

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

November 26, 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, 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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT**

**Tuesday, November 28**

1:00pm-3:00pm Prime Timers, FLC  
7:00pm Book Club, FLC

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:30am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel  
1:00pm History Committee, Conference Room  
4:00-7:00pm Confirmation Retreat

**Thursday, November 23**

4:30pm—Confirmation with Bishop Schlert

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday 11/27 Weekday**

**NO MASS**

**Rev. Gregory Karpyn**

**Tuesday 11/28 Weekday**

6:30pm David Karl Hirsch by Lauren Machion  
**Rev. Martin Kern**

**Wednesday 11/29 Weekday**

8:00am Marcella Kmiec by Stan & Janet Kmiec  
**Rev. Simon Kimaryo**

**Thursday 11/30 St. Andrew**

**No Daily Mass; Confirmation Mass 4:30pm**  
**Rev. Odemary Kisaka**

**Friday 12/1 Weekday**

8:00am Pat & Vince Suglia by Clara Lush  
**Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger**

**Saturday 12/2 Weekday**

8:00am Barbara Silver by Bill and Diane Arnold  
**Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil (Fr. Johnson)**

**Sunday 12/3 First Sunday of Advent**

**4:00pm (Saturday)** Betty Fry by Mary Jo & Randy Lewis

8:30am Cameron Bruder

11:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**

*The Sanctuary Lamp and altar flowers are offered  
this weekend for Stanley Potemski  
by Betty Potemski & Sharon Direso*

**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 next 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 —DECEMBER 2/3**

**5:00pm**

**Lector: Mary Jo Lewis**

**Altar Servers: Tom Dobson, NEED 1 VOLUNTEER**

**EMs: Jeanne DiGiacomo/Tom Dobson/Mark Brezina**

**Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Sue Hodgkins**

**8:30am**

**Lector: Ellie Albright**

**Altar Servers: Mary Hogan, Kyle Keenan**

**EMs: Jeanette Bunch, Nick Gatto, Kathleen Minnich**

**Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Mia/Ryan**

**11:00am**

**Lector: Dennis Brizick**

**Altar Servers: Evan and Alaina Rementer**

**EMs: Mary Newham, Gary Scollick, Brock Drahus**

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

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



I want to sincerely thank all of my parish family at St. Benedict who prayed for me during my recent illness. I truly felt surrounded by your prayers, love and God's grace. I am convinced it helped me on my path to healing. Thank you all! —Mary Alice Newhams

**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.

**COOKIES!!** St. Benedict's Women's Club will be holding their Christmas Cookies Sale the weekend of December 9th and 10th after all the Masses. Donations of home-made cookies may be dropped off at the FLC by Friday, December 8th at 10am.



### 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, 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 remember to keep all of the Holy Souls in Purgatory in your prayers during this month of November.*



**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.*

**ADVENT FISH FRY** - The Knights of Columbus Annual Advent Fish Fry is back by popular demand. The fish fry will take place on Friday, December 15th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the FLC. Dine in or take out is available. Tickets are \$15 for an adult meal, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life charities of the Council. Get your order form in the gathering space.



### STEWARDSHIP

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**Stewardship—November 19 \$7,850.00 (169 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$3,725.00**

**Mortgage—November 19 \$1,570.00 (63 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$ 950.00**

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

### CHRISTMAS AT ST. BENEDICT

#### CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, **December 13th** from 5:30-6:30pm  
Tuesday, **December 19th** from 5:30-6:30pm; 7:00-7:45pm  
Wednesday, **December 20th** from 5:30-6:30pm  
(There will be no Advent Penance Service)

#### SPECIAL EVENT—CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday **December 10th** at 2:00pm  
Christmas Concert, featuring two choirs,  
2 guest soloists, instrumentals and congregational singing.

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Sunday, December 24th**—4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm  
**Monday, December 25th**—10:00am

#### JANUARY 1, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Regular Sunday Morning Mass Schedule  
**Sunday, December 31st** 8:30am & 11:00am  
Monday Morning **January 1st** 9:00am  
(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.  
There is no vigil Mass on Sunday evening, December 31st.)



**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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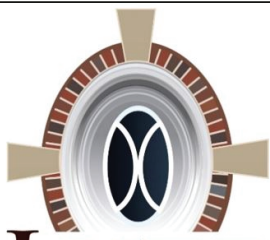
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