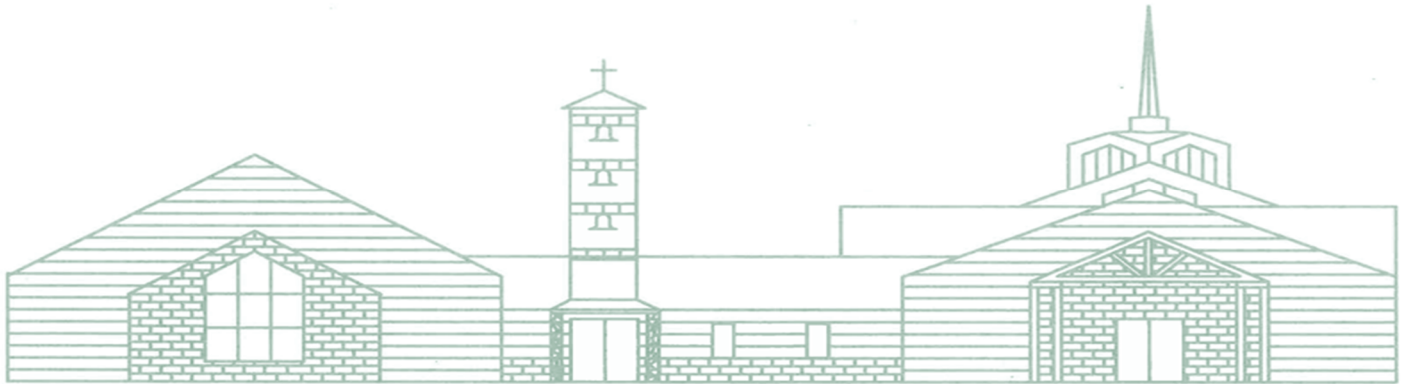


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

NOVEMBER 17, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

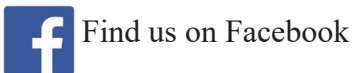
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
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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 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.

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Church of Saint Benedict November 17, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30am-11:30am Breakfast Sunday

1:00pm Landings, Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00pm St. Benedict Book Club, FLC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30am Eucharistic Ministers Morning of Reflection, Church



Monday 11/18 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

NO MASS

Rev. Joseph Kweder

Tuesday 11/19 Weekday

6:30pm Barbara Radosza by Terry Grundman

Rev. William Kyere

Wednesday 11/20 Weekday

8:00am Joseph Appleton by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Rev. Patrick Lamb

Thursday 11/21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Florence Pleitner by Margaret Tully

Rev. Daniel Lannen

Friday 11/22 St. Cecilia

8:00am Marian Yanitis Zielinski by the Brenner Family

Rev. Brendon Laroche

Saturday 11/23 St. Clement, St. Columban, Bl. Michael Pro

8:00am Intentions of Sam Coppa

Rev. Keith Laskowski

Sunday 11/24 Feast of Christ the King

5:00pm(Saturday) Groff & Mazzarelli Families
by Debbie Mazzarelli

8:30am Mary Messner by St. Benedict Cursillo Group

11:00am Theodore G. Rhoades by Sharon Helms

Rev. William Linkhorst

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE,
ESPECIALLY IN OUR DIOCESE.**



TURKEYS AND HAMS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society is still in need of turkeys and hams for their holiday baskets. They only have about half of

what they need. Donations may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the Education Wing. 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 filled bags to the table. Thank you for your generosity in helping provide holiday meals for our neighbors in need.

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.



BERKS CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL—

Distinguished Honors: Bryanna Gallagher, Gillian Gontarz, Regan McClure, Michael Ward, Catherine Basehoar, Giavanna Musalam. First Honors: Seth Brezina, Mia Kirwan, Timothy Machion, Nicholas Zoltack, Anthony Zoltack. Second Honors: Cole Peticca, Carly Debiec. Congratulations to all on your academic achievements!

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.



KNIGHTS' NEWS—Save the dates for these upcoming events sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. On Saturday Dec. 7 after the 5:00pm Mass we will have our traditional blessing of the Manger Scene at the Bell Tower, followed by a complimentary spaghetti dinner. Tables will also be set up for the Vocations Committee "Adopt a Priest Program." On Friday Dec. 13 at 5:00pm, the annual Advent Fish Fry will take place. Tickets will go on sale shortly.





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



In today's gospel, Jesus compels his disciples to be watchful for the coming of the Son of Man, for they know not the hour or the day that the Lord will appear. The apocalyptic urgency with which Mark's gospel communicates our need for vigilant watchfulness can instill a sense of anxiety, even a sense of impending doom. It can sound as though Jesus is expecting us to stand, jaws and fists clenched, paralyzed by fear for the coming of the Son of Man.

Yet, our call to watchful attentiveness need not be so driven by fear. It can be lived out in gentle acts of noticing and attending to others' needs. Think of the many vocations that demand alert attentiveness in a spirit of gentleness. Teachers are attentive to the learning struggles of each student. Nurses and doctors are attentive to the needs of their patients. Farmers are attentive to the changing seasons, the crops, to the land. Poets and artists attend to the subtle beauty and wonderment, the pain and grief of the world. There are various ways we human beings live out this call to watchfulness, to attentiveness.

How do we cultivate this practice of attentiveness? Our tried and true way to start is through a disciplined, daily practice of gratitude. Gratitude is a soft, gentle way to cultivate our practice of attentiveness. Gratitude opens our hearts to vulnerability. It turns our attention outward, and with an outward gaze, we begin to see the needs of others. Gratitude is both the seed and the fruit of the attentive watchfulness Jesus calls for today.

In a week and a half, our nation sets aside a day for gratitude. May our celebration of Thanksgiving help us to be more alert, more present, more attentive to those who are in need. May our stance of thanksgiving become a stance of attentiveness, as we joyfully await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan.



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November 10 Stewardship \$5,856.00 (159 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,655.00
Mortgage Parish Giving \$1,265.00 (64 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,570.00

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

The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns in memory of Michael Kozak by Mary and Ted Kozak

PARISH HISTORY—DID YOU KNOW? On October 8, 1973 the Robeson Lutheran Church Council made and passed the following motion, 'that we hold a joint Thanksgiving Service with St. Benedict's Church.' Thus the tradition of our combined Thanksgiving Service began. Read about it in the soon-to-be-released book, *History of St. Benedict's Church*.



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.



SAVE THE DATE
March for Life in Washington 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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