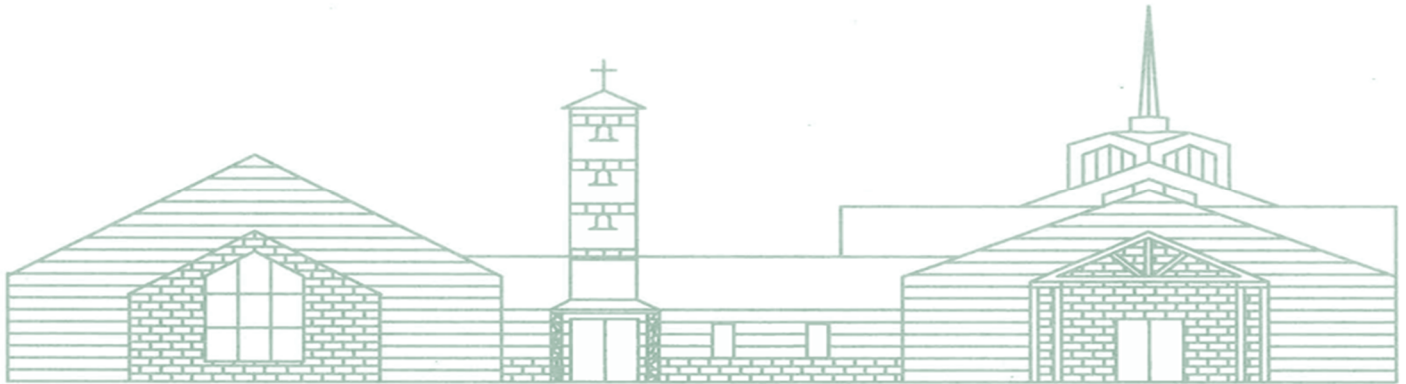


# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



## MASS SCHEDULE

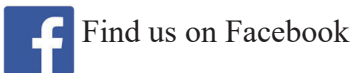
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm  
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day  
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am  
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

## RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540  
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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski.....Pastor  
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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 22, 2024

### THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

2:00pm Bereavement Committee, Chapel

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12 noon Prime Timers, FLC

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

Saturday – 10am-6:30pm Women's Club Book Sale, FLC

Sunday – after all Masses



**Monday 09/23** St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
**NO MASS**

*Rev. Bruno Dongo*

**Tuesday 09/24** Weekday

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Anthony Drouncheck*

**Wednesday 09/25** Weekday

**NO MASS; NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Rev. Ladislaus Dudek*

**Thursday 09/26** Sts. Cosmas and Damien

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Keaton Eidle*

**Friday 09/27** St. Vincent de Paul

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Giuseppe Esposito*

**Saturday 09/28** St. Wenceslaus, St. Luis Ruiz & Companions

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Edward Essig*

**Sunday 09/29** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Roberta Becher by the Brace Family

8:30am Stanley & Elizabeth Potemski by Betty Ann Potemski  
and Sharon Direso

11:00am Joseph Appleton by the Prime Timers

*Rev. Bernard Ezaki*

### 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. There will also be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, September 25th. 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.

**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 Elizabeth Potemski by Betty Ann Potemski and Sharon Direso*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Joseph Dompkowski by Mary & Ted Kozak*

**HARVEST FEST**—St. Mary's Catholic Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg will host their 2024 Harvest fest on Friday, October 4th from 4pm-9pm and Saturday October 5th from 12 noon to 9pm. There will be homemade foods, fun, activities, bingo, corn maze, kids' games, hay rides, basket raffle and lots more. There will be a Polka Mass on Saturday at 4:30pm. Free admission and plenty of parking with both indoor and outdoor seating.



*“Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear our prayer.”  
—St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Feast Day September 23rd*



**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.

**\*\*Please note there will be no Adoration on Wednesday, September 25th.\*\***

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*



**September 15**  
**Stewardship \$7,344.00 (162 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$4,480.00**  
**Mortgage \$1,898.00 (64 envelopes)**  
**Parish Giving \$1,280.00**

**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*



St. James asks: Where do wars among you come from? He says they come from envy - the desire for possessions, especially those things which belong to someone else.

We might think that envy is mainly the sin of those who have little. A person might think, if only I had a little more money, that would solve all my problems. That is not necessarily the case. A person can have enormous wealth and still be filled with envy.

This desire for possessions can set us against other people. We can start to think that because I own something, I am better than the other person. Advertisers constantly appeal to that false pride. For example, they want you to buy their car not primarily because of how well it runs - but because of the effect it has on other people.

That is the trap of envy, constantly wanting something which will make us better than the next person. All of us can recognize the trap, but it is hard to get out of it. Today Jesus shows us a way out. After telling his disciples about his coming suffering and death, they were having a conversation on the road. You would think they were talking about what Jesus meant by his passion. But they were not. When they got back to the house, Jesus asked them what they were talking about. He knew they were discussing which one was the most important.

Jesus then did something dramatic. He called in someone who people in his day considered of small importance - a little child. It was like placing a newly hatched chick in front of some strutting roosters. Then he embraced the child and said that whoever received a child like this, receives him. It hit the disciples like a bucket of cold water. Wake up. They remembered it - and even though it made them look bad - they told others about it.

Jesus was teaching them how to overcome envy, that desire to be considered the most important. Now, overcoming envy does not mean settling for mediocrity. No we are children of God and we should strive for excellence - and even for wealth, if we have the correct motive. Does God want you to be wealthy? Today's readings give the answer. If you want money in order to be more important than someone else, that money will not bring a blessing, but a curse. But, if you identify with the little ones, God will want you to have the means to help them.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**—In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Stan will be blessing pets of every kind on Saturday, October 5th at 12 noon in the "barking" lot by the Bell Tower. For everyone's safety, please make sure all critters are secured either on leashes or in cages.



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