

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

November 12, 2023



## 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](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  
[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)  
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361  
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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor  
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education  
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy  
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary  
Rick Ruhl.....Accountant  
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 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 4:00-4:45pm 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, worshipping 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

## Church of Saint Benedict November 12, 2023

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

#### Wednesday, November 15

8:30am-5:00pm Adoration, Chapel  
7:00pm Choir Practice, Music Room

#### Friday, November 17

6:00pm SVDP, assembling holiday boxes, FLC

#### Saturday, November 18th and

#### Sunday, November 19th

Spirit Weekend, displays in the FLC after all Masses

*Please note there will be no Breakfast Sunday in November. It will be returning in December.*

### **MASS TIME CHANGE—**

Beginning on Saturday, December 2, the first weekend of Advent, the Saturday Vigil Mass will move ahead an hour, from **5:00pm to 4:00pm**. Confessions will also move up an hour and will be beginning at **3:00pm**.



**O COME LET US ADORE HIM**—Beginning on Saturday, December 2 and on all First Saturdays of the month, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, before our 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Everyone is invited to come to Mass a few minutes early to spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful way to enter into the spirit of the National Eucharistic Revival.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS —NOVEMBER 18/19

#### 5:00pm

**Lector: Jean Ruhl**

**Altar Servers: Cooper Whitely, Timothy Machion**

**EMs: Debbie Mazzaelli, Gary Scollick, Nick Gatto**

**Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Ron McClure**

#### 8:30am

**Lector: Pete Snow**

**Altar Servers: Emil and Lizzy Boyer**

**EMs: Sharon Helms, Jeanette Bunch, Chris Shulski**

**Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Michele Snider**

#### 11:00am

**Lector: Maureen Cranley**

**Altar Servers: Eli Scheidel, Tom Coppa**

**EMs: Mark Brezina, Ursita Blechman, Bo Kuszniir**

**Musician: Guitar Group Cantor: Sharon Direso**

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please find a substitute in advance. Thanks!*

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday 11/13** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

**NO MASS**

**Rev. Thomas Hoban**

**Tuesday 11/14** Weekday

6:30pm People of the Parish

**Rev. Allen Hoffa**

**Wednesday 11/15** St. Albert the Great

8:00am Bishop Edward P. Cullen by People of the Parish

**Rev. John Hutta**

**Thursday 11/16** St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

5:30pm Bee McClure Stern by the Gutherman Family

**Rev. Augustine Idra**

**Friday 11/17** St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00am Barbara Radosza & Jane Carbray by Terry Grundman

**Rev. Francis Iroot**

**Saturday 11/18** Dedication of Sts. Peter & Paul Basilica

8:00am People of the Parish

**Rev. Guency Isaac**

**Sunday 11/19** Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Bee McClure Stern by Jim & Floss Pleitner

8:30am Michael Shoup by the Terifay Family

11:00am Rev. James Lofton by Nate & Mia Miller

**Rev. Stephan Isaac**

*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this weekend  
in memory of Doris LaMonica  
By Doris Yeager*

**THANK YOU**—to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar, making it an outstanding success. Your support and enthusiasm were truly amazing. We are extremely grateful to our vendors and organizations that participated; you were instrumental in helping us create a merry and joyful event.

—Mike Maiers, Bazaar Chairman



**MEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITY**—One of America's leading Catholic evangelists, Dr. Edward Sri, will be directing the Immaculate Conception Retreat Group at the Malvern Retreat House from December 8th to the 10th. Join the Men of Malvern to focus on the important things of life like your relationship with God, your spouse and your family. This promises to be a spiritual experience like never before. For more information contact Justin Coppa at 610-698-2088 Or call the retreat house at (610) 569-9796.

**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR 2024**—is now available on the bulletin board at the main church entrance. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one, simply sign up on the calendar or call the parish office to schedule a particular date. Arrangements are \$75 each.

### 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, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Peg Creamer, Debbie Dayton, Rita Del Percio, Richard DuBois, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Jamison Gray, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Michele Levan, Bob and Helen Macminn, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Nicole Miller, Regina Moran, Nova P., Patrick, Patti, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Cathy Steuber, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Maureen Truckly, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, Cheryl Wolfe, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Glen Weaver, father of Jessica Fiore. May he rest in peace.*



### STEWARDSHIP

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**Stewardship—November 5 \$10,259.00 (198 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$ 4,595.00**

**Mortgage—November 5 \$2,376.00 (73 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$ 750.00**

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

**FOOD DONATIONS**—The St. Vincent de Paul Society continues its holiday food collection through the month of October. Please see their display in the gathering space. Take a bag asking for specific items and return it before the end of the month. They are also asking for donations of hams and turkeys. These may be placed in the FLC kitchen refrigerator or in the refrigerator located in the Education wing. Thank you again for your continued support in helping us serve our neighbors in need.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding at 5:00pm.

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.

*Please remember when entering the church or the Adoration chapel that you maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation, especially before Mass, as there are people who have come to pray.*

**SAVE THE DATE**—The parishioners of St. Benedict have been cordially invited by Pastor Michael Ware to celebrate our traditional joint Thanksgiving Eve service with the congregation of Robeson Lutheran Church. They will be hosting this year. We've been told we don't need to bring anything except our smiles! They will provide music and refreshments. Please plan to attend this event on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7pm.



**SPIRIT WEEKEND**— We will be holding our traditional Spirit Weekend on Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th in the FLC. Please come out and see all the wonderful groups, committees and ministries our parish offers. Each table will have representatives to provide more information about what their group does. Consider becoming a part of one of these parish organizations; it's a great way to meet new people and to deepen your faith. See you there!

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Holiday Food Boxes**—The SVdP Conference of St. Benedict has collected and distributed holiday meals at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter for many years to Berks County neighbors in need. We are looking for parish member volunteers to deliver 1 or 2 meals to our neighbor's homes during the distribution. The commitment of time to this endeavor is small (about an hour), but the joyful dividends of helping the poor face to face are great and unforgettable. Please consider giving this wonderful gift of your time during the most sacred seasons of the year. Call Jean Ruhl at 610-781-2302.

*"He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor." Proverbs 22:9.*



**NEW HYMNALS**—Beginning the First Sunday in Advent we will be using our new hardbound hymnals, Journeysongs. Please consider sponsoring a hymnal in memory or honor of someone, for the cost of \$30 each. Look for the display in the Gathering Space. Take a form, provide the information, and then place it in the music bag along with your check made payable to Church of St. Benedict. Before they are placed in the pews for everyone's use, there will be a dedication label in the front of the hymnal with the name/names you are sponsoring.







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