

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

NOVEMBER 24, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

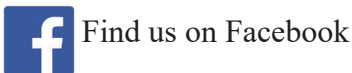
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday;
all other days (M, T, Th., F) 9:00am-4:30pm.
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....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 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:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., DIRECT 800-791-9209
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Church of Saint Benedict November 24, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12 noon Prime Timers, FLC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Service with Robeson Lutheran Church



Monday 11/25 St. Catherine of Alexandria
NO MASS

Rev. David Loeper

Tuesday 11/26 Weekday

6:30pm Floss Pleitner by Bill & Diane Arnold

Rev. David Lopez

Wednesday 11/27 Weekday

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Philip Maas

Thursday 11/28 Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Joseph Burns by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Rev. Stephen Maco

Friday 11/29 Weekday

8:00am Tom Scheidel by Adam Scheidel

Rev. Leo Maletz

Saturday 11/30 St. Andrew the Apostle

8:00am Marcella Kmiec by Stan & Janet Kmiec

Rev. John Maria

Sunday 12/1 First Sunday of Advent

5:00pm(Saturday) Stanley & Marie Blimline

54th Wedding Anniversary

8:30am Floss Pleitner by St. Vincent de Paul Society

11:00am Ed Reidel by Tim & Robinn Reidel

Rev. Msgr. John Martin

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.



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.

ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE—The Sisters and staff of the Historic Potts Mansion invite you to some upcoming holiday events. There will be tours of the mansion on Saturday, December 14th from 11am-3pm. This tour will feature Victorian decorations done by local artists and designers. There will also be a basket raffle. Tickets for this event are \$20 for adults, \$10 ages 6-13, and free for children under 6. On Sunday, December 15th, there will be a family friendly "Cookies with Santa" event, including gingerbread decorating, hot chocolate, and a visit from a Victorian Santa Claus. Cost for this event is \$20 per family.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE—Once again, we will be gathering at St. Benedict's with our friends from Robeson

Lutheran Church for our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7pm. Pastor Michael Ware will read the Scripture and give a reflection. The opening prayer and closing benediction will be given by Deacon Mark Brezina. Since we are hosting, we are asking that parishioners kindly bring some light refreshments/finger foods that will be served in the FLC after the service. Plan to come out and enjoy this long-standing tradition with our neighbors from Robeson Lutheran Church.

**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



Because this is the last Sunday of the Church Year and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are asked to reflect on the last things of our lives - our life, death, and the promise of eternal life in the reign of God.

The reign of Christ will include those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give clothes to the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, and show hospitality to the stranger. This reign of Christ will probably also include all those who have been starving for emotional and spiritual support; starving for acceptance and friendship; starving for forgiveness and understanding. Our support for these would be an effective means of feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, and showing hospitality to the stranger.

The last Sunday of the Church Year is an important time for giving thanks for what we have received throughout this past year and throughout our lives. At the Last Supper, the night before he died, Jesus gave thanks with the first Holy Eucharist. For what can we give thanks this Sunday? Give thanks for the gift of life and the gift of new life in baptism. Give thanks for each of us being unique and special - the very best of God's creation. Give thanks for our families, communities, and friends. Give thanks for the gift of faith by which we are drawn out of darkness into God's marvelous light and eternal life. Give thanks for our particular calling in life by which we bear fruit. Give thanks for those around us—for all who are easy to love, those in need of our love, and even for those not so easy to love. Give thanks for Christ, our loving and merciful sovereign.

Our world is imperfect. We are imperfect. We have to keep moving away from sin. We have to keep working for justice and peace in the world. But the Solemnity of Christ the King means that one day all things will be clear. There will be an end to confusion, hatred, and failure. Life does have a direction, even though we might not always see it. But that direction clearly needs to be towards God.

On this last Sunday of the Church Year, the liturgy and our faith point us to a God who cares, who is Almighty, who is ruler, and who invites us to be part of God's everlasting and Majestic reign. We are to lift our eyes to God and see descend from that infinite majesty a ray of glory on those here on earth. That ray of glory is Jesus Christ. May we always honor our king, listening to the voice of Christ, in our worship and through our service to one another. God bless you, Fr. Stan.

*The LORD is king;
he is robed in majesty.—Psalm 93*



*Thank you for
your generous gifts!*

November 17
Stewardship \$8,384.00 (173 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$3,590.00

Mortgage \$1,637.00 (72 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$835.00

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

*The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns
in memory of Chester and Theresa Jeschke
by Bridget Jeschke*



*Altar flowers are given in memory of
Stanley Potemski by
Betty Ann Potemski and Sharon Direso*



FAMILY LIFE GROUP—is hosting a “St. Nicholas Celebration” on Sunday, December 1st, from 12noon to 2pm in the Family Life Center. Please bring 2-3 dozen of your favorite cookies for a cookie swap. There will also be ornament making for the children. Be ready to leave your shoes out for St. Nick!

USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES—There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the main church entrance for ushers for all the Christmas Masses. If you know you will be attending, please be sure to add your name to the sheet. We will have the following Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm. Christmas Day will be at 10:00am. Thank you for offering to help!



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