

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

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

December 11, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

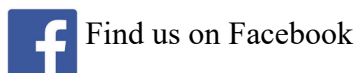
Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
(September through April) /6:30pm (summer months)
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours Mon-Fri. 9am-4:30pm
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Berks Catholic High School	610-374-8361
www.berkscatholic.org	



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
Jeanie Hauck...Safe Environment/Rental Coordinator
Kathy SheppardBookkeeper
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.

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 484-869-4108

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
Website www.allentowndioocese.org

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, Cameron Bruder, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Rita DelPercio, Irene Didyoung, Joan Fondots, Ed and Barbara Gott, Jamison Gray, Marian Gring, Tom Hagan, James Hart, Jeanie Hauck, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Mary Kozak, Sue and Frank Kremser, Andy & Bev Kuzmission, Bob and Helen Macminn, Joanne McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Frank and Ruth McLaughlin, Regina Moran, Patti, Gene Raser, Sr., Joe Reilly, Anthony Rowan, Gregory Schwartz, Barbara Silver, Nettie Thomas, Samuel Townsend, Miriam Ulrich, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

If you or a family member are admitted to St. Joseph/Penn State Hospital, you must notify the parish office if you wish to have Msgr. Domin visit. They do not notify us when a parishioner is admitted.



SAVE THE DATE—March for Life 2023—Friday, January 20, 2023—St. Benedict will have a motorcoach, which will be leaving from the picnic grounds at 8:30am. We will arrive in time to attend the pre-rally concert at 11am. We will leave promptly after the March for Life ends at 4pm. Below is the schedule of events:

- Pre-Rally Concert: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- March for Life Rally: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- March for Life: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers. Consider becoming part of this wonderful ministry as you bring the Body of Christ to fellow parishioners, both at Mass as well as to the homebound. If you are interested, please contact Karen Keenan at keenan3481@gmail.com

JOIN THE PARISH ROSARY—Please join your fellow parishioners every Sunday at 10:00am in the main church to pray the Holy Rosary for the intentions of St. Benedict's. All are welcome. Any questions please contact Adam Scheidel @ 610-507-5773.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2nd ANNUAL ADVENT FISH FRY – The Knights are offering a Fish Fry on Friday Dec. 16, 2022, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. You may dine in, or take-out. The meal includes: fried cod, mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll, and drink for \$15.00. Kids' meal will be available for \$5.00 (half fish or grilled cheese with mac and cheese, drink, and 2 cookies). Ticket are available in the gathering space.



Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—December 4 \$10,097.00 (169 envelopes)
 EFT \$ data not available
 Parish Giving \$2,015.00

Mortgage—December 4 \$2,937.00 (77 envelopes)
 EFT \$ data not available
 Parish Giving \$ 520.00

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



CHRISTMAS AT ST. BENEDICT

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, **December 14th** from 5:30-6:30pm
 Tuesday, **December 20th** from 5:30-6:30pm; 7:00-7:45pm
 Wednesday, **December 21st** from 5:30-6:30pm
 (There will be no Advent Penance Service)

SPECIAL EVENT—CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday **December 11th** at 3:00pm
 Christmas Concert, featuring the Children's/Youth Choir, the Senior Choir, the Contemporary Group, solos, duets, instrumentals, and congregational singing.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, **December 24th**—4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
 Sunday, December 25 10:00am

JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday Vigil Mass **December 31st** 5:00pm
 Sunday Morning **January 1st** 8:30am and 11:00am



CLEAN TEAM—We are looking to put our Lord's house in order for His coming at Christmas. To do this, we are planning a Church Cleaning Day on Saturday, December 17th. *(Please note the change of date.)* We will begin with Mass at 8:00am and hope to be done by 11:30am. Cleaning supplies will be provided. All you need to bring is your willingness to help. Please notify the parish office if you plan to attend.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Tuesday, December 13

7:00pm RCIA in the chapel

7:00pm Book Club, FLC

Wednesday, December 14

8:30am-6:45pm Adoration, Evening Prayer/Benediction

5:30-6:30pm Confessions, in church

7:00pm That Man is You, FLC

Thursday, December 15

7:30pm AA, FLC

Friday, December 16

5:00-7:00pm KOC Fish Fry, FLC

Saturday, December 17

8:30-11:30am Cleaning of the Church



Monday 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

No Mass

Rev. Speratus A. J. Kamanzi

Tuesday 12/13 St. Lucy

6:30pm Int. of the Miccicke Family

Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparyil

Wednesday 12/14 St. John of the Cross

8:00am Treva Sartori by Louise Beard

Rev. Venantius T. Karobo

Thursday 12/15 Advent Weekday

5:30pm Joe Altomare by Ralph & Lisa Vizza

Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn

Friday 12/16 Advent Weekday

8:00am Carol Ann Burns by Frank Burns

The Rosary will be prayed after Mass.

Rev. Martin F. Kern

Saturday 12/17 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Ed Lawless by Jim & Floss Pleitner

Rev. Simon Kimaryo

Sunday 12/18 4th Sunday of Advent

5:00pm (Saturday) People of the Parish

8:30am Carol Buddell by the Janiszewski Family

11:00am Josephine & Michael Platte by Jean Ann Leib

Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka



LITURGICAL MINISTERS —DECEMBER 17/18

Saturday 5:00

Lector: Mary Jo Lewis

Altar Servers: Kyle Keenan, Tommy Dobson

EMs: Joe and Carol Hojnacki, Karen Keenan

Musician—Beverly Perella

Sunday 8:30am

Lector: Ellie Albright

Altar Servers: Matlyn Rhoades, Emily Boyer

EMs: Mary Ann Razzano, Mark Brezina, Jeanette Bunch

Musician—Beverly Perella

Sunday 11:00am

Lector: Pete Snow

Altar Servers: Evan Rementer, Chris Mangan

EMs: Ursita Blechman, Tina McHale, Mary Newhams

Musician: Guitar Group; Cantor—Sharon Direso

WELCOME TO ST. BENEDICT! If you are on vacation or visiting, we hope you find us to be a warm and welcoming faith community. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to register as members. You can do this by meeting Msgr. Domin after Mass. He will speak to you and provide you with the registration form. We encourage you to participate in not only the daily and weekly Liturgies, but in any activity or ministry you wish. We are happy you are here!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:45pm. Feel free to come any time during the day, or you may feel called to commit to a 30 or 60 minute visit each week. Either way, come 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. *“Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power.”*

—Mother Teresa

THANK YOU—The Prime Timers would like to thank all of our parishioners and friends who supported our sales at the Christmas Bazaar this year. Because of your thoughtfulness and generosity, we will be able to donate \$1,000 to St. Benedict’s to assist with the needs of the church. We hope that you all enjoy a Happy and Blessed Christmas.



**Be strong, fear not!
—Isaiah 35:4**

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