

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

October 1, 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

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| PREP/CGS | 484-269-8744 |
| LaSalle Academy Office | 610-777-7392 |
| www.lsabear.org | |
| Berks Catholic High School | 610-374-8361 |
| www.berkscatholic.org | |



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PARISH STAFF

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| 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

Lead: 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

Church of Saint Benedict October 1, 2023

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Monday, October 2

1:00pm Bereavement Group, Chapel
7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

Wednesday, October 4

7:00pm Summer Festival wrap-up, picnic grounds

Saturday, October 7 and Sunday October 8

Spirit Weekend—after all Masses in the FLC

Sunday, October 8

2:00pm Taize Service, Main Church

There will be limited parish office hours week the of October 2nd. The office will be open for a few hours on Monday and Tuesday morning, but will be closed Wednesday through Friday.

GENDER IDEOLOGY—The Diocese of Allentown and the Bishop's Commissions for Women, Men, and Young Adults proudly present, "Gender Ideology: What Catholics Need to Know," a workshop featuring Mary Rice Hasson, J.D. from the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) in Washington, D.C. This will take place on October 8, 2023 from 2:00pm-6:00pm (doors open at 1:15pm) at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018. This event is FREE, but you must register by September 25 to attend at <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/gender-ideology>. Mary Rice Hasson is the Kate O'Beirne Fellow at EPPC and co-founder of the Person and Identity Project (PIP), an initiative that equips Catholics and Catholic institutions to promote the truth of the human person and counter gender ideology.



RETROUVAILLE—Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage. Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help. The next program will be held October 6-8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Sunday, October 1st is Hospitality Sunday, hosted by the Gardeners. Come enjoy some fellowship and tasty treats!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10/02 The Holy Guardian Angels

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. John Chizmar

Tuesday 10/03 Weekday

6:30pm Robin Albright Himmelberger
by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Rev. Msgr. Donald Cieniewicz

Wednesday 10/04 St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am Michael Kuzma by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Rev. Richard Clement

Thursday 10/05 St. Faustina Kowalska

5:30pm Alexander Kriner by Kelly Leininger

Rev. Msgr. Robert Coll

Friday 10/06 St. Bruno, St. Marie Rose Durocher

8:00am Robert Wool by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Rev. Remy Coly

Saturday 10/07 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am Int. of God's Poor and All Those Served by SVDP

Rev. Loren Connell

Sunday 10/08 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) John T. McCahon by John McCahon

8:30am Tony DelPercio by Rita DelPercio

11:00am John & Regina Dvorshak by daughter Regina

Rev. Edward Connolly



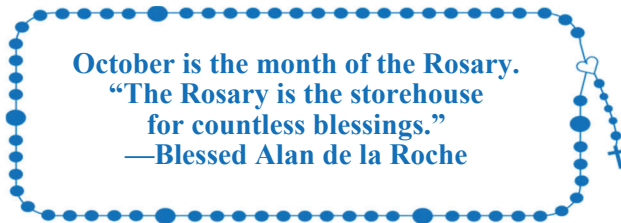
*The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Flowers
are offered this weekend
in memory of Robin Albright Himmelberger
by Charlie and Ellie Albright.*

Calling All Young Parishioners 4th Grade and Older!

Have you received your First Communion and want to serve your church and Christ? Would you consider learning how to be an altar server? This is an incredible ministry! Learn more about your faith...meet other young people in the parish...and most importantly, serve Jesus! There will be a training session on Monday, October 2nd at 4pm. Contact Jim Valentino at bigbuck_val@yahoo.com or 610-999-6647.



October is the month of the Rosary.
"The Rosary is the storehouse
for countless blessings."
—Blessed Alan de la Roche



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, Patrick, Patti, Theo Polidore, Karen Quartapella, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Cathy Steuber, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Samuel Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bettina Bonner, wife of Stephen. May she rest in peace.



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. *“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.”*

Pope Benedict XVI

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE—for peace—peace in God, peace within, and peace in the world will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 PM. Join us for quiet time, prayer, meditation and music.



Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their classmates to serve on the La Salle Academy Student Council for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Student Council President—Giavanna Musallam; Vice-President for Missions—Abigail Cannon, Vice-President for Service—Ari Burt; Vice-President for Spirit—Jack Ritter. Class Representatives—8th Grade—Catherine Basehoar & Lydia Fries; 7th Grade—Penelope Cartin & Sarah Karwejna; 6th Grade—Thomas Dobson and Zoey Kutzer.

The students will be inducted as members of the La Salle Academy Student Council at a service to be held following a school liturgy during the month of October.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—September 24 \$8,892.00 (175 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$2,955.00

Mortgage—September 24 \$1,820.00 (69 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$ 755.00

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

On November 24, 2004, the late Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances to be used so that people could pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministries and consecrated life. The six monstrances represent North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Through the assistance of the Serra Club, we will have one of these monstrances here at St. Benedict. This will take place on Wednesday, October 4th. This monstrance will be used for our day of Adoration. Consider spending a few moments with our Lord as He awaits you in this sacred vessel blessed by St. John Paul II.



FOOD DONATIONS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will begin its holiday food collection this weekend. This will continue through the month of October. Please see their display in the gathering space. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also wishes to thank all who have donated food for the ongoing needs of those who utilize the pantry. In your generosity, they ask you to keep the following things in mind. Please do not donate any expired or past due date food items. They are unable to use these. Also, when purchasing food, please opt for the “normal” sizes, not the bulk sized packages (rice, dried beans, etc.) While it may seem more thrifty to purchase larger quantities, it is very difficult for these to be distributed. These packages are not meant for individual or family use, but institutional facilities. Donations in sizes of items you would normally purchase for your own family are ideal. Thank you again for your continued support in helping us serve the poor among us.

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 1st, 12:30pm in the barking lot at the Bell Tower entrance. For everyone's safety, please make sure pets are in cages or on leashes.






ST. BENEDICT PARISH HISTORY—In 2025, the parish will be celebrating 70 years of Catholic faith. For several years, a group has been working on a book of the history of the parish to mark the occasion. This effort has resulted in gathering together files of minutes, letters, newspaper articles, plans and drawings and other historical detail. As the collection is being assembled and organized, a central archive room has been established. It is available to any parishioner who may have items of historical value and wishes to have them preserved at the church. In

addition a display case for artifacts representing moments of our history is being prepared and people are welcome to offer items for display.

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