

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

November 5, 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

Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 484-269-8744

LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor
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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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Monday, November 6

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

Wednesday, November 8

8:30am-5:00pm Adoration, Chapel

1:00pm History Committee, Conference Room

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

7:00pm Choir Practice, Music Room



SPECIAL SEMINARY COLLECTION—This weekend, we will be taking up a one-time collection to support the construction of the new seminary

campus in Lower Gwynedd Township. Please consider contributing to help house and educate the priests of tomorrow. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —NOVEMBER 11/12

5:00pm

Lector: Lisa Vizza

Altar Servers: Kyle Keenan, Regan McClure

EMs: Mark Brezina, Rich Conte, Karen Keenan

Musician: Patti Brenner **Cantor:** Patti Brenner

8:30am

Lector: Ellie Albright

Altar Servers: Mary & Matlyn Rhoades

EMs: Lori McClure, Nick Gatto, Tom Henefer

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

11:00am

Lector: Steve Keech

Altar Servers: Sophie & Joseph Kuszniir

EMs: John Cocco, Brock Drahus, Sylvia Firth

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Mandy Maiers

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



SURVIVING DIVORCE—a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce starts January 8, 2024 and runs through March 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Church of Saint Benedict, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, PA 19540. For more information please contact Joe Boylan, 610-781-6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 11/6 Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Eric Gruber

Tuesday 11/7 Weekday

5:00pm St. Benedict Memorial Society

Rev. Francis Grundowski

Wednesday 11/8 Weekday

8:00am Bonnie Olsen by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Rev. Kevin Gualano

Thursday 11/9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:30pm Kathryn Ann LoBiondo by the Terifay Family

Rev. Abraham Ha

Friday 11/10 St. Leo the Great

8:00am Dolores Alessio by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

Rev. Msgr. William Handges

Saturday 11/11 St. Martin of Tours

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. James Harper

Sunday 11/12 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Dec'd of Knights of Columbus #14654

8:30am Rev. George Winne by Seven Sisters Apostolate

11:00am Tony DelPercio by Kathy Appleton

Rev. John Hilferty



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

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a loved one, living or deceased or for a special intention, please contact the parish office. The suggested offering is \$10.

"TOUR" OF ROME—Sister Jean Jacobchik, OSF is giving a day long armchair pilgrimage of Rome on Sat., Nov 11th from 9 am to 4 pm at the McGlinn Center, next to Alvernia. An Italian lunch is included. Flyers are in vestibule with more information and to register.



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.

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 4:00pm to 4:45pm, before our 5:00pm 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.

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, Samuel 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.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—October 29 \$7,383.00 (173 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$3,000.00

Mortgage—October 22 \$1,588.00 (63 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,180.00

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.



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.



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!

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.



BOOK OF THE DEAD—During the month of November, we will once again have our Book of the Dead opened for you to add the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be remembered in a special way at all of the Masses celebrated during the month.



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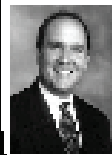
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