

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

October 8, 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
www.lsabear.org	
Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org	



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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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Monday, October 9

1:00pm Bereavement Group, Chapel

Wednesday, October 11

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

7:00pm Choir Practice, Music Room

GENDER IDEOLOGY—The Diocese of Allentown and the Bishop's Commissions for Women, Men, and Young Adults proudly present, "Gender Ideology: What Catholics Need to Know," a workshop featuring Mary Rice Hasson, J.D. from the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) in Washington, D.C. This will take place on October 8, 2023 from 2:00pm-6:00pm (doors open at 1:15pm) at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018. This event is FREE, but you must register by September 25 to attend at <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/gender-ideology>. Mary Rice Hasson is the Kate O'Beirne Fellow at EPPC and co-founder of the Person and Identity Project (PIP), an initiative that equips Catholics and Catholic institutions to promote the truth of the human person and counter gender ideology.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS —OCTOBER 14/15

5:00pm

Lector: Marie Blimline

Altar Servers: Cooper Whitely, Bryanna Gallagher

EMs: Debbie Mazzarelli, Mark Brezina, Lori McClure

Musician: Patti Brenner **Cantor:** Patti Brenner

8:30am

Lector: Steve Keech

Altar Servers: Kyle Keenan, Reese McClure

EMs: Tom Henefer, Chris Shulski, Bo Kusznir

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Mia/Ryan

11:00am

Lector: Chris Mensak

Altar Servers: Joseph and Sophia Kusznir

EMs: Tina McHale, Sylvia Firth, Glenn Unger

Musician: Beverly Perella **Cantor:** Coppa Family

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 signup after Mass.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10/09 St. Denis, St. John Leonardi

NO MASS

Rev. James Connolly

Tuesday 10/10 Weekday

6:30pm Intention of Sam Coppa by Adam Scheidel

Rev. Msgr. Edward Coyle

Wednesday 10/11 Pope St. John XXIII

8:00am St. Benedict Memorial Society

Rev. Harold Dagle

Thursday 10/12 Weekday

5:30pm Marianne Flemming by Randy & Mary Jo Lewis

Rev. Charles Dene (died September 26, 2023)

Friday 10/13 Weekday

8:00am Int. of the Martin and Creamer Families

Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis

Saturday 10/14 St. Callistus

8:00am Valerie & Roland Krissman by Kathleen Minnich

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin

Sunday 10/15 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Steve Ulman by Mary Jo & Randy Lewis

8:30am Carol Timlin by Betty Ann Potemski

11:00am Genevieve Przydzial by Pat & Lew Gable

Rev. Bruno Dongo



*The Sanctuary Lamp
is offered this weekend
in memory of Irene Didyoung
by Kathy Shay.*

ANNUAL FATHER CISZEK MASS

The annual Father Walter Ciszek Day will be held

on Sunday, October 15th. It is a day to celebrate

Father Ciszek's extraordinary faith in

God and commitment to his priestly vows and

vocation. The Mass will be at St. Casimir

Church, 229 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah,

PA at 2:00 PM. Rev. Phillip R. Hurley,

S.J., University Chaplain at Loyola University

Maryland Jesuit Community (Ignatius

House), Baltimore, MD will be the homilist. Light refresh-

ments will be available in the church hall after Mass. Also,

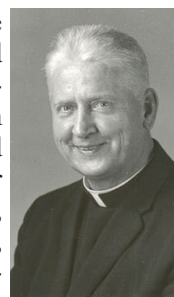
related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for pur-

chase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry

Street, Shenandoah will be opened from 10:30 AM to 1:00

PM. Books, Prayer Cards, Brochures and other items will be

available to purchase at the Center and Church Hall.



**Keep me as the apple
of your eye.—Psalm 17:8**



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, 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 Joseph Piccora, husband of Christina Link. May he 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—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!



PARISH LENDING LIBRARY—Have you visited our parish library? There are many selections on various topics to enrich your Catholic faith. There are books on saints, prayer and other relevant subjects. Feel free to select a book, sign it out, and return it when you have finished. New books are added regularly. Stop by and take advantage of this wonderful faith-building resource!

October is the month of the Rosary.

In times of darkness, holding the Rosary
is like holding the hand
of our Blessed Mother.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

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***Due to early printing, amounts for October 1st will be available next week.**

**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.



SAVE THE DATE—Loss – Grief – Letting Go Day of Reflection – Friday, November 17, 2023– 6:30pm to 8:00 PM. “Loss, grief and letting go” are familiar words yet, for so many, grief is a silent pain that is at times unbearable. Sr. Nancy Iampietro will guide you to reflect on loss and hope, on grief and love, on letting go of what we thought would be. It will be a time to invite the Lord to show us that we can find comfort and healing where our wounds hurt the most. Sister Nancy is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She is a Theologian with specialization in Formative Spirituality, and Spiritual Direction, and leadership. To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135.



The Taize Service planned for
Sunday, October 8th at 2pm is being rescheduled
for the spring. More details to follow.




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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