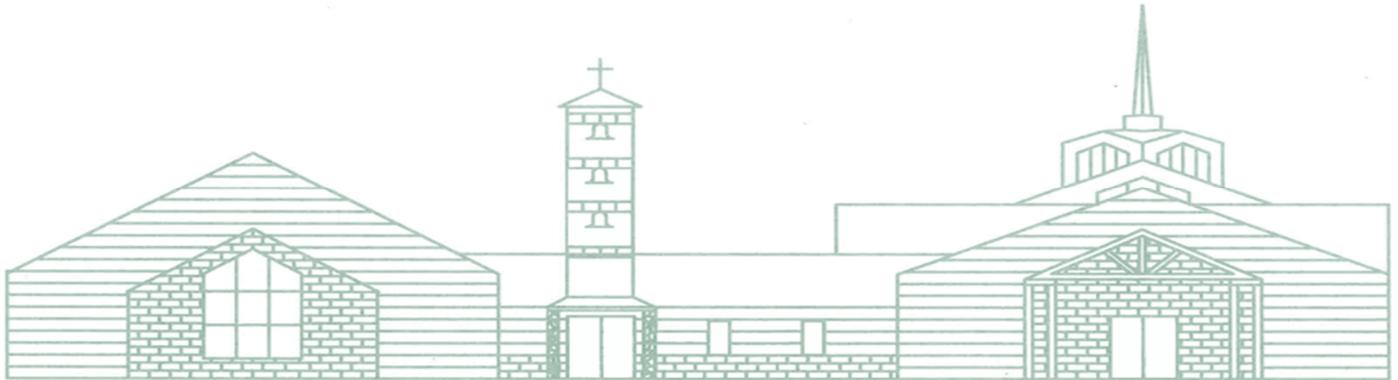


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 20, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

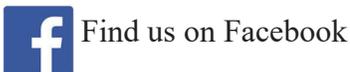
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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
Email: Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS	484-269-8744
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www.lsabear.org	
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....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

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 20, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00pm Landings, Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00pm Bereavement Support Group, Chapel

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.



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 10/21 Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Hoban

Tuesday 10/22 St. John Paul II

6:30pm **NO MASS/PRIESTS' CONVOCATION**

Rev. Allen Hoffa

Wednesday 10/23 St. John of Capistrano

8:00am **NO MASS/PRIESTS' CONVOCATION**

****There still will be Adoration in the Chapel as usual.****

Rev. John Hutta

Thursday 10/24 St. Anthony Mary Claret

5:30pm **NO MASS/PRIESTS' CONVOCATION**

Very Rev. Augustine Idra

Friday 10/25 Weekday

8:00am **NO MASS/PRIESTS' CONVOCATION**

Rev. Francis Iroot

Saturday 10/26 Weekday

8:00am A Special Intention

Rev. Guency Isaac

Sunday 10/27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Eryln "Penny" Phillips by Staff of St. Benedict

8:30am Marian Gring by Joan & Roy Rothenberger

11:00am Kay Trimbур by Stan & Janet Kmiec

Rev. Stephan Isaac

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE,
ESPECIALLY IN OUR DIOCESE.**

PRAYER LIST

Sick & Shut-in



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, Jeannine 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., Vincent Rodgers, 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, 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



One of the biggest obstacles to understanding how Jesus might see a particular issue stems from the fact that, in Scripture, Jesus does very little moral teaching. He doesn't simply walk around from town to town saying to those he meets, 'Don't do that' or 'Cut that out.' or 'How dare you!' when it comes to the issues of right or wrong. In fact, Jesus seems to have a certain kind of affinity for, connection with, and heartfelt compassion for sinners, for people who have messed up, for people who have done the wrong thing time and time again. And he rarely scolds them. Rather, he often invites them to turn away from their sin, encourages them to walk a different path, challenges them to see things differently and embrace a new way of living. And while he does all of that, his deep love for them shines through.

'You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you.' (Mark10:42-43)

There is something clear in the Scripture passages about Jesus that he seems to have little or no tolerance for. Nothing seems to make Jesus angrier and more disappointed than someone pointing their fingers at others, while at the same time elevating their own status or goodness. (If only the rest of the world were like me.....).

We often fall into the trap of believing that other people are the problem, not us. We have all the answers and we know what God wants, while others don't. We can often be like the Pharisees who often put themselves on pedestals of righteousness. How often can we spout off answers to the moral questions of the day but never take the time to listen. How often can we scold, put down and admonish others and never take time to look in the mirror.

Pope Francis put it beautifully when he said; 'If one has answers to all the questions - that is proof that God is not with him. It only means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties. We must be humble.'

Let us put on humility as we continue our journey of faith. And let us never use our faith, or our beliefs, or our Catholic tradition in a heavy-handed or self-righteous way. Rather, let us acknowledge the great mystery that is our loving God, and acknowledge our profound need for his great mercy and forgiveness and saving power.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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Parish Giving \$5,050.00
Mortgage \$1,651.00 (67 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,520.00

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 and 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 announced this collection last week-end and began collecting funds. However, if you were not prepared at the time, you may still 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 those assisting with rescue efforts, as well as all those who are suffering loss. We ask 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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