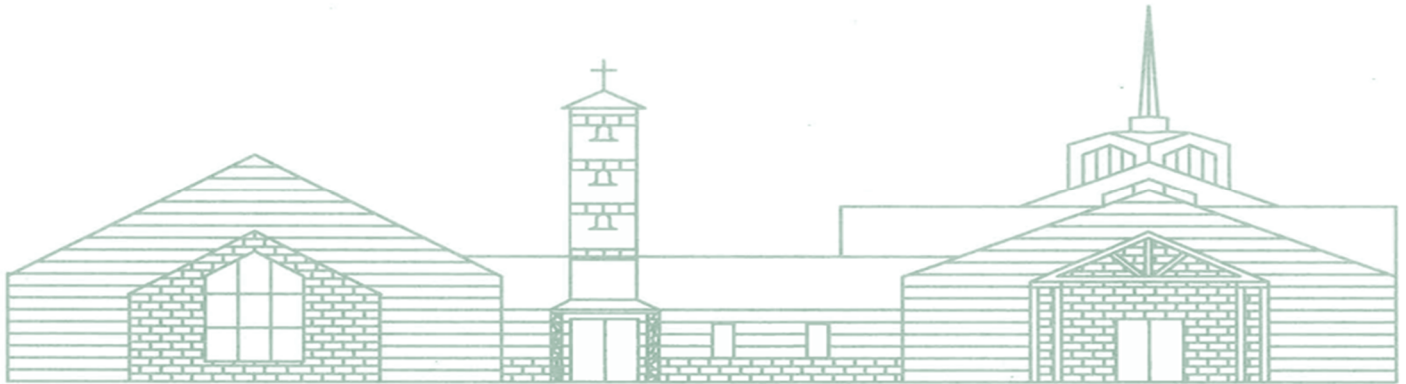


CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

SEPTEMBER 29, 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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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 29, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

2:00pm Bereavement Committee, Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00pm Women's Club, FLC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

12 noon Blessing of the Animals, Bell Tower

5:00pm Mass Fr. Stan/ Pastor Installation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30am-12:30pm Hospitality Sunday, FLC

1:00pm Landings, Chapel

Monday 09/30 St. Jerome

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli

Tuesday 10/01 St. Therese of Lisieux

6:30pm Florence Pleitner by John Krishock

Rev. Robert Finlan

Wednesday 10/02 Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am Mary Louise Mancuso by John & Mimi Frank

Rev. Vincent Freeh

Thursday 10/03 Weekday

5:30pm Robin Albright Himmelberger

by Charlie & Ellie Albright

Rev. John Frink

Friday 10/04 St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am Floss Pleitner by Randy & Mary Jo Lewis

Rev. Kevin Gallagher

Saturday 10/05 St. Faustina Kowalska

8:00am Russell & Betty Brown by Roy & Susan Teaford

Rev. Joseph Ganser

Sunday 10/06 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm(Saturday) David & Marjorie Hauser by Bill/Diane Arnold

8:30am Jane & Penny by Terry Grundman

11:00am John G. McCahon

Rev. Angel Garcia-Almodovar

OCIA— is currently underway with six individuals attending sessions on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7pm. Any parishioners who would wish to attend these evenings are welcome.



*Altar flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp
this weekend
were given in memory of
Robin Albright Himmelberger
By Charlie & Ellie Albright*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**The Parish Office will have
limited hours this week.
Please call beforehand
if you plan to come in.**



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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS—The St. Benedict Respect Life Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed to their “Baby Bottle” campaign. If you have not yet returned your bottle, there is still time. Simply place your bottle on top of the mailboxes in the Sacristy.



Also, the Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 6th in front of Brady’s Rock Shop, Route 23 in Morgantown. Come out and witness to the gift of life, especially the protection of the unborn.

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, Dustin Sands, 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 22

Stewardship \$6,792.00 (157 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$2,955.00

Mortgage \$1,440.00 (60 envelopes)

Parish Giving \$1,055.00

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



I don’t have to tell you that we live in a competitive world. We seem to be constantly competing for all sorts of things; jobs and promotions, attention and affirmation, power and prestige, even love and affection and companionship. And in many of these areas of life there seems to be a ‘winner’ and a ‘loser.’ And because of that perception, we sometimes find ourselves acting in harmful, unjust, or less-than-honorable ways.

‘Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.’

This type of thinking, evidently, is nothing new. John, in speaking on behalf of himself and other followers of Jesus, is not happy that someone outside their group is driving out demons in Jesus’ name. Maybe he’s afraid that they will lose some followers. Maybe he’s afraid that they will get confused and be led astray. Maybe he is simply full of pride. Or maybe, he just doesn’t like the other person. His motives aren’t exactly clear from the text. But one thing apparently is not in dispute; the person in question was indeed driving out demons. Jesus will have none of John’s pettiness. He tells him, ‘Do not prevent him.... For whoever is not against us is for us.’

In other words, Jesus is encouraging John to ‘affirm’ the ‘good,’ wherever he finds it. He does not want John to see the good deeds of others as some sort of threat to them or their mission. Jesus seems to be saying that goodness is just that, good. Goodness is holy, goodness is from God; and therefore it should be acknowledged and affirmed and embraced wherever and in whomever his disciples find it. When they see something good or decent or helpful or loving in another or being done by another, they should simply rejoice in it; not try to find fault with it or be suspicious of it or undermine it in some way.

The moral of the story is this; Life is not a win-lose situation; it’s a win-win. When we affirm the good wherever we find it, we are encouraging others to continue doing the right thing, continue living in such a way as to help the world become the beautiful place God created it to be. In other words, when we build up, instead of tearing down, when we point out and embrace the good in each person we meet and the situations in which we find ourselves, everyone wins; we win, they win, the world wins. So let’s stop putting others down. Let’s stop trying to diminish or dismiss others. Let’s stop trying to demonize those with whom we disagree, or those we feel threatened by. Rather, let’s acknowledge and affirm every good thing we come across. The only things we stand to lose are our envy and our self-centeredness. And that’s good for everybody.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



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