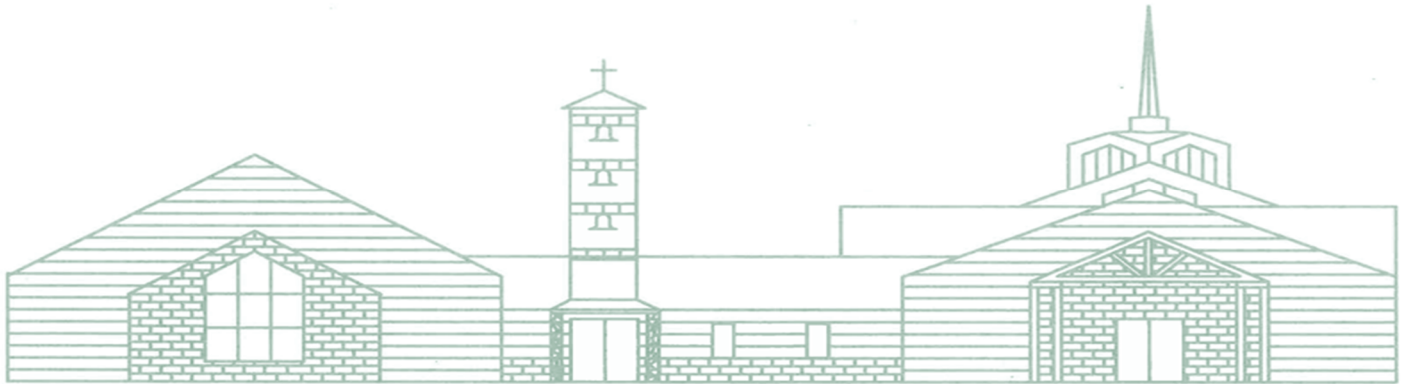


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 27, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

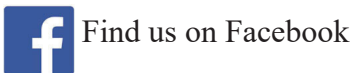
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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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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 27, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:00pm Landings, Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:00pm Bereavement Support Group, Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

12 noon-Prime Timers, FLC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

4pm-8pm CYO chicken dinner pickup, FLC



Monday 10/28 Sts. Simon and Jude

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. David James

Tuesday 10/29 Weekday

6:30pm Int. of Rev. Paul Rothermel by Nate & Mia Miller

Rev. Richard James

Wednesday 10/30 Weekday

8:00am Ruth & John Schrum by Mark Schrum

Rev. Ronald Jankaitis

Thursday 10/31 Vigil of All Saints

5:00pm Jean Roland by Kelly Leininger & Joe Roland

Rev. Dominik Kalata

Friday 11/01 Feast of All Saints—**Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00am Floss Pleitner by the Landings Team

7:00pm Salvatore Miccicke by Antoinette Miccicke

Rev. Speratus Kamanzi

Saturday 11/2 Feast of All Souls/Mass of Remembrance

9:00am All Deceased of the Parish

Rev. Shaju Kanjiramparayil

Sunday 11/03 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Deceased Loved Ones Remembered

8:30am St. Benedict Memorial Society

11:00am Joseph Piccora by Lee & Joy Bandy

Rev. Venantius Karobo

**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, Sr. Maureen Clancy SSND, Cathy Coffman, Jonathan Cranley, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, Beth Kase, Millie Kremp, Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Marie Mast, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Sandy Maio, 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, John Slanga, Janet Teaford, Nettie Thomas, Josh Toresco, Miriam Ulrich, Linda Vieldhouse, Steven Wagner, David Williams, Rachel Williams, Josephine and all those in nursing homes.

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



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](https://www.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.”



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



Today's gospel is a familiar one. To see Jesus heal Bartimaeus, a blind man, a man on the margins of society, strengthens our faith in God who can do all things. There is a simplicity and beauty to this story that is quite edifying. Who doesn't want a God who hears our cries and responds in power and love, freeing us from whatever is holding us back or weighing us down, or crushing our spirits?

Yet, the most important line in the entire Scripture passage might be the very last one, one many of us probably can't remember, one that can easily pass us by if we are not paying attention. And it's this;

'Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.'

And he followed him on the way. You see, Bartimaeus receiving his sight was not the end of the story. No, the blessing he received was an opportunity, a doorway, an invitation to continue the journey, an invitation to draw closer to his God, an invitation to grow in faith and love and discipleship. Bartimaeus recognized the tremendous blessing God had showered upon him; and it changed him, not in a superficial way, but in a profound way. He knew that God had been good to him beyond measure, and it helped him grow in faith; helped him 'set his sights' on what really mattered. He no longer could be (nor probably wanted to be) the person he was. God's blessing to him made him a new person.

And so it should be with us.

Placing our needs before our loving God requires 4 things of us, not just one or two. First; we need to trust and believe that God can provide and wants all good things for us. Secondly, we need to be able to see the hand of God at work amid the messiness of our lives; see the blessings of God even when things are tough, even when our lives are not going exactly as we hoped. Thirdly, we need to be profoundly grateful that our God loves us in the complete, tireless, eternal way that he does. And lastly (and maybe most importantly), we need to show our appreciation by allowing the grace of God to change us on the inside, so that we can love a little more deeply, forgive a little more often, and give a little more generously; in other words, change us so that we can follow the Lord Jesus a little more faithfully each and every day.

'Go your way; your faith has saved you.'

Let's take those words to heart, and respond in the most faithful way possible.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan



Thank you for your generous gifts!

October 20
Stewardship \$6,340.00 (156 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$2,915.00

Mortgage \$1,454.00 (64 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,005.00

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

HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON—This is the last weekend to make your contribution for humanitarian efforts for those affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Please place your offering in an envelope marked "Hurricane Relief."

Altar flowers last weekend were given in honor of David and Cheryl Wolfe's 41st Wedding Anniversary.

Altar flowers this weekend were given in memory of Salvatore Miccicke by Antoinette Miccicke.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Salvatore Miccicke by Antoinette Miccicke.

A Mass of Remembrance for family and friends who have passed away since this time last year will be held on Saturday, November 2 at 9am in the church. Please call the parish office if you wish to participate in this beautiful liturgy honoring our beloved dead.



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