

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

October 15, 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

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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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Monday, October 16

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

Tuesday, October 17

7:00pm Book Club, FLC

Wednesday, October 18

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

7:00pm Choir Practice, Music Room

SPIRIT AND GRACE—ANOTHER MASS SETTING? WHY? Our parish has just begun using the Mass setting of Spirit and Grace and some parishioners have asked why we've changed from a more familiar one. Since there are six liturgical seasons within the Church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Triduum, Easter and Ordinary Time) hymns and Mass settings are selected according to the season. We would never sing Silent Night at Easter, nor would we sing Christ the Lord is Risen Today during Advent. The same holds true with Mass settings as some are more joyful, others more somber; we match the Mass setting to the liturgical season. So, that's the reason we are now singing Spirit and Grace.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS —OCTOBER 21/22

5:00pm

Lector: Lisa Vizza

Altar Servers: Regan McClure, Tim Machion

EMs: Gary Scollick, Joe & Carol Hojnacki

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Ron McClure

8:30am

Lector: Charlie Jones

Altar Servers: Mary & Matlyn Rhoades

EMs: Jean Ann Leib, Mark Brezina, Tom Dobson

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Tony Diederich

11:00am

Lector: Julie Angstadt

Altar Servers: Evan Rementer, Tom Coppa

EMs: Sr. Eileen, John Cocco, Ursita Blechman

Musician: Guitar Group **Cantor:** Sharon Diresio

The Family Life Committee is hosting a trunk or treat on Saturday October 28th from 11am-12pm followed by "Saint Bingo," hot-dog lunch, "hay" rides, and gaga pit games from 12pm-2pm. To register a "trunk," please contact Chris Keenan by 10/22nd at keenan39@zoominternet.net or sign up after Mass.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10/16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
NO MASS

Rev. Anthony Drouncheck

Tuesday 10/17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
NO MASS—PRIEST CONVOCATION

Rev. Ladislaus Dudek

Wednesday 10/18 St. Luke
NO MASS—PRIEST CONVOCATION

Rev. Giuseppe Esposito

Thursday 10/19 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
NO MASS—PRIEST CONVOCATION

Rev. Edward Essig

Friday 10/20 St. Paul of the Cross
NO MASS—PRIEST CONVOCATION

Rev. Bernard Ezaki

Saturday 10/21 Weekday
NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli

Sunday 10/29 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm(Saturday) Marianne Flemming by Rick & Jean Ruhl
8:30am Debbie Martin by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:00am People of the Parish
Rev. Robert Finlan



*The Sanctuary Lamp
is offered this weekend
for the intention of Joseph Piccora
By John and Mimi Frank*

Altar flowers this weekend
are offered in memory of
Marge from Chet.



ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC FAMILIES— The Knights of Columbus will hold a Fraternal Benefits Event (FBE) night at St. Benedict Tuesday October 24, at 8:00pm in the Conference Room. An FBE is a discussion related to your financial needs during your life and especially in retirement or on your passing. The topic for that night is "Aligning Your Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values." Another purpose of these sessions is for all Knights and those who are member-eligible to consider all financial needs along with membership. Call Rich Conte at 610-223-8846 to attend or get more information.



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, Maureen Truckly, 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 soul of Theodore G. "Teddy" Rhoades, son of Matthew and Jaclyn Rhoades, brother of Matlyn and Mary. Please also pray for Joseph Appleton, son of Kathy Appleton. May they 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

SPIRIT WEEKEND—has been rescheduled. We will now hold 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!



"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.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—October 1 \$9,469.00 (180 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$2,925.00

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Parish Giving \$1,050.00

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

FOOD DONATIONS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its holiday food collection throughout 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. 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, please 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.



October is the month of the Rosary. Looking for some new perspective on the Rosary? Try reading some of Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, entitled "Rosarium Virginis Mariae." In addition to giving some beautiful reflections on this devotion which he personally treasured, you can read about how he introduced the "new" Luminous Mysteries. "A prayer so easy and yet so rich truly deserves to be rediscovered by the Christian community."

—Pope St. John Paul II

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.
—PHILIPPIANS 4:13**




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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