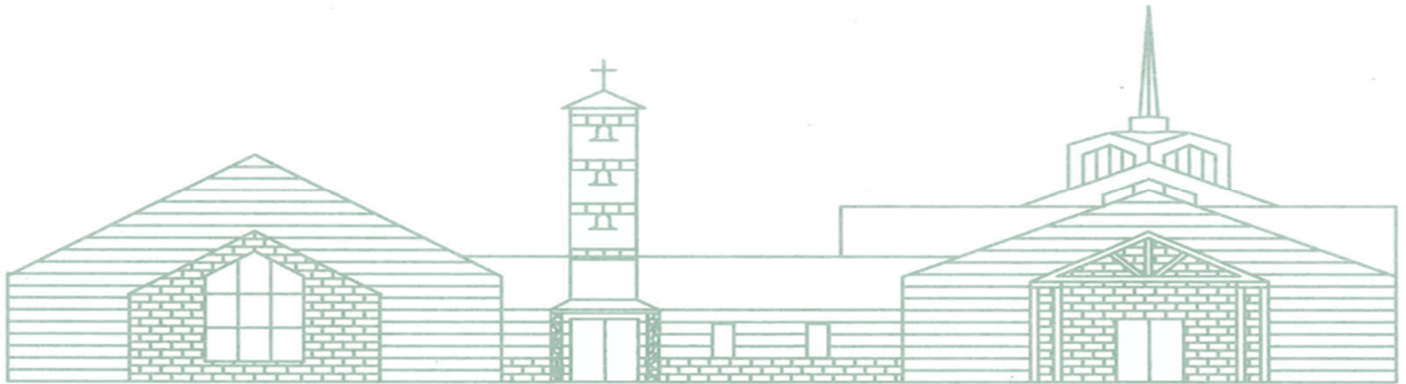


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 6, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

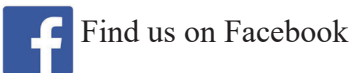
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday; all other days 9:00am-4:30pm.
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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 6, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:00pm Landings, Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

2:00pm Bereavement Committee, Chapel

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 & 12

Stewardship Weekend, FLC, after all Masses



Monday 10/07 Our Lady of the Rosary

NO MASS

Rev. Andrew Gehringer

Tuesday 10/08 Weekday

6:30pm John Bonnell by the Prime Timers

Rev. Robert George

Wednesday 10/09 St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonard

8:00am Thomas P. Lavin by Robert & Joyce Joyce

Rev. John Gibbons

Thursday 10/10 Weekday

5:30pm Irene Didyoung by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Msgr. William Glosser

Friday 10/11 St. John XXIII

8:00am Carol Timlin by Betty Ann Potemski

Rev. Msgr. Gerald Gobitas

Saturday 10/12 Weekday

8:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society

Rev. Quinn Gomez

Sunday 10/13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Charles R. Brensinger by Roy/Susan Teaford

8:30am Marian Gring by the Prime Timers

11:00am Joseph Appleton by Sharon Helms

Rev. James Greenfield

*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this weekend in memory of
Irene Didyoung by Kathy Shay*



The Family Life Committee is hosting a trunk or treat on Saturday October 26th from 11am-12noon, 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 10/25 at keenan39@zoominternet.net or signup after Mass.

SPIRIT WEEKEND—Next 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!

GET INVOLVED!



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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, Jeannine Dutton, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, John Janiszewski, 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.



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 "Baby Bottle" campaign. If you have not yet returned your bottle, there is still time. Simply place your bottle on top of the mailboxes in the Sacristy.



Also, the Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 6th in front of Brady's Rock Shop, Route 23 in Morgantown. Come out and witness to the gift of life, especially the protection of the unborn.



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.

Thank you for your generous gifts!



September 29
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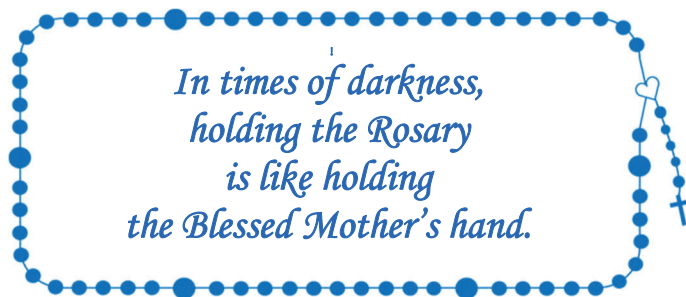
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Giving is worship, giving back to the One Who gave first.

Dear St. Benedict's Parish Family,

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and love you have shown me throughout my journey toward Ordination. Your prayers, friendship, and generosity have been a constant source of strength and inspiration. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. May God's abundant grace be upon you all.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Deacon Mark Brezina



From the Pastor's Desk



One of the liturgical designations of October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. After the Resurrection of Our Lord the apostles gathered in prayer together with some women and our Blessed Mother. They understood instinctively that they needed to be where Our Lady was. They gathered around her in prayer and when they received the Holy Spirit, Who was given to them on Pentecost—suddenly they became aware of what it was they were supposed to do. They understood what it meant to be conformed to Jesus Christ, and that was the way they lived their lives from that point forward, everyday becoming more and more conformed into the very likeness of our Blessed Lord.

The same is true for each one of us. If we are going to be conformed to Christ, it is in a particular way to be able to place before ourselves the very mysteries of His life, of His death, and of His glorification. That is exactly what we have in the Rosary. We meditate upon the mysteries of Our Lord's life; we place them before us every single day; and in so doing, slowly, little by little, we become conformed to the mysteries upon which we meditate. Our Lady is at the very center of all of that, and it makes perfect sense. God chose her, to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady, being a mother, has formed then but one child, and she formed Him perfectly. If we place ourselves in her hands, she will conform us to the image of that one child that she knows how to form—and that is Jesus.

The Rosary is an exceedingly powerful weapon, a spiritual weapon against the enemy of our souls. Sister Lucia, the visionary of Fatima, made very clear the power of the Rosary as she understood from what Our Lady had shown her. She said simply, "Through the Rosary anything can be obtained. Anything." That is the power of the Rosary. Once again, it moves us right into the central mysteries of the life and passion of Our Lord and into the mystery of Our Lady's relationship with Christ. We learn from her how to live the Christian life and through her we become perfectly conformed to Christ. That is the power of the Rosary. The Rosary is able to take a situation which seems impossible and help us to see God's Will, to turn it into something which is not only completely possible, but something which is going to give the greatest glory to God. That is what we have to be about.

Through this very humble means, we see that we have the most powerful of all weapons. It is a weapon to be wielded on the spiritual realm, a weapon that is used against Satan. Through the Rosary, all things are possible for those who really pray it, for those who trust in the power of God. Through Our Lady's intercession, everything can be obtained through the prayerful recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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