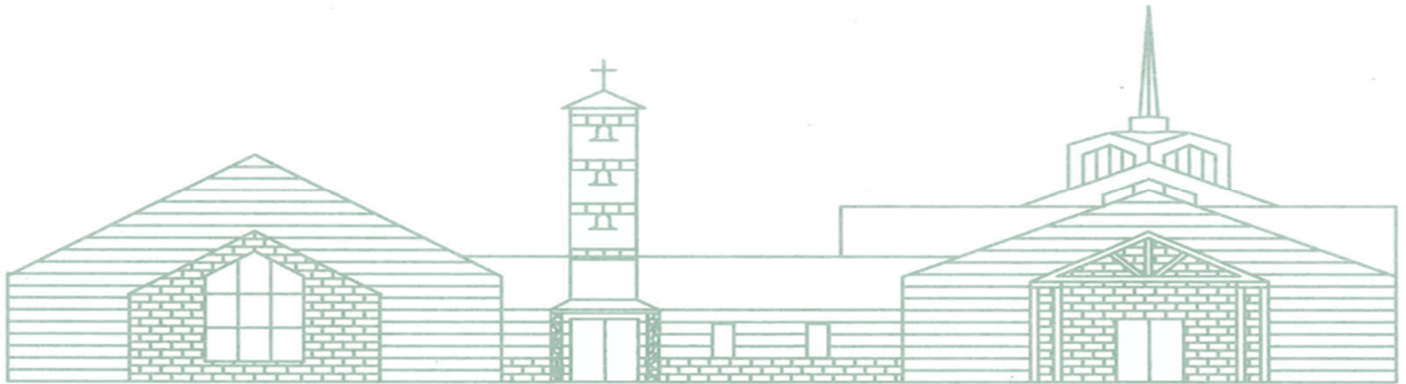


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

NOVEMBER 10, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

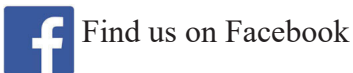
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday;
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Beverly Perella.....Director of Music
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 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 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:

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Church of Saint Benedict November 10, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30am-12:30pm Hospitality Sunday, FLC
1:00pm Landings, Chapel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00am-3:00pm Diocesan Educator Retreat, FLC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:00PM KOC MEMORIAL DINNER, FLC



TURKEYS AND HAMS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting turkeys and hams for their holiday baskets. Donations may be placed

in the refrigerator/freezer in the Education Wing. They will be collecting them until mid November. They are also collecting non-perishable food items for the baskets as well. Simply take a bag from their display in the gathering space and purchase the items listed on the tag. You may return the bags to the table for the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping provide holiday meals for our neighbors in need.

FROM GETHSEMANE CEMETERY—Starting the week of November 15, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 15.

KNIGHTS' NEWS—The Knights Council will be remembering the deceased of the council at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, November 16th. If you are an immediate family member of a Knight who has passed, you are welcomed to attend and come to the social following in the hall. Please contact Rich Conte @ 610-223-8846.



MUSIC MINISTRY—We are beginning to prepare for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8th at 2pm. If you would like your child to participate in the Children's Choir (K-5th grade) or the Youth Ensemble (Grades 6-12) please contact Beverly Perella our Music Director or call the parish office.



Monday 11/11 St. Martin of Tours

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons

Tuesday 11/12 St. Josaphat

6:30pm People of the Parish

Rev. David Kozak

Wednesday 11/13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00am Gerald Dagney by Rudolph & Theresa Fox

Rev. Msgr. Robert Kozel

Thursday 11/14 Weekday

5:30pm Sheila Palmieri-Franks by Walter Marniak

Rev. Daniel Kravatz

Friday 11/15 St. Albert the Great

8:00am Mary Messner by Sharon Helms

Rev. Dr. John Krivak

Saturday 11/16 St. Margaret of Scotland/St. Gertrude

8:00am All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Rev. Thomas Kuller

Sunday 11/17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) In Thanksgiving

8:30am Nikki Delaschmidt by Ann Doherty

11:00am James & Joann York by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Matthew Kuna

**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 Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Gerald Braddick, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Jeanie Hauck, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Beth Kase, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Sandy Maio, Joan Mofa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Kevin Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist OP, Stanley Plevyak, Gene Raser, Sr., Bridget Reagan, Vincent Rodgers, Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, John Slanga, Patricia Snow, Janet Teaford, Ted Teaford Jr., Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, David Williams, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those 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.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



I wonder what the disciples of thought as Jesus affirmed the poor woman for putting in a couple of coins worth virtually nothing. Were they surprised? Were they ashamed? Were they pleased? Were they confused? We really can't know for sure. What we do know is that Jesus was pointing out an important truth to them, one that can sometimes be difficult to hear and embrace. By telling them that the woman had given more than any of the rich people, he seems to have been telling them that true giving costs something. The widow had given the most because it cost her the most.

We only have to look at the life of Jesus to see that true giving involves real sacrifice. God gave himself to us in a perfect, intimate, tangible way in the person of his Son, and it cost him everything; his very life outpoured for the salvation of the whole world. And as a disciple of the Lord, God asks the same of us; asks that we give our entire selves; everything we have and are; poured out for the sake of others. He wants us to give as the poor widow in today's gospel story gave, from our want and not our excess. But it's not easy. A life of true faith never is.

To give God everything; every word, thought and action; to give back to Him every minute of every day and everything we own; to make Him the center of our lives and the motivation for everything we do, can seem to be an impossible task. And as a result, we can often become paralyzed into doing relatively little.

But maybe, today's Gospel story can help us take steps in that direction. A good place to start might be this—maybe we should strive to make sure that our giving truly costs us something, make sure that each time we give, we are truly making a sacrifice of some kind, make sure that we are truly denying ourselves something so that someone else may benefit. (For example; instead of going out for dinner, giving that money to charity; instead of playing golf, help a friend who needs you, take the money you use for recreation and use as much to help another in need.)

These are just a few examples. In reality, there are all sorts of small opportunities that come our way in which we can give without counting the cost, without wondering what's in it for me, without trying to make our giving the least painful or inconvenient it can be. Rather, each time we give in such a way that is actually costs us something, in such a way that we are really sacrificing something of ourselves for the sake of someone else, we grow a little closer to our God, and rest a little more assuredly and peacefully in His loving embrace; our incredible God who loves us more than we can ever imagine, and who blesses us in ways that cannot be counted.

And that's a pretty good place to be.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



*Thank you for
your generous gifts!*

November 3

Stewardship \$9,023.00 (185 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$4,265.00

Mortgage \$2,065.00 (76 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,160.00

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

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns
this week in memory of
Thaddeus and Mary Accordino Kozak
by Mary and Ted Kozak*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—There will be a Morning of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, November 23rd, after the 8:00am Daily Mass. All current Eucharistic Ministers and those interested in becoming one are all invited to attend.



NATIONAL
MARCH
FOR LIFE 2025

SAVE THE DATE

March for Life in Wash-
ton DC on Tuesday, January

24, 2025. St. Benedict's will be hosting a bus to the event. More details to follow.

BOOK OF THE DEAD—will be at the front of church again this year, so that you may add the names of your deceased loved ones. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



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