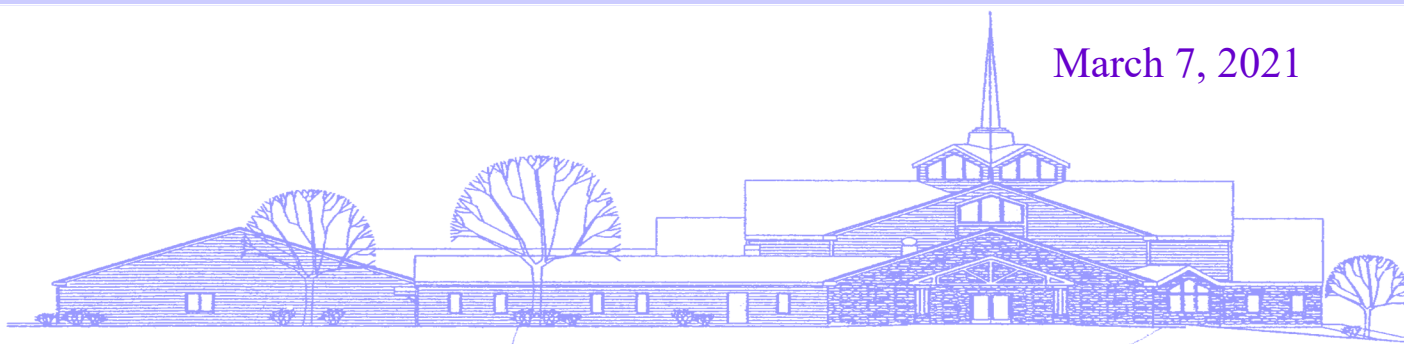


Church of Saint Benedict

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

March 7, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Mon & Thurs 6:30pm 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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www.lsabear.org
Berks Catholic High School 610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month 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 anytime.

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.

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.

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.

Stewardship—Gifts of God

Thank you for your generous gifts!

<u>Stewardship</u>	February 28	\$ 8,461.00 (150 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 340.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 1,670.00
<u>FLC Mtg.</u>	February 21	\$ 1,437.00 (53 envelopes)
	EFT	\$ 177.00
	Parish Giving	\$ 325.00

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week for the wedding anniversary of Bob and Cecelia Kacmar.

RETROUVAILLE —is a French word meaning “rediscovery.” It is also a program for couples struggling with their marriage. There is help and there is hope for your marriage. For more information, please call Jay and Maggie Ruane at 215-766-3944 for more information on Retrouvaille events of the Delaware Valley.

PRAYER LIST

For those in need of Hope, Healing and Health. Pray for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Vivian Barnhard, John Bergandino, John DeAngelo, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Jeanie Hauck, Ted Kozak, Helen Macminn, Donna Plesnarski, Robin Schlottman, Gregory Schwartz, Gary Scollick, Paul Yost and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Unless liberty is devoted to the defense of life, neither life nor liberty can survive. Without life, nothing else matters. Support and join pro-life today.



LANDINGS—welcomes returning and inactive Catholics. If you are a Catholic and have been away from the Church, know that we have been thinking of you. Perhaps you feel the need to refresh or strengthen your faith base. Landings offers a safe place to land and a way to return home to the faith. We invite you to be an active part of us again.

Our next session will begin on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 1:00PM in the FLC. Each of the eight consecutive meetings will take place on Sunday afternoon and will be conducted by our seasoned Lay people. Every Landings meeting is focused on sharing our faith stories and reflecting on Catholic themes. For more information please call or email –

St Benedict office – 610-856-1006 or email: secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org or Joy Bandy – 484-797-5607 or email: joyful0306@ptd.net

LENT AT ST. BENEDICT'S

CATHOLIC LENTEN PRACTICE—As a reminder, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting, and of abstaining from meat. Those aged 18-59 must fast, which is defined as eating one full meatless meal, as well as two smaller meatless meals that are not equal to a full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are not to eat meat on the other Fridays in Lent.

RICE BOWLS—are available in the Lenten packets. This year, monies collected will be split between developing countries and our own St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Collection baskets will be available at the end of Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—will be offered every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm. While the Stations may be prayed any time during the year, Lent is the most appropriate time to reflect on the last steps of Jesus’ life. Come early and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:40pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—will take place every Friday of Lent from the end of the 9:00am Mass until Stations at 7:00pm. We are blest a hundredfold when we give our gift of time to the Lord in adoration and praise.

TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER—is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st at 6:00pm. This is a unique prayer service, reflecting on the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. All are welcome to join us for an evening of reflection and renewal as we meet Jesus at the foot of the Cross. This service will also be live-streamed.

SPIRITUAL READING—is a good practice during Lent. Some spiritual classics reread can always bring new insights and perspective. A table has been set up in the gathering space for anyone to bring a book/take a book. May we all enjoy taking time to explore new or old spiritual writers. Books are freely given and freely taken. Books need not be returned.

CRAB CAKE SALE—The Knights of Columbus are having a second crab cake sale. Order forms may be found at their display in the gathering space.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE—This collection will continue until the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Please be sure to take a bag and return the requested items to the display in the gathering space. These items will be used to put together food baskets for the needy for Easter.





LASALLE BINGO—La Salle CYO will be having a “Virtual” Cash & Prize Raffle on Sunday, March 21st. Please contact Denise Leininger at leiningerdenise@hotmail.com or 570-814-4446 to ensure each ticket has an assigned name. More information regarding this “virtual” event can be found on our website Lasallecyo.com.

LASALLE ANNUAL FUND—A mailing was sent out before Christmas to support LaSalle’s Annual Fund. The goal of the Annual fund is \$25,000. As of yesterday, \$14,127.00 has been collected. We greatly appreciate all those who were able to support our Catholic school, LaSalle Academy. About 40% of LaSalle’s population is from St. Benedict. Please consider making a donation for Catholic education. Extra brochures and donation envelopes can be found at the front door bulletin board.

LASALLE REGISTRATION—LaSalle Academy is now taking registrations for Fall Semester 2021. The registration fee will be waived for any new students who enroll between March 7-21. Representatives from LaSalle will be available after all Masses the weekend of March 6/7 to answer any questions you may have about LaSalle. Also, tours of LaSalle will be available during this time by appointment. See the LaSalle rep on March 6/7 to schedule your ‘meet and greet’ with the principal and tour the school.

COAT DRIVE—Hello! My name is Grace Kelly. For one of my community service projects for Confirmation, I am organizing a coat drive. I am looking for winter coats in men’s sizes. These coats will be donated to the Hope Rescue Mission. I will be picking up the box on March 14, 2021. Please consider donating new and gently used men’s coats.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT’S

Monday 03/08
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room

Tuesday 03/09
7:00 pm RCIA meets in the Conference Room

Wednesday 03/10
7:00 pm March for Life meeting, Conference Room
7:00 pm “Into the Breach” Program in the FLC

Thursday 03/11
7:00 pm Pastoral Council, Conference Room
7:30 pm AA meets in the FLC



Monday 03/08 St. John of God
6:30 PM Elizabeth Kostrab
by Susan and Allen Farnsworth

Tuesday 03/09 St. Frances of Rome
12:00 noon Charles Campion by Judy Campion-Burns

Wednesday 03/10 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM Margaret Mitnacht by Jack Mitnacht

Thursday 03/11 Lenten Weekday
6:30 PM Jerimiah A. Williams
by Muriel Piatkowski

Friday 03/12 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM Health of Helen Macminn
by Her Friends
Rosary will be recited after Mass.

Saturday 03/13 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

Sunday 03/14 *Second Sunday of Lent*
5:00 PM (Saturday) James McCahon by John McCahon

9:00 AM St. Benedict Memorial Society

11:00 AM Stanley Yuschalk by Stanley and Marie Blimline
Wallace and Wilma Kompa
by Jim and Sandy Kozlowski



LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 13-14

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Mary Jo Lewis
EM: George Bach

Sunday 9:00 AM

Lector: Mary Alice Newhams
EM: Jeanette Bunch, Fr. Phil

Sunday 11:00 AM

Lector: Marie Blimline
EM: Cindy Miller, Rich Conte

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