday**

8:00am John & Marie Sentenac by Jack Mitnacht

**Very Rev. Brian Miller**

#### **Sunday 05/25 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00pm (Saturday) Richard DeHais by Brooke & Carol Frech

8:30am Richard DuBois by Carol & Joe Hojnacki/ POP

11:00am Cameron Bruder by Frank & Judy Burns

**Very Rev. Michael Miller**

**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 homebound, especially Pope Francis, Jack Anton, 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, Bob Glad, Louise Grieve, Fred Harding, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, Larry Jenne, Bob & Cecelia Kacmar, Rev. Speratus Kamanzi AJ, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Sandy Maio, 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, Theo Polidore, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Rex Voelker, 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.**



## Church of St. Benedict—May 18, 2025



**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 adorers to fill in when those who are regularly scheduled are unavailable. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord. Is Jesus calling you? Please contact Diane Arnold at 610-470-6616.*

*Thank you for  
your generous gifts!*



### May 11

**Stewardship \$7,148.00 (175 envelopes)**

**Parish Giving \$4,450.00**

**Mortgage \$1,875.00 (81 envelopes)**

**Parish Giving \$1,795.00**

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



**LOURDES AND FATIMA**—There will be a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima from June 7th-June 16th, 2026. You will visit these two famous apparition sites and shrines of devotion to Our Lady. For more information, go to <https://www.206tours.com/cms/frfrink/> or contact Jim Valentino at bigbuck\_val@yahoo.com

**BREAKFAST SUNDAY**—will be on Sunday, May 18th from 8:30am-11:30am. The menu will be pancakes and sausage or Eggs Benedict. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast with your parish family.



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend  
burns in memory of Rodney and  
Robert Focht by Mary Ann Focht*

**RESPECT LIFE**—The Respect Life Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated to their campaign to raise funds for the pro-life billboard on the turnpike. Due to your generosity, thousands of people each day will be reminded of the dignity of every human life, born and unborn.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*



A natural extension of the commands of Jesus to love is to forgive. First we need to acknowledge our sin and then allow the grace of the Spirit transform us in the process of forgiveness. In the core of our soul there is a peace and tranquility that abides there. But too often it is overshadowed by the murkiness of sin. We want to conceal the sin, not let it out, not reveal our vulnerability. The secular view of sorrow is weakness, but it isn't. When sorrow meets forgiveness head on, there is a fire that is ignited. The fire of God's peace and love. In seeking healthy forgiveness, there is a humiliation that can be very profound when acknowledging sin. But this humiliation does not degrade or crush, it lifts the spirit up. It allows that peace and tranquility and goodness and truth in the depths of our soul, to be uncovered and then shine through.

We may come to the realization that I am not as good as I make myself up to be, but I am much more loved by God than I could ever imagine. This scenario applies to our seeking forgiveness from God and others as well as to love and forgive as Jesus.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta had these words on growing in Christ-like love: "People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

God bless you, Fr. Stan.

**JERSEY BEACH BOYS**—Join the Prime Timers on a day of music, lunch, refreshments and a show on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Cost is \$98.00; a \$25 deposit before June 15th will hold your seat. The bus will be leaving St. Benedict's at 9:15am and returning approximately 5:30pm. For reservations, call Marie Blimline at 484-332-3241.

**KNIGHTS' NEWS**—Get ready for a special Hospitality Sunday on June 1st. The Knights will put on a parish appreciation breakfast featuring pancakes and sausage and surprise pastries. Text Rich Conte 610-223-8846 if you are a large group (more than 4). Also we are still looking for donations of raffle baskets or other gifts for the Golf Outing June 13. Profits benefit, in part, St. Francis Home for Hospice care.



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