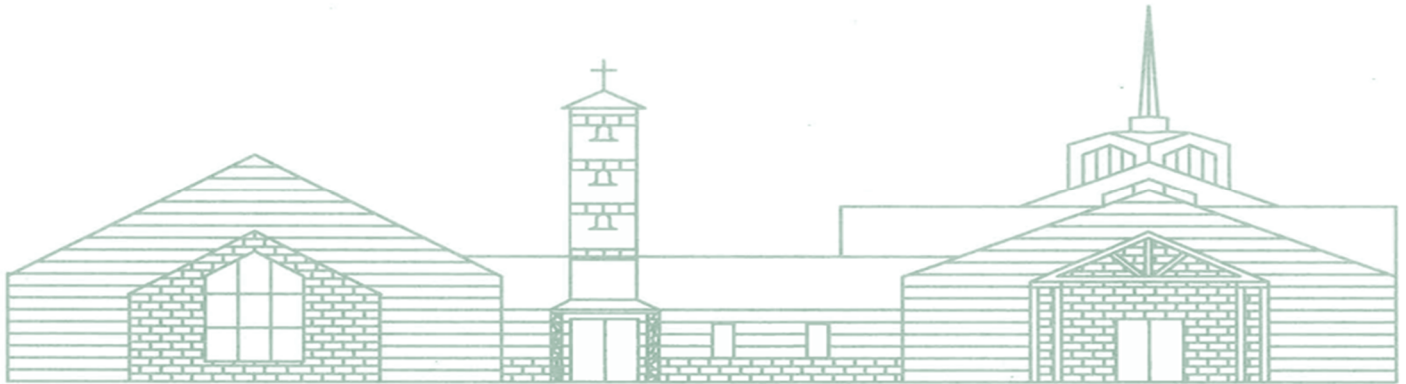


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

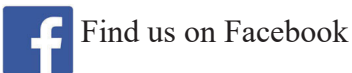
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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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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:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., DIRECT 800-791-9209
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Church of Saint Benedict September 15, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30pm St. John the Caregiver, Chapel

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00pm Book Club, FLC

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 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.

BOOK SALE—The Women’s Club Annual Book Sale will take place the weekend of September 28th and 29th in the FLC. Donations of books will be accepted in the box in the gathering space beginning the weekend of September 21/22. The hours for the book sale will be Saturday, September 28th from 10am-6:30pm and on September 29th, after all Masses.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY— A person's life is forever changed with the death of a loved one, but memories live on. Please join our Support Group. Sessions will start on Monday, September 23 for six weeks ending with the All Souls' Mass November 2. You don't have to be alone in your journey. Call Mary Ann Razzano at 610-858-0946 or Rectory Office 610-856-1006 to register.

Altar flowers this weekend were given in memory of Harry Mazzarelli by Debbie Mazzarelli

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intention of Deacon Mark T. Brezina



OCIA (formerly RCIA)—A new OCIA program has started but you may still sign up. An invitation is extended to those individuals in our parish community who wish to be baptized or confirmed to contact Father Stan or fill out an application form found in the gathering space. The sessions are also meant for anyone wishing to join the Catholic Church. The sessions will be held in the church at 7:00 pm.



Monday 09/16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

NO MASS

Rev. Loren Connell

Tuesday 09/17 St. Robert Bellarmine/St. Hildegard of Bingen

6:30pm Monika Plaiss by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Rev. Edward Connolly

Wednesday 09/18 Weekday

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Rev. James Connolly

Thursday 09/19 St. Januarius

5:30pm Robert Kowalkowski by Robert and Joyce Joyce

Rev. Msgr. Edward Coyle

Friday 09/20 St. Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions

8:00am Int. of Men’s and Women’s Cursillo Weekends

Rev. Harold Dagle

Saturday 09/21 St. Matthew

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Rick & Jean Ruhl

Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis

Sunday 09/22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Stephen A. Mammarella by Mia & Nate Miller

8:30am Theodore G. Rhoades by Sylvia Firth

11:00am Int. of Hope Scheidel by Adam Scheidel

Rev. Msgr. Edward Domin

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please note that Fr. Stan will be on vacation the week of September 23rd. There will be no Daily Mass during the week of September 23rd-28th. He will return for the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 28th.

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, 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.

Thank you for your generous gifts!



September 8

Stewardship \$7,368.00 (160 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$3,590.00

Mortgage \$1,645.00 (61 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,515.00

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

INSTALLATION—Fr. Stan will officially be installed as pastor of St. Benedict on Saturday, October 5, at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Rev. Brian Miller, Dean for Berks County and pastor of St. Catharine of Siena in Exeter, will be here for that Mass. There will be light refreshments immediately following.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



As Catholics, we think of Peter as the saint, the first Pope, the one with the Keys to the Kingdom, the rock on whom the Church was built. The basilica that bears his name sits in the center of Rome. Yet Scripture passages such as today's Gospel show us a more headstrong and human side of Peter, one who was far from a perfect disciple. In today's Gospel passage, Peter could not accept the fate Jesus foretold of himself. In fact, Peter rebuked Jesus when He predicted He would suffer and die. Peter's words - as faith-filled as they might be - still demonstrated a lack of understanding of what was happening around him. He seems to want to stop the plan of salvation that was in motion, thinking that he knew better.

Luckily for Peter - and for all of us - perfection is not a qualification for discipleship. What are the necessary qualifications? To have faith and to follow Jesus' commands. This entails denying one's self, taking up one's cross, and losing one's life for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel. These are the works without which faith is dead.

Like Peter, we are not perfect disciples. Though we have faith, sometimes we think first of what we want - what feels good and safe - rather than thinking what God wants. But if we go our own way rather than God's, we risk becoming a mouthpiece for the things of the world and its earthly values, and the self-serving life we tried to save we will lose. Even if we are unsure of exactly what God is asking of us, or if it seems risky and uncertain, God invites us to trust. If we just get behind Jesus, He will guide us. Jesus will teach us what to do and how to follow Him.

God is near, upholding us. He is our help, present to us in His Word and in the Eucharist. Nourished by these, we can set our faces like flint and not turn back, even as we confront opposition, The Lord will save us as we follow Him in faith.

God bless you. Fr. Stan



PA MARCH FOR LIFE—St. Catharine's, Exeter, will be offering a motorcoach to the PA March for Life on Monday, September 23. Mass will be at 7:15am, with the motorcoach leaving at 8:00am from the church parking lot. They will leave Harrisburg at 3:30pm. Donations for the motorcoach are accepted and are greatly appreciated. If you would like to reserve a seat, please call Christine Gordon at 610-587-9917.



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