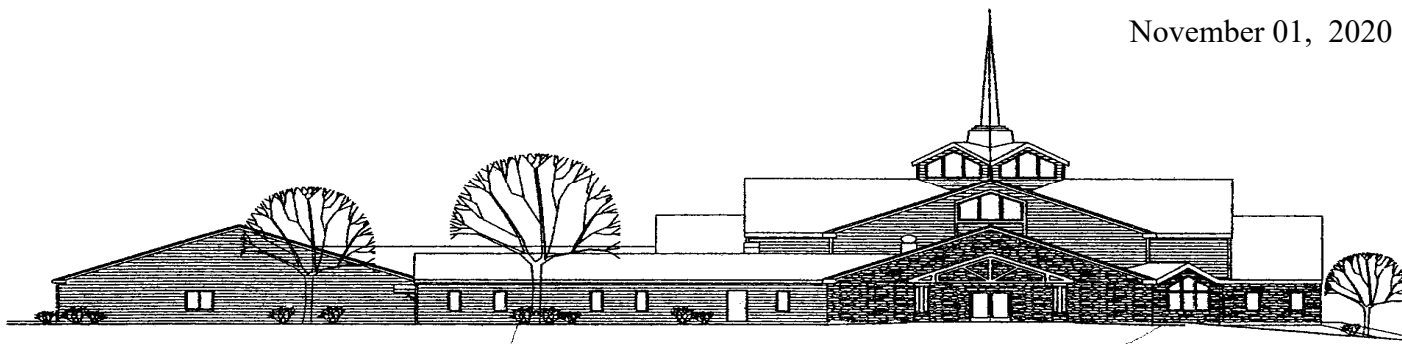


Church of Saint Benedict

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

November 01, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon. 6:30pm-Thurs.5:30pm Tue-Wed-Fri. 9:00am
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00am
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
Jason & Denise Leininger.....Maintenance

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., **DIRECT** 800-791-9209
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Co-ordinator
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.

GOSPEL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today’s Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: “The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it”. We are *stewards*, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

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.

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| Stewardship- Gifts of God | | | |
| <i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i> | | | |
| Stewardship | 10-25-20: | \$8,321.00 | (159 envelopes) |
| | EFT: | \$ 235.00 | |
| | P.G. | \$1,230.00 | |
| FLC Mortg. | 10-25-20: | \$1,510.00 | (56 envelopes) |
| | EFT: | \$ 67.00 | |
| | P.G. | \$ 465.00 | |
| Diocesan On-Line Parish Giving: | | | |
| April 15 to Sept. 28 | | \$1,425.00 | |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS starting *Into the Breach Program* Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through small group discussion, we’ll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach. *Called to Conversion*—Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That’s why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted’s apostolic exhortation of the same name. *Ready for Battle*—Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. For more information contact Paul Waterman at 610-283-4852.



PRO-LIFE CORNER:

The pro-abortion, pro-death forces like to say they’re “pro-choice” - except the choice always seems to be death for the baby.

.....PRAYER LIST.....

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health pray for all in our parish who are ill, and especially Mary Barnhard and Gregory Schwartz. 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, Nathan Calhoun, Eric Dompkowski, Christopher Hari, Richard Hari, Matt Kurz, Adam Latshaw, Matt McGinn, Matt Palange, Andrew Sickora, James Yorke; USMC: Grant Dufin, Dan Kenyon, James Moran, Kevin Moran, Breno Pinheiro, Daniel Scheidel, Chris Timothy; USNavy: Danielle Becker, Cole Drahus, Michael Koch, Jessica Rutkowski; PA Air Guard: William C. Leinbach.

Please remember all our military personnel especially Zach Brann who has been deployed.

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

ST. BENEDICT MEMORIAL SOCIETY—*Judy Polaski* has been enrolled in our Memorial Society by the *Anesthesiology Department of the Reading Hospital*.

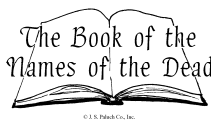


ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend in memory of *the Borek, Burns, Campion & Darcy Families*.

USCCB Recommended Announcement—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly urges all parishioners to register to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.



ALL SOULS MASS is on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm. At this Mass we will remember all parishioners that died since last year at this time. Family members are encouraged to attend and will place a candle on the altar in remembrance of their loved one.



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 —A program for divorced Catholics to navigate their way through a difficult situation will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. For more information contact Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415.



RCIA is a program of the church to assist any adult in becoming Catholic, or a Catholic adult who seeks Confirmation. Six adults have registered for this class.

New members are welcomed to weekly information meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the gathering area. For more information please contact Father Phil or Mark Schrum.

ST. BENEDICT'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others how have experienced this difficult journey. The group will meet Wednesdays until November 18 at 6:30 pm in the conference room.

As part of the 2020-2021 Pastoral Council plan, St. Benedict's will be forming a **Safety & Emergency Response committee**. The first meeting will be Tuesday, 11/17 at 7:00 pm in the FLC. This committee will identify & address any safety issues that could affect our church campus. If you would prefer to attend virtually instead of in person, please email Karen at Keenan3481@gmail.com



CONFIRMATION will be given to 37 students of our parish on November 11 at 4:30 pm at St. John's, Shillington. Please pray for our teens as they prepare to meet Bishop Schlert and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In person retreat will be Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 pm at St. Benedict's and rehearsal will be Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 pm at St. John's.



A VIRTUAL VETERANS' DAY PRAYER SERVICE will be held at LaSalle Academy on Wednesday, November 11 at 9:00 am to honor those who have served or are currently serving. We invite all Veterans, their families and friends to participate in a ZOOM ceremony by emailing

cajigas@LSABEAR.com by Monday, November 9th. Please include the Veteran's full name, branch of service, years served, physical address to mail the certificate to and the Veteran's picture (optional). A link will be sent to you to view the service online.

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Women's Club to benefit respective group's charities including the Church of St. Benedict and made from homemade recipes in the FLC kitchen. There will be a choice of 9-inch pies: pumpkin (\$9), apple (\$9) and pecan (\$11) to be picked up the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 21-22. Orders will be taken in the gathering space from November 01-15.

BEST WISHES to parishioner, *Mark Brezina*, who will receive "candidacy" in a ceremony at our Cathedral November 1st at 4:00 pm. Candidacy is the first step towards Permanent Diaconate. Mark, our prayers are with you and all the men studying for the Diocese of Allentown.

Liturgical Ministers—November 07 & 08

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
- Lector: Laura Kamerdze
- EM: Rich Conte, Tom Henefer
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
- Lector: Lauren Lush
- EM: Mark Brezina, Kelly Leininger
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
- Lector: Kathy Appleton
- EM: John Cocco, Sister Eileen

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Sam Micicke by Antoinette & Family

Monday 11/02

7:00 PM Divorce Support Group meeting in classroom #2

7:00 PM K of C General meeting in the FLC

7:15 PM Finance Committee meeting in classroom #2



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Monday 11/02 *All Souls' Day—Memorial Mass*
6:30 PM Theresa Nelson
by Sylvia Firth

Tuesday 11/03

7:00 PM RCIA meets in classroom #1



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Tuesday 11/03 Weekday
9:00 AM Anthony DelPercio
by Ruth & Karl Beard

Wednesday 11/04

6:30-8:00 PM Bereavement Support Group meets in the conference room

7:00 PM K of C *Into the Breach* program in the FLC

Wednesday 11/04 St. Charles Borromeo
9:00 AM Mary & John Fenlon
by Jack Mittnacht

Thursday 11/05

6:00 PM PREP Confirmation Retreat in the FLC

8:00 PM AA meets in the FLC

Thursday 11/05 Weekday
5:30 PM Floretta Schools
by Sandy Guido

Sunday 11/08

1:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal at St. John's

Friday 11/06 Weekday *First Friday*
9:00 AM Anne Davis
by Adrienne Mensak
Rosary will be recited after Mass

COMING EVENTS...

11/09 Divorce Group meets

11/10 RCIA meets

11/11 Confirmation at St. John's

11/11 Bereavement Support Group meets

11/12 PREP 1st Penance Class

11/12 Pastoral Council meets

11/17 Pastoral Council Safety Subcommittee meets

Saturday 11/07 Weekday *First Saturday*
9:00 AM Jane Terifay
by Andy Terifay & Family
Rosary will be recited after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

The family of Justin Weidner would like to express a sincere and heartfelt thank you for all the Mass cards, expressions of sympathy, donations to the children's fund and prayers that we have received during this sorrowful time. Thank you to all who contributed to make his memorial service and luncheon a true celebration of this life. It is only through the uplifting prayers and concern and love shown by this wonderful parish that we will be able to heal and move on with our lives without our beloved Justin. Please continue to pray for us as we hold our angel Justin forever in our hearts.

Sunday 11/08 *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Saturday) Janet McBryan
by Don McBryan
9:00 AM Raymond Williams
by Tim & Robinn Reidel
11:00 AM Intention of Aaron Scheidel
by the Vocations Committee
Christopher Wirkus
by Paul & Carol Wirkus

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Attention Parishioners of St. Benedict Parish!!



Due to the current pandemic we are reaching out to you to see which Mass times you would like us to have for this Christmas Season.

Please check the Mass time that you would like to attend and place this paper either in the box in the gathering space or in the collection basket.

You may also email your vote to ...

secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

Christmas Eve

 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00pm

Christmas Day

 9:00am

