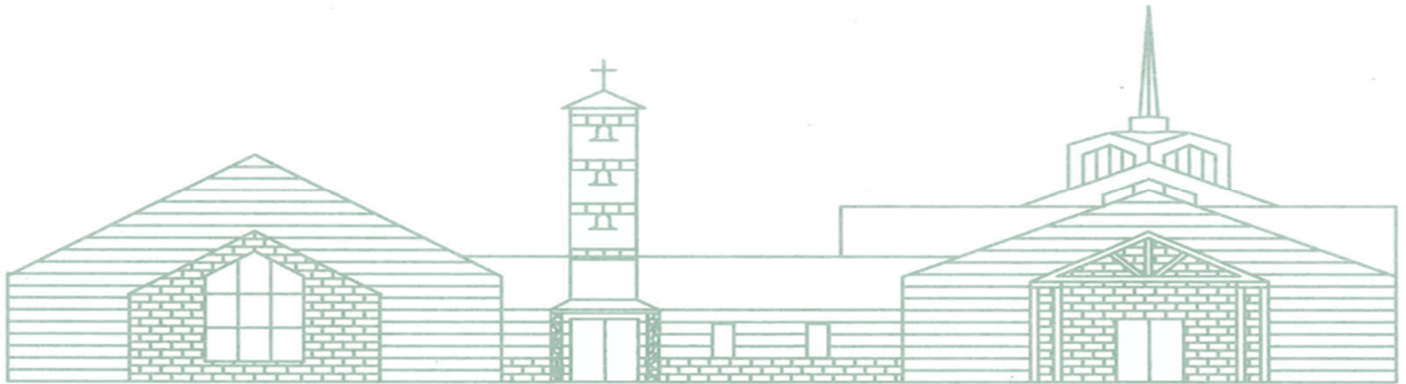


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 13, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

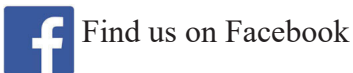
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

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

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor
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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:

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Church of Saint Benedict October 13, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00pm Landings, Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00pm Bereavement Support Group, Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00pm St. Benedict Book Club, FLC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30am-11:30am Breakfast Sunday, FLC

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this weekend
for the Intentions of Doris Yeager.*




*Altar flowers were given
in memory of Marge by Chet*

The Family Life Committee is hosting a trunk or treat on Saturday October 26th immediately following the 5:00pm Mass. (Please note the time change.) Activities include "Saint Bingo," hot-dogs, "hay"rides, and gaga pit games. To register a "trunk" please contact Chris Keenan by 10/25 at keenan39@zoominternet.net or sign up after Mass.

SPIRIT WEEKEND—This weekend, we will hold our traditional spirit Weekend 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!



 The 2024 "Because We Are Catholic" Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS—The St. Benedict Respect Life Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed to their ongoing billboard campaign. Your donations help them reach thousands who travel the turnpike with the pro-life message.



Monday 10/14 St. Callistus

NO MASS

Rev. Eric Gruber

Tuesday 10/15 St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

6:30pm Floss Pleitner by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski

Rev. Francis Grundowski

Wednesday 10/16 St. Hedwig

8:00am Gina Luther by Pat Luther

Rev. Kevin Gualano

Thursday 10/17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

5:30pm Walter Przydzial by Pat & Lew Gable

Rev. Abraham Ha

Friday 10/18 St. Luke

8:00am Michael McMullen by Stan and Donna Plesnarski

Rev. Msgr. William Handges

Saturday 10/19 St. John de Brebeuf/St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Rev. James Harper

Sunday 10/20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Dennis Ruano by Joseph Nierle

8:30am Dennis Ruano by Bob & Cecelia Kacmar

11:00am Veronica & John Racilla by Anthony & Carol Rowan

Rev. John Hilferty

**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, Curt Cassler, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Jeanine Dutton, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Beth Kase, Millie Kremp, Karina Kupinski, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Sandy Maio, Mary Messner, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Kevin Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Stanley Plevyak, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Dustin Sands, Sr. Maureen of the Eucharist OP, John Slanga, Denise Smith, Susan Speicher, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those in nursing homes.

Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.



EUCHARISTIC 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



In today's gospel, Jesus meets a seeker, a man who desires to know how to live in order to 'inherit eternal life'. Jesus' answer is basic: keep the commandments. But, when the man declares that he has done so from his youth, Jesus then invites him into a deeper relationship. This will require him to let go of worldly possessions and material goods and to desire the treasure that only heaven can bring. The young man, however is not ready to make such a commitment. Then we read some of the gospel's hardest words, 'He went away sad, for he had many possessions.' The young man's wealth kept him from the joy and fulfillment he could have experienced as one of Jesus' closest friends.

The words of Jesus challenge us. The acquisition of wealth feels so good, for it means security, social prominence, power and prestige. But, it can also become the focus of a person's life. Security in possessions and money can thus pull us away from our dependence and trust in God, who is the true source of life here and hereafter.

We are invited to heed Jesus' teaching, which warns us of the danger of making wealth the focus of one's life. Wealth can be lost in an instance. Natural disasters, dishonesty, or just plain, dumb luck can always turn the tide of one's fortune. Hence, wealth will never be secure, and as such it'll never cease to be a constant worry to the one who possess it. Such preoccupation can then, of course, prevent a person from developing true, altruistic human relationships. But, worst of all, it can keep one from remembering that everything we are and have is a gift of our loving and gracious God. People may say with pride, 'Everything I have I earned!'. But where did they get the ability and the opportunity to earn? Life itself is a gift. We don't deserve it or earn it. It is a pure gift that enables us to live and to serve our sisters and brothers in our one human family.

May we persevere in our service to others with gracious hearts. May we never be so wrapped up in our own struggles that we have forgotten the struggles of others. May we pray for wisdom, a gift from God more precious than any form of material wealth, for it wisdom that guides us on the right path of following Christ.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

*Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.
All things pass away. God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.
—St. Teresa of Avila (feast day October 15)*



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Parish Giving \$895.00

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

DISASTER RELIEF **HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON**—Our hearts have all been moved by the pictures of the damage and devastation done by flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. Even now, we anticipate additional damage from Hurricane Milton. In order to provide timely assistance to those affected, the Diocese of Allentown is asking parishes to take up a collection for humanitarian efforts. We will be receiving this collection **THIS** weekend. If you are not prepared to do so today, you may make your donation through the end of the month. Please place your offering in an envelope marked "Hurricane Relief." Please also keep in your prayers all those who are suffering, that God will be with them and give them the strength and resources necessary to rebuild their lives. St. Genevieve, patron saint of disaster relief, pray for us.



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