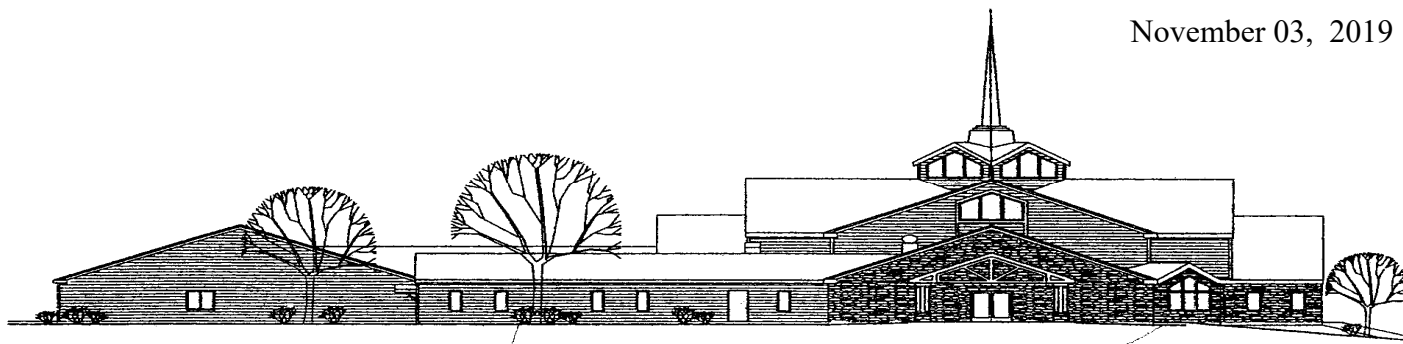


Church of Saint Benedict

Diocese of Allentown - Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D.

November 03, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. 6:30pm-Thurs.5:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 8:00am
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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LaSalle Academy Office 610-777-7392

www.lsabear.org

Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361

www.berkscatholic.org

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip F. Rodgers.....Pastor
Fr. Thomas Kuller, S.J.....Weekend Ministry
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education
Andrew Angstadt.....Music Director
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed.Principal LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator
Anne Long.....Bookkeeper
Clara Lush.....Bulletin Editor
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping
Richard Ball.....Maintenance

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J. Safe Environment Coordinator
610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Allentown Diocese website
www.allentowndiocese.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30pm and the 3rd Sunday at 11:15am 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 anytime. Eucharistic Ministers are available every Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

R C I A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in the Catholic faith or in returning to the Church. If interested or have questions contact Mark Schrum at 610-750-5414.

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you

in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too—"that our God may make (us) worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith".

Stewardship- Gifts of God
Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship	10-27-19:	\$14,752.00 (241 envelopes)	
	EFT:	\$ 355.00	
FLCMortgage	10-27-19:	\$ 3,013.00 (106 envelopes)	
	EFT:	\$ 122.00	

Second Collection next weekend will be the Fuel/Utilities collection.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS can be found on the diocese website DioceseofAllentown.org. Click on Youth Protection upper right corner. It contains a list of programs, events and clearances needed for a safe environment for the children of the diocese.



SUPPORT A CULTURE OF LIFE

We pray for all new doctors for the grace of faith, courage, and love of life.

PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, especially Baby Isabella, Rich Ball, Loretta Becker, John Bonnell, Tom Cioffi, Steven DeAngelo, Irene Didyoung, Wayne & Ellen Gohacki, Marian Gring, Cecelia Kacmar, Bob Kacmar Jr., Andy Kuzmission, Jason Leininger Jr., John Lodge, Pat Luther, Sandy & Ralph Maio, Gertrude Mastrosante, Sam Miccicke, Francis Newhams, Kelly Reagan, Sam Reber, Eleanor Slanga, Vickey & Joanne Sullivan, Judy Tamagno, Peggy Condon-Vance, Jeremiah Williams, Michael Wittorf, John Yost, Greg Zimmerman. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and also those in nursing homes.

Please remember in your prayers all who are in the military service: USAir Force: Mark Cahill, Tom Gutherman, Michael Rodgers, Ryan Vance; USArmy: Zach Brann, Kelly Bunch, Nathan Calhoun, Christopher Hari, Richard Hari, Matt Kurz, Adam Latshaw, Matt McGinn, Matt Palange, James Yorke; USMC: Grant Dufin, Dan Kenyon, Kevin Moran, Daniel Scheidel, Chris Timothy; USNavy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach.

Please pray also for an end to abortion, and for the victims of abortion.



Please remember in your prayers **Shaun Clinton & Brittany Brown** who will be married in St. Benedict's.



Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of **Christopher Wirkus** by **Paul & Carol Wirkus**; and in honor of **Pryor Collins Landrigan** on her Baptism Day by **Lauren & Tom Lush**



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A special Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. to remember all the Faithful Departed. Special candles will be lit for each person of our parish who died since last year at this time.

BOOK OF THE DEAD is a large open book in our church in which anyone can inscribe the names of loved ones who have passed away. The month of November is traditionally the time we honor and pray for all our deceased loved ones who are now numbered among the Communion of Saints. Please feel free to go to the book before or after Mass and prayerfully add the names of your deceased family and friends. As a church we will remember them throughout the month of November in our Mass intentions. The large Easter candle burning beside the book reminds us that Christ is the light of our life leading us into eternal life.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm until December 23 in classroom #1. For more information contact Deb Seidel at 610-763-6528 or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.



RCIA meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the gathering area.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

will be collecting turkeys and hams thru November 22 for distribution to the needy at Thanksgiving. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Food will be delivered Saturday, November 23. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously to our efforts to feed those in want during the holiday season!



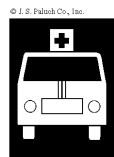
NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2019. Please ask our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. Here at St. Benedict's, we will pray for vocations by holding a special Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday, November 9 from 9:00-10:00 AM. Please come and spend an hour in adoration and prayer asking God to increase vocations in our parish and diocese.



K OF C CASH BINGO— Saturday, November 16.

Over \$3,000.00 in cash prizes, 50/50, raffle baskets. Doors open at 6:00 pm—games begin at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$25.00 includes 15 regular Bingo games with 6 cards per game. Additional special games and jackpot. Food will be available. Tickets on sale this weekend.



Blood Mobile

K OF C BLOOD DRIVE—

The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be here on Monday, November 4 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are approaching a season in which the need for blood increases. Please sign up in the gathering space hallway entrance.



HEALING MASS

is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 pm. During this Mass the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Who should receive the sacrament? Anyone who is in need of physical, spiritual or emotional healing.

We celebrate God's great mercy that comes to us through Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician. You may receive this sacrament whenever your condition changes and gets worse. Many receive this sacrament before any kind of surgery. The K of C will provide transportation for anyone in need. Please call the parish office (610-856-1006) if you are in need of transportation.

Liturgical Ministers - November 09 & 10

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Cami Beyer
Servers: A. J. Crisi, Mary Henefer, Christopher Mangan
EM: Tom Henefer, Jeanne DiGiacomo, Rich Conte, Kelly Leining, Cindy Miller

Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Sylvia Firth
Servers: Dalton Maiers, Megan & Emily Hatcher
EM: Chris Stein, Mary Ann Razzano, Joy & Lee Bandy, Ray Clapper

Sunday 9:30 AM

Lector: Julie Angstadt
Servers: Jason, Joseph & Jax Leining
EM: Tom Culbert, Karen Keenan, Rick McCarty, Glenn Unger, Jeannette Bunch

Sunday 11:15 AM

Lector: Charlie Jones
Servers: Madalyn Cocco, Nicholas Barse, Megan Vance
EM: John Cocco, Carie Leggett, Helen MacMinn, Gary Scollick, Sister Eileen

Veterans Day

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LASALLE ACADEMY VETERANS DAY PRAYER SERVICE

will be held in the school gym on Monday, November 11 at 9:00 am.

All veterans, active or retired, in person or standing in for a beloved veteran's memory, are welcome to school to be remembered and thanked for their service to our country. Please call the school office by Friday, November 8 at 610-777-7392 if you will be attending.

EIGHTH ANNUAL ALLENTOWN DIOCESE MEN'S CONFERENCE Saturday, November 23 at DeSales University, Center Valley "Standing Firm in our Faith". In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for adoration and Confession. Register by November 13 at www.allentowndioeces.org/mensconference. If you would like to car pool to this conference contact Lee Bandy at bandyman@ptd.net or 484-709-6509 or Gary Scollick at gscollick@ptd.net or 612-223-1593. We would be glad to have you join us.



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THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

with Robeson Lutheran Church will be at St. Benedict's this year on Wednesday, November 27. The prayer service led by both pastors, will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments after the service. All are invited - all are welcome!



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DISABILITY AWARENESS

—Did you know that there are 2 kinds of handicapped parking spaces? The spaces marked *Van Accessible* are provided for persons using a van with a wheelchair lift. Lifts in vans require a larger area between the parking spaces to allow room for the wheelchair user to exit the lift. While it's not illegal for anyone holding a handicapped placard to park in these spaces, it is considered a common courtesy for non-wheelchair users to park in the regular handicapped spaces first if they are available. Since there are fewer van accessible spaces, this practice would offer wheelchair users the best chance of getting an accessible place to park.

The SANCTUARY LAMP burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person or a deceased loved one or any special intentions for a weekly donation of \$10.00. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.



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MONTH OF ALL SOULS is traditionally celebrated in November. You may consider visiting a cemetery where loved ones are buried and offer the prayers for visiting a gravesite: *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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Please remember in your daily prayers during this month of the Poor Souls all those who have recently died and also pray for all those poor souls forgotten by their families and friends. They need our help! Also continue to pray on behalf of your beloved deceased.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of all our deceased parishioners.

Monday 11/04

- 2:00-7:00 PM Blood Drive
- 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meets in classroom #1
- 7:00 PM K of C General meeting in the RMR



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Monday 11/04 St. Charles Borromeo
 7:00 PM Mary & John Fenlon
 by Jack Mittnacht

Tuesday 11/05

7:00 PM RCIA meets in church



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Tuesday 11/05 Weekday
 8:00 AM Thomas Ward
 by Paul & Randy Waterman

Thursday 11/07

- 6:00-7:30 PM PREP Classes
- 6:00-7:30 PM CGS L1
- 8:00 PM AA meeting in the RMR

Wednesday 11/06 Weekday
 NO MASS

Thursday 11/07 Weekday
 5:30 PM Joseph Nicholas Sarge
 by the Brenner Family

Sunday 11/10

- "Hospitality Sunday" hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 9:30 Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leader: Heather Yohn
- 10:45-12:00 noon—CGS L1 & L2
- 12:15 PM Confirmation Class



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Friday 11/08 Weekday
 8:00 AM For the Lost & Forgotten
 by the Arnold Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass

Saturday 11/09 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 9:00-10:00 AM Holy Hour for Vocations
 1:00 PM Shaun Clinton & Brittany Brown Wedding
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

COMING EVENTS...

- 11/11 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting
- 11/16 K of C Cash Bingo
- 11/17 "Breakfast Sunday"
- 11/17 Confirmation Rehearsal
- 11/18 K of C Officers meeting
- 11/19 Prime Timers monthly meeting
- 11/19 Book Club meets
- 11/20 Confirmation at St. Benedict's

Sunday 11/10 *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 PM (Saturday) George Benonis
 by Ralph & Lisa Vizza
 8:00 AM Anna Priar
 by Mary Jo Gordon
 9:30 AM Janet McBryan
 by Don McBryan
 11:15 AM People of the Parish
 2:00 PM Healing Mass

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—As of October 29, our parishioners have raised \$62,221.00 towards our goal of \$65,615.01 from 167 parishioners representing 19.31% of our total number of registered families in our parish. Thank you to all who are supporting this Appeal.



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Please remember in your prayers all the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.