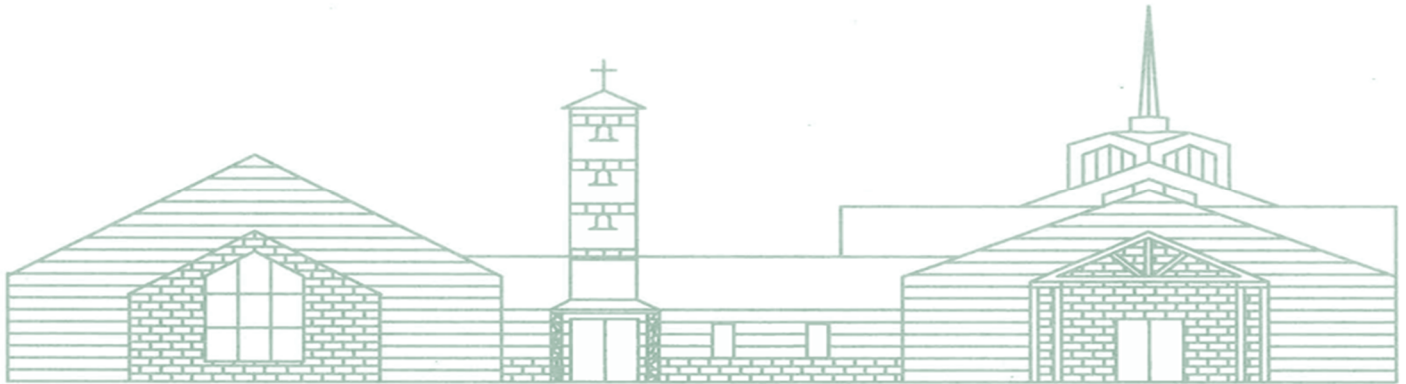


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

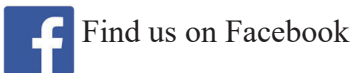
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540
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Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy
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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 September 1, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00pm Presidents' Meeting, FLC



Monday 09/02 Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Douglas Burns

Tuesday 09/03 St. Gregory the Great

6:30pm People of the Parish

Rev. Thomas Burns

Wednesday 09/04 Weekday

8:00am Joseph Appleton by Roy & Susan Teaford

Rev. Christopher Butera

Thursday 09/05 Weekday

8:00am For Those Served by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Rev. Msgr. Albert Byrne

Friday 09/06 Weekday

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Sylvia Firth

Rev. Floyd Caesar Jr.

Saturday 09/07 Weekday

8:00am George Trimbur by Stan & Janet Kmiec

Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan

Sunday 09/08 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Chuck Grundman by Terry Grundman

8:30am A Special Intention by Bill & Diane Arnold

11:00am Wallace & Wilma Kompa by Jim & Sandy Kozlowski

Rev. Michael Camilli

*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week
for Cass Ahern
requested by Kathleen Minnich*



SAVE THE DATE!—The first Diocesan Local Pilgrimage will take place on Friday, September 20th, at the National Shrine of Padre Pio, Barto PA. The

theme is “*My Heart – A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus.*” The day will include Mass with Bishop Schlert, opportunity for Confession, Eucharistic procession and more. The keynote speaker will be Megan Murphy. Megan is featured nationally at women's conferences, retreats, seminaries, universities, and youth and young adult events. The day begins with registration/welcome from 8:15am-9am; pilgrimage events run from 9am-2pm, with free time to explore the shrine and Padre Pio museum from 2pm-4:30pm. All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited. No registration is required.

PROTECT THE LIVES THAT YOU LOVE THE MOST

— Join the Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future. Join us in Classroom 3 at 7:30 pm on Thursday September 10, 2024. For more information or to register, contact Rich Conte at 610-223-8846 if you plan to attend.



MISSION APPEAL—This weekend, Sister Antonia of the Missionaries of the Holy Rosary will be at St. Benedict, seeking our prayerful and financial support. Their purpose is to spread the word of God and uplift the lives of women worldwide. Their first mission began in Nigeria in 1928, and since then, they have extended their work to other African nations, as well as Brazil, Mexico and the United States. Their focus is on enhancing the quality of life for the disadvantaged through the establishment of more than 200 primary schools, 40 secondary schools, and 32 hospitals. They provide education, healthcare, social development, and community rebuilding services to people affected by conflict. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

HAPPY LABOR DAY

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, Alexa Gebhard, 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, Joan Moffa, Regina Moran, Frank Newhams, George Paul, Kevin Paul, Patrick, Patti, Sister Mary Lou Pleitner CSJ, Stanley Plevyak, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, 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.



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.



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

LANDINGS—Did you or someone you know just return to the Church? Do you wish to grow in knowledge of your faith? Do you ever wonder Who God is and why we follow Jesus? Would you like to have a deeper understanding of the Mass and our Sacraments? Here at St. Benedict’s, beginning on Sunday, October 6, we will be offering the “Landings” program for 7 weeks. The sessions will be held on Sundays at 1:00pm in the Chapel. We can help you learn and grow in our Catholic faith. Please prayerfully consider taking time and join us for fellowship, learning and growing in our faith. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”—Matthew 18:20. If you have any questions please contact the parish office for assistance.



BANNS OF ORDINATION—Mr. Mark T. Brezina, a member of Saint Benedict, Mohnton, has been called to the Order of the Deacon by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D., Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Mark T. Brezina will be ordained at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, the 14th day of September 2024.

From the Pastor’s Desk



All of the readings this weekend warn of self-deception, especially in terms of divine law and our conventional relationship with God.

No one should ever ignore the importance of God’s laws. Just and moral laws are gifts as they set the parameters for good relationships among people. Though we may not refer to it as law, we know that in any good relationship there are rules which govern our behavior.

For example, we may not speak of the formal laws of marriage, but the covenant of marriage calls spouses to be faithful, to support each other and to be attentive to the needs of one another and the family as well. Unfaithfulness, disregard and abuse are outside the parameters of the commitment of married life and love.

Just as human law guides our earthly relationships, obedience to God’s law should be seen as expressing our care and concern for our relationship with God.

In our 1st Reading, Moses talks about observing the divine law; don’t add to it or subtract from it. Obedience to the law will bring you life and prosperity in the Promised Land and will bring them the greatest reputation for wisdom and understanding.

Divine Law as taught by Jesus, teaches us about relationships with God and one another. Both the Letter of St. James and our Gospel show the varieties of self-deception that we can fall into.

The major principle in the Letter to St. James is that acceptance of the Gospel means submission to it in our conduct. Faith makes moral demands and requires us to be doers, not just hearers of the Word. Our proper respect and love of God will show itself in works of charity to the needy and our internal commitment to a way of life free from an arbitrary morality.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees heard God’s law, put it into action, but they were just going through the motions. They were concerned with their actions and felt that actions alone were justified, but there was no change in their interior disposition. Their hands were clean, but what about their hearts and mind and soul? ‘From within people, from their hearts come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and defile.’

Mark Twain once said ‘It’s not the part of the Bible I fail to understand that troubles me, it’s the part I do understand’. Although compliance to God’s laws may at times seem difficult, this difficulty expresses that reality that all good relationships require work, devotion, and faithfulness.

All that we do should be motivated by our love for God and each other, even when difficult. Such motivation becomes a sign of our love and commitment to God and neighbor. The reality of love reciprocated, according to the law of God, is a gift which is certainly worth the work and effort involved. This gift, is the real gift that keeps on giving.

God bless you, Fr. Stan.



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