

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

September 17, 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

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor
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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

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

September 18

7:00pm KOC, Picnic grounds

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 1st, 12:30pm in the barking lot at the Bell Tower entrance. For everyone's safety, please make sure pets are in cages or on leashes.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the week of September 18th, the entire church parking lot will be repaved. *Please be advised that both the church and the parish office will be closed the entire week.* There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, September 20th. The church will be opened in time for the Saturday Vigil Mass on September 23 at 5pm. Listed below are the daily Mass times for neighboring churches:

St. John's, Shillington—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am; Thursday 7:00pm.

Immaculate Conception, Birdsboro—Monday No Mass, Tuesday & Thursday 7:00pm, Wednesday and Friday 7:30am

St. Peter's, Honey Brook/Coatesville—Monday-Saturday (no Wednesday) 8:30am.

Emails and phone messages will still be regularly monitored.

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.



LA SALLE CYO SPAGHETTI DINNER—will be on Wednesday, September 27 from 4:30pm-7:00pm at Victor Emmanuel. \$12 per ticket. Flyers may be found in the gathering space. Orders can be turned in at the Parish Office. Thanks for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 09/18 Weekday

5:00 pm NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Ronald Bocian

Tuesday 09/19 St. Januarius

6:30pm **NO MASS**

Very Rev. Thomas Bortz

Wednesday 09/20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions

8:00am **NO MASS**

Rev. Ronald Bowman

Thursday 09/21 St. Matthew

5:30pm **NO MASS**

Rev. Richard Brensinger

Friday 09/22 Weekday

8:00am **NO MASS**

Rev. Alexander Brown

Saturday 09/23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

8:00am **NO MASS**

Rev. Thomas Buckley

Sunday 09/24 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) Barbara Shannon by Bill & Pat Walton

8:30am Jean Roland by Joe Roland

11:00am Jeanne Honosky by the Troyano Family

Rev. Douglas Burns



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CLARE OF ASSISI HOUSE CASH BINGO—will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, in the FLC. Doors open at 6:00pm and games begin at 7:00pm. Tickets and other event details may be found in gathering space. Proceeds will benefit the charities of the Knights of Columbus and Clare of Assisi House.

The Sanctuary Lamp this weekend burns for the health intention of Peg Creamer—for successful surgery, speedy and complete recovery by Sandy Kozlowski



A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the victims of the wildfires in Hawaii. Thank you for your generosity.

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, Bettina Bonner, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Peg Creamer, Debbie Dayton, Rita Del Percio, Richard DuBois, Joan Fondots, Scott Forrest, 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.



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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY—would like to invite members of our parish community who are grieving the loss of a loved one to a six week “Grief Support Group” starting Monday, September 18. You don’t have to be alone as you journey through the grieving process. Let us help you. The sessions will be one and a half hours (starting time to be determined). Please call Mary Ann Razzano, 610-858-0946 or Jeanie Hauck 610-856-7575 to register. The six weeks will conclude with a special Mass on All Souls Day, November 2.



LANDINGS—One of the many fruits of our faith is welcoming a friend or family member home. Landings International is a 6-week course that walks an individual through sessions discussing—Who is God?, Why We Follow Jesus, The Holy Spirit and Our Church, The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, The Eucharist and Liturgy, Sin, Resurrection and Christian Prayer. Landings gives someone who is considering returning to the Church an insight into the actual faith lives of a small group of fellow Catholics. Landings is an experience of faith sharing. You will find compassion and attentive listening. Each person’s journey is special and sacred in the eyes of God. Simply trust that the Holy Spirit will help you to grow in faith. If you or someone you know is thinking of returning to the Church or if want to know more about our faith, plan to attend the Landings International information session at St. Benedict’s on Sunday, September 24th at 1:00 pm in our Family Life Center. Together we can pray, learn about our Catholic Faith and bring a person home. If you wish to register or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE—Taize Prayer Service—Join us on Sunday, October 8th at 2:00pm as we pray for peace within ourselves, peace in the world and peace with God.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—September 10 \$6,479.00 (162 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,825.00

Mortgage—September 10 \$1,702.00 (48 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$1,980.00

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

PRO-LIFE MARCH—Plan on attending the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, October 16th. A motorcoach will depart from St. Benedict parking lot at 9:00am. Please see the display in the gathering space for more details. Speak for those who can’t speak for themselves.

On November 24, 2004, the late Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances to be used so that people could pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministries and consecrated life. The six monstrances represent North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Through the assistance of the Serra Club, we will have one of these monstrances here at St. Benedict. This will take place on Wednesday, October 4th. This monstrance will be used for our day of Adoration. Consider spending a few moments with our Lord as He awaits you in this sacred vessel blessed by St. John Paul II.





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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