CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT, D.D.



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day

Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am

Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540 610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday; all other days 9:00am-4:30pm.

Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS LaSalle Academy Office	484-269-8744 610-777-7392
www.lsabear.org	
Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org	



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Don	minPastor
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Rosanne Weidner	Rectory Housekeeping

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Richard Conte, 610-223-8846
Location of Emergency Operating Plan
https://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com/wp-content/
uploads/St-Benedict-Emergency-Operating-Plan-Rev
-00.pdf

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on Saturday afternoon, 1-2pm, after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Baptism preparation class held 2nd Saturday. 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 Mark Schrum at 484-706-2215.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Sunday, May 5

9:30am Bible Study, Conference Room

Monday, May 6

6:30pm Bereavement Group, Chapel 7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

Tuesday, May 7

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL



<u>Distinguished Honors</u>—Sophomores: Bryanna Gallagher, Gillian Gontarz, Regan McClure

<u>First Honors</u>—Sophomores: Michael Ward; Seniors: Madeline Frisina, Brady Mider

Second Honors—Sophomores: Timothy Machion;

Seniors: Matthew Schrenk

Congratulations to all of you for your scholastic accomplishments!



DO YOU LIKE TO PRAY? The Seven Sisters Apostolate may be just what you are searching for. This Apostolate began when seven women answered a call to pray for their parish priest and now this

Apostolate is all over the world.

Each member or sister commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week to offer prayers for the vocation of their parish priest. The Seven Sister may pray at any time on the day they have committed to. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacramenteither in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle – but not restricted to the parish of which the Seven Sister is a member. We pray for the priest's deepening devotion to Mary, his priestly vocation such as his physical, spiritual, and social well-being. With Our Lady's support and our prayers, the Church and her priests will be strengthened. Please consider joining us in this beautiful Apostolate. You are cordially invited to our annual potluck on June 7th at 6:00pm in FLC. Please come and join us and consider becoming a "Sister". Contact Diane Arnold 610-470-6616 or willarno@ptd.net for further information.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you.—John 15:9



Monday 05/06 Easter Weekday NO MASS

Rev. Francis Iroot

Tuesday 05/07 Easter Weekday 6:30pm Mary, Don & Andy Keninitz by Terry Grundman *Rev. Guency Isaac*

Wednesday 05/08 Ascension of the Lord (Vigil) NO MORNING MASS

5:00pm Dec'd Messer/McGovern Families by Hal Messer *Rev. Stephan Isaac*

Thursday 05/09 Ascension of the Lord 8:00am Martin & Alberta Yaklowich by Clara Lush 7:00pm Dennis Ruano by the Prime timers Rev. Msgr. David James

Friday 05/10 St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Vuester 8:00am Daniel Thom by the Machion Family *Rev. Richard James*

Saturday 05/11 Easter Weekday 8:00am People of the Parish *Rev. Ronald Jankaitis*

Sunday 05/12 Seventh 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



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Camille Beccone, Janet Cannon, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Rita Del Percio, Jeannine Dutton, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Jamison Gray, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, Nova P., Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Zac Schneider, Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist OP, John Slanga, Cathy Steuber, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes.

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



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.

SMALL GROUP STUDY—As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the "Jesus and the Eucharist" study. This will be a small group format, with rich theological content, powerful testimonies and messages from bishops across the country. These studies will take place after the 8:30am Mass on Sundays in the conference room until May 19th. Feel free to come to any and all sessions.

"How many things Jesus tells us in our heart, when we stand at His feet, if we are careful to listen to His voice."

—Blessed Giovanna Maria Boccardo

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 appreciated.

2025 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK— will be opened on *Monday, May 20th at 10:00am*. Mass intention requests will be taken in person ONLY from Monday, May 20th until Friday, May 24th. *After that*, you may call, mail or email Mass requests. Requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis. We will also limit requests for a weekend Mass (Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning) to 2 per person for the year. This way, everyone will have an equal opportunity for these openings. As before, no personal intentions will be taken for the Easter and Christmas Masses, as well as for All Souls' Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the intentions of the People of the Parish.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

April 28

Stewardship \$7,325.00 (188 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$2,445.00

Mortgage \$1,432.00 (64 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,185.00

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

KNIGHTS' CORNER—You can still sign up for the Golf Outing on Friday, May 17—shotgun start at 8:45 am (breakfast items, games, and steak dinner)



They are in need of donations for raffle baskets with a sports theme and door prizes along with other gift bag goodies.

You can still get a refund for the postponed Designer Bag Bingo. Please call Rich Conte @ 610-223-8846 to make arrangements in the next 3 weeks for a refund. At the end of May, all receipts will be considered final and you can use your ticket on Feb. 1, 2025.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT—

The parish will be 70 years old on February 10, 2025. The History Committee has been preparing a history book on the parish. To coincide with the publishing of the book, we are forming a committee to provide input, formulate ideas and develop a plan to present to Msgr. Domin on how the parish might celebrate that anniversary in January or February. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Mark Schrum at 484-706-2215.

ALTAR FLOWERS—There are still a few opportunities to memorialize altar flowers in 2024. You may offer them for someone living or deceased, or for a special wedding anniversary. For available dates, please call the Parish Office. The offering is \$75 per arrangement.





SAVE THE DATE! — The first Diocesan Local Pilgrimage will take place on Friday, September 20th, at the National Shrine of Padre Pio, Barto PA. The day will include Mass with Bishop Schlert, opportunity for Confession, an engaging

speaker, Eucharistic procession and more. Details to follow closer to the date.



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