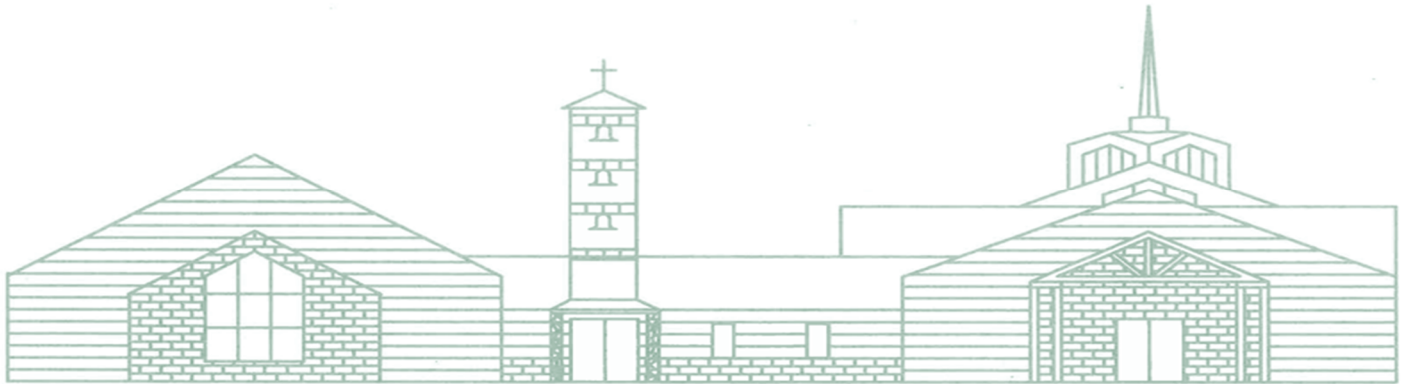


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

NOVEMBER 3, 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

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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 3, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Christmas Bazaar after all Masses, FLC
1:00pm Landings, Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

2:00pm Bereavement Support Group, Chapel
6:30pm Respect Life, Chapel
6:30pm St. John the Caregiver, Gathering Space
7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00pm Women's Club, 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.

Bishop Schlert and the Diocese of Allentown strongly urge all eligible Catholics to participate in the upcoming November elections. Voting honors our fellow Americans who died to preserve this right and is an honorable civic duty.



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) provide further non-partisan information on preparing to vote at usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship

In a letter from Bishop Schlert, he states "A well-formed conscience for the Catholic is one that has been formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, studying Scripture, and honestly informing oneself about the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Admittedly, the coming elections pose many challenges and much soul-searching for Catholic voters. For this reason, the Church offers guidance for Catholic voters in correctly forming their consciences, especially on the overriding, foundational issues of abortion and euthanasia.

Some may see these words of guidance as an intrusion into the political arena. To the contrary, the Church and her bishops have a serious obligation and right to participate in public discourse and to assist the faithful in properly forming their consciences to be able to participate fully, with a free and informed will, in the moral and civic act of voting.

Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance as you prepare to cast your vote, and God bless you for participating in such a profound American tradition."



Monday 11/04 St. Charles Borromeo

NO MASS

Rev. Gregory Karpyn

Tuesday 11/05 Weekday

6:30pm Joseph Appleton by St. Benedict EMs & Lectors
Very Rev. Richard Kennedy

Wednesday 11/06 Weekday

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Rev. Martin Kern

Thursday 11/07 Weekday

5:30pm Courtney W. Smyth by Rich & Donna Conte
Rev. Simon Kimaryo

Friday 11/08 Weekday

8:00am Roger Burnish by Jim & Floss Pleitner
Rev. Odemary Kiska

Saturday 11/09 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am Shirley Wagner by Jim Pleitner
Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger

Sunday 11/10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Floss Pleitner by Joe Roland
8:30am Dennis Ruano by Sylvia Firth
11:00am Floss Pleitner by John & Mimi Frank
Rev. Jose Kochuparambil (Fr. Johnson)

**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, Janet Cannon, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Beth Kase, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Sandy Maio, Joan Moffa, 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., Vincent Rodgers, Anthony Rowan, John Slanga, Janet Teaford, 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



The scribe who came to Jesus asking which is the first of all the commandments was apparently not seeking information. He wasn't interested in any opinion Jesus might have about laws, obligations, commands, or commandments. The scribe was interested in orthodoxy, and he was going to be the judge of whether or not Jesus was orthodox in what he believed and taught.

The only answer a good Jew could give when asked which is the first commandment would be the words that Moses had given in the book of Deuteronomy: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.'

This section of the Torah is called the Shema, from the Hebrew word for 'Hear!' (the first word of the verse). The scribe seemed unsure whether Jesus knew this teaching. The scribe clearly did not know whom he was questioning. Not only did Jesus give the first commandment according to Jewish Scripture, he added the second: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Although the scribe may have been trying to sit in judgment of Jesus, he truly seemed to appreciate his answer. Jesus was so gentle and encouraging to the scribe when the scribe answered with understanding that Jesus said to him 'You are not far from the kingdom of God'. What a great consolation and gift this scribe received.

There are obvious lessons and invitations and challenges to us today from the scriptures. We live in such a contentious age where bitter and ugly and hateful remarks abound, especially about those areas of our life which are important to us. In response, Jesus invites us to imitate him, seeking goodness in those with whom we are in dialogue or in conflict, noting the goodness and encouraging growth and practicing patience and forbearance.

When we assume the attitude and approach that is Jesus, we will be doing our best to accomplish what we have asked for in the Opening Prayer or Collect of today's Mass, 'Grant we pray that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.'

God bless you,
Fr. Stan

Next Sunday, November 10th,
is Hospitality Sunday
from 8:30am-11:30am, hosted by
the Respect Life Committee.
Come enjoy a tasty treat and
fellowship with your parish friends.



*Thank you for
your generous gifts!*

October 27
Stewardship \$ 6,672.00 (149 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$2,565.00

Mortgage \$1,284.00 (55 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,180.00

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

*Altar flowers this weekend were given in memory of
The Yost Family by Melanie Yost*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
in memory of Ralph Maio by Sandy Maio.*



LaSalle News—LaSalle Academy has immediate openings to hire educators. They are currently looking for a full-time pre-kindergarten teacher, a part-time art teacher to cover for maternity leave (November to January), as well as classroom aides and Aftercare helpers. If interested, go to the Diocesan Teaching Application at www.lsabear.com. Send your resume, cover letter and requested credentials to the attention of the Principal, Mr. Stephen Mickulik at Mickulik@lsabear.com.

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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