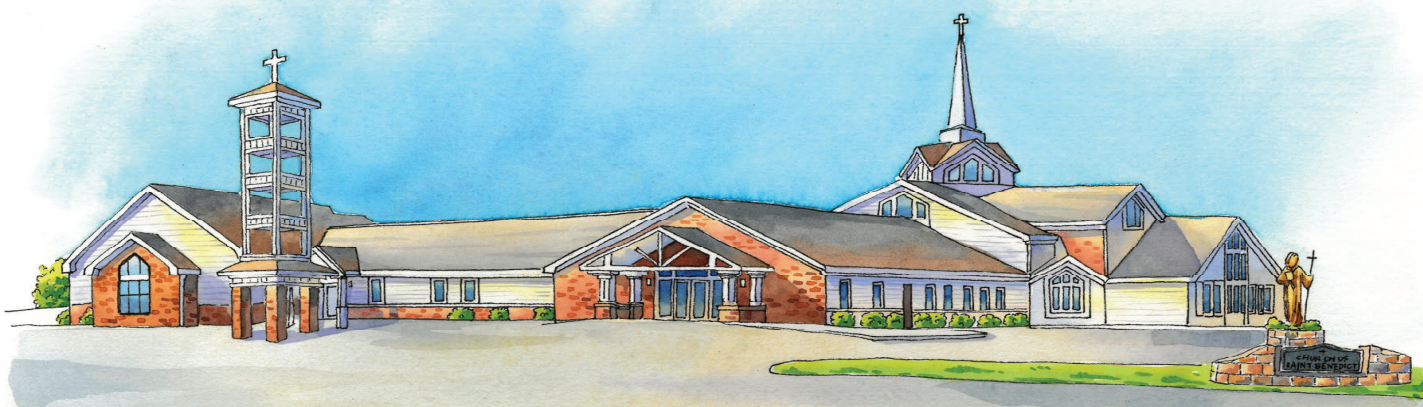


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MAY 4, 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;
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Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS	484-269-8744
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www.berkscatholic.org	



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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:

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Church of Saint Benedict—May 4, 2025

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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

PREP/CGS—Congratulations to the 14 children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday: Jeffrey Conlow, Finley Forsyth, Chase Greth, Jinora Hill, Keegan Hill, Parker Jones, Westin Lomnychuk, Jason Martin, Dominic Quinn, Rose Raser, Patrick Thatcher, Brantley Whiteman, Caleb Whiteman and Gianna Yanchocik.

The children will be participating in our May Procession on Sunday, May 4th immediately following the 8:30 Mass. All are welcome to attend as we crown our Blessed Mother.

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



ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP—are available to memorialize or honor a loved one. Cost for arrangements is \$75. You may also have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a loved one, living or deceased; the suggested offering is \$10. To make arrangements for either flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp, please contact the parish office.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE - Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council is offering two \$500 scholarships each to LaSalle Academy and Berks Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 school year. The scholarships are open to members of Church of St. Benedict. Applications are available in the church gathering space. The deadline for returning completed applications is May 15, 2025.



Monday 05/05 Easter Weekday

8:00am Artie Amici by the Arnold Family

Rev. Joseph Kweder

Tuesday 05/06 Easter Weekday

6:30pm Ellen Flynn by Louise Beard

Rev. Patrick Lamb

Wednesday 05/07 Easter Weekday

8:00am Mary Messner by Joy & Lee Bandy

Rev. Daniel Lannen

Thursday 05/08 Easter Weekday

8:00am Eugene Raser Sr. by Jim & Brenda Flynn

Rev. Brendon Laroche

Friday 05/09 Easter Weekday

8:00am Mary Messner by the Martha & Mary Prayer Group

Rev. Keith Laskowski

Sunday 05/11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm (Saturday) All Mothers Living and Deceased

8:30am All Mothers Living and Deceased

11:00am All Mothers Living and Deceased

Rev. William Linckhorst

**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, 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 4, 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!*



April 27

Stewardship \$6,139.00 (155 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$3,525.00

Mortgage \$2,231.00 (81 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,230.00

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

CARD SHOWER—Sister Helen Marie Gates IHM will be celebrating her 70th anniversary as a Religious Sister with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It would be wonderful if her friends from St. Benedict would shower her with greetings and well-wishes on such a momentous milestone anniversary. Please send your cards to her at:



Sister Helen Marie Gates, IHM
Annunciation Convent
229 W. Cherry Street
Shenandoah, PA 17976-2210



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 1 1/2 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



Have you been in a situation where you are going to come face to face with a person you have deeply hurt or has hurt you deeply? When faced with such situations, we may be tempted to give up on these relationships. We may employ avoidance techniques with cold indifference. We may stubbornly refuse even the slightest move toward any reconciliation with feelings of righteous indignation.

Giving up is surrendering to weakness or even despair. Do we simply give up in order to take the easy way out? Do we give into despair? The temptation to give up takes many forms in many situations, often seeming like the wise thing to do.

Giving up can be the work of the devil. Giving up was found in each of the 3 temptations Satan presented to Christ when he was out in the desert preparing to embark on his public ministry. Giving up was the last temptation Satan hurled at Jesus as he hung on the cross.

God, however, never gives up on us, even when we turn our backs on him or betrayed him. That's what happened in today's gospel. After his resurrection, Jesus poses the question 3 times to Peter do you love me? Peter's triple denial of Jesus had to be acknowledged and faced. Jesus faces it with loving forgiveness, all of which allows Peter to forgive himself. There is a wonderful freedom that flows from forgiveness.

God loves us with unconditional love. This is the type of love we want to give our children, spouses, and family members. We all have moments when we abandon unconditional love and slap others with 'conditions' on our love, telling them we'll love them or forgive them 'if....'.

This is why we need to seek God's forgiveness. Not just to save our own skins, but that we might have the power to forgive others as he has forgiven us. Without God's grace, unconditional love is most likely impossible. But with God's love and power, all things are possible; like loving others unconditionally, and not 'giving up' on them.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend
burns in memory of Jill Sadecky
by Joe and Kathy Matisko*



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CHRIST IS RISEN – ALLELUIA!



In the preparations for the Easter Triduum, the Knights were involved in supporting various aspects on Church Decorum. Starting the Monday after the 5th Sunday in Lent, Brother Knights (BK) Ed Hecker and Ron McClure covered the church statues with purple clothes. Led by BK Joe Hojnecki, the sanctuary was decorated on Good Friday night with Easter Flowers and Easter Wreaths were put on the doors (Chris Keenan, Ed Hecker contributed to this effort). Many Knights also supported the Liturgies as Ushers, Greeters and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

EASTER DECORATIONS 2025

PARISH RECTORY BASEMENT REFURBISHMENT



On the initiative of BK Jim Pleitner, refurbishment of the rectory basement started in June of 2024 as he saw the need to make improvements. His volunteer work was in addition to his other charitable efforts. The finished walls, tile flooring and material stored in the basement were removed to support reconstruction. With the help of Knights and Parishioners, reconstruction work progressed. The council contributed \$2,000 for the drop ceiling. New furnishings and area carpets were installed. The assisting Knights were: John Bergandino, Paul Frizzell and Gary Raser. The council recognized the work of parishioners Tony Diederich and Bob Wheatley



The basement was significantly damaged due to the aftermath of Hurricane Adi in the Fall of 2021 when several inches of water seeped in. The water in-leakage was immediately corrected from the outside with improved gutters and sump pump and French drains. However, the basement was left in disarray necessitating the work of council Knights



along with parishioners.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

On the fifth weekends in December 2024 and March 2025 Knights led by Brother Knight Gary Scollick continued its Rosary Program thirty minutes before the start of Masses. This program has been popular with the parishioners, and it has led to the Rosary being said at many weekend Masses many of which have been led by Brother Knights along with other Parishioners. God Bless them all! Leaders were Gary Scollick, Ed Hecker Adam Scheidel and Rich Conte.



OCTOBER 1ST TO MARCH 31ST Many Fraternal Service Projects and Fundraisers

In this time period, the following Fraternal Service Projects were completed: 1) On Oct. 5 the Knights supported Fr. Stan in the Blessing of the Animals and for his reception following Mass for his installation as Pastor; 2) Stewardship Weekend Oct 12-13 led by Bk John Bergandino; 3) Halloween Trunk or Treat support to the Parish Family Group on Oct. 26 led by GK Mike Maiers; 4) Coordination of the Parish Christmas Bazaar complete with Santa Claus on Nov. 2-3 led by GK Mike Maiers; 5) Food and Drink support to firefighters battling the Neversink Mountain Fire on Nov. 9-10 led by BK John Cocco; 6) Hurricane Helene Disaster relief in North Carolina on Nov. 11-15 led by Gary Rasser; 7) Knights Memorial Mass and Social on Nov. 16; 8) Light Up for Christ Prayer Service and Spaghetti Dinner on Dec. 7 led by Rich Conte; 9) For the Advent Season, Knights set up of giving trees, 2 to benefit Mary's Shelter and one for Catholic Relief Services; 10) Consecration to the Holy Family on Dec. 28-29 led by BK and Father Stan; 11) Novena for Life on Jan. 16-24 led by Father Stan and Rich Conte; 12) Bereavement support on the passing of BK Gene Raser Sr.; 13) Others as noted herein.

Major Fundraisers also occurred to support council charitable endowments: 1) Advent Fish Fry on Dec. 20 led by Rich Conte; 2) Designer Bag Bingo on Feb. 3 led by BK Gary Scollick; 3) Hoagie + Perogies/Chicken Corn Soup sale with the Women's Club for Feb. 9-10; 4) Night at the Races on March 2 led by Jim Gregor; 5) Two Fish Fries in Lent led by Rich Conte; and, 6) two Crab Cake Sales led by BK Paul Waterman.



PRAYERS FOR MONSIGNOR DOMIN:

Before the Saturday Masses in Lent, the rosary and Mass were offered for Msgr. Domin's health. Knights or the Seven Sisters led the rosary on the Joyful Mysteries followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. "Father Ed" was enrolled in the Blessed McGivney Guild which postulates the cause for Sainthood of Blessed Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest and Founder of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. For two years Father Ed greatly led and achieved fondness in the hearts of the St. Benedict Parishioners. Prayers continued at all Masses and privately for his cause seeking the Lord's healing through the intercession of Blessed McGivney. Approximately 110 volunteer hours incurred for the Lent Saturdays.

IN SYMPATHY WE MOURN THE PASSING OF OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS:

On the passing of Pope Francis in an email to all Knights, the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly noted the Holy Father's powerful witness to charity and fraternity [two of four cornerstones of the Order], challenging us to reach out to the margins of society and serve those who are too often forgotten.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may his soul rest in the peace of Christ!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 to June 1, ICON Devotion to the Sacred Heart

June 1, Parish Appreciation Breakfast after the Sunday Masses.

June 2, Election Night and Picnic for Knight Families

June 13, Golf Outing – see details in the Gather Space

MEMBERSHIP: 116

– Exemplification for New Members - Contact GK Mike Maiers or Rich Conte

– Fraternal Information Sessions scheduled for April 28, May 7 and May 12 (pizza dinner before start of session on 12th)

Key Council Contacts:

Chaplain, Father Stanley Moczydlowski (Church Office) R610-856-1006

Grand Knight: Michael Maiers (*pictured right*) C610-842-9360

Deputy Grand Knight/Program Director Gary Raser C610-587-0123

Membership Director: Rich Conte C610-223-8846

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Blessed Father McGivney, Pray for Us!

