

# CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

September 24, 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](http://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com)  
Email: [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CGS 484-269-8744  
LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392  
[www.lsabear.org](http://www.lsabear.org)  
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361  
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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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT**

**Monday, September 25**

1:00pm Bereavement Group, Chapel

**Tuesday, September 26**

1:00pm-3:00pm Prime Timers, FLC

**Wednesday, September 27**

1:00pm St. Benedict History Committee, Conf. Rm

7:00pm Choir practice, Music Room

**Sunday, October 1**

12:30pm Blessing of the Animals, Bell Tower

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.



**WOMEN'S CLUB**—will be hosting a Day of Retreat and Afternoon Tea on Sunday, October 1st, beginning at 1:00pm in the FLC. The speaker will be Sister Nancy Iampietro from Mariawald/Precious Blood Convent. There is no cost for the event, but you are asked to register on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Deadline to sign up is Saturday, September 30. Light refreshments will be served.

**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 DINER**—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 09/25** Weekday

**NO MASS**

*Rev. Christopher Butera*

**Tuesday 09/26** Sts. Cosmas and Damian

6:30pm **NO MASS**

*Rev. Msgr. Albert Byrne*

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

8:00am **NO MASS**

*Rev. Floyd Caesar Jr.*

**Thursday 09/28** St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz

**5:30pm** Richard Aschenbrenner by Mary Aschenbrenner

*Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan*

**Friday 09/29** Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael—Archangels

8:00am Stephen Mammarella by Nate & Mia Miller

*Rev. E. Michael Camilli*

**Saturday 09/30** St. Jerome

8:00am Marianne Flemming by Kathy & Steve Griesmer

*Rev. Msgr. John Campbell*

**Sunday 10/01** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Saturday) Lou Belfus by the DiGiacomo Family

8:30am M/M Stanley Potemski by their daughters

11:00am Gina Luther by Pat Luther

*Rev. Msgr. Michael Chaback*

*There will be limited parish office hours week the of October 2nd. The office will be open for a few hours on Monday and Tuesday morning, but will be closed Wednesday through Friday.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp and altar flowers  
are offered this weekend  
in memory of Elizabeth Potemski  
by Sharon Direso and Betty Ann Potemski.*

**Calling All Young Parishioners 4th Grade and Older!**

Have you received your First Communion and want to serve your church and Christ? Would you consider learning how to be an altar server? This is an incredible ministry! Learn more about your faith...meet other young people in the parish...and most importantly, serve Jesus! There will be a training session on Monday, October 2nd at 4pm. Contact Jim Valentino at [bigbuck\\_val@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbuck_val@yahoo.com) or 610-999-6647.



Next Sunday, October 1st is Hospitality Sunday,  
hosted by the Gardeners.  
Come enjoy some fellowship and tasty treats!

### 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.

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of Albert "Scott" Forrest III, husband of Mary Catherine and Jane Ann Braddick, wife of Gerry. May they 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*



**LANDINGS**—Landings International offers a reconciliation process to welcome inactive Catholics home to Christ and His Church. It is an open, non-judgmental place for a small group of lay Catholics and returnees to share their understandings of the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the process offers confidentiality and encourages mutual respect. In the 6 weekly sessions, you will find compassionate and attentive listening. 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. If you wish to register or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.



### STEWARDSHIP

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*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

**Stewardship—September 17** \$7,540.00 (163 envelopes)  
**Parish Giving** \$2,300.00

**Mortgage—September 17** \$1,409.00 (61 envelopes)  
**Parish Giving** \$ 725.00

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

*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.*



**FOOD DONATIONS**—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will begin its holiday food collection this weekend. This will continue through the month of October. Please see their display in the gathering space. 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, they ask you to 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.

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**— for peace— peace with God, peace within, and peace in the world will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 PM. Join us for quiet time, prayer, meditation and








**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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