



MAY 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

Readings for the week May 23

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9,
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b, Ez 37:1-14/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or
Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/
Ps 50:5-8, 14,23/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/
Ps 79:8-9, 11,13/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-9/
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/ Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/
Ps 19:8- 11/ Mk 11:27-33



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TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
and by appointment

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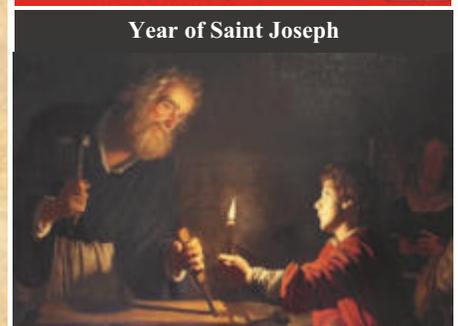
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Year of Saint Joseph

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ADORATION CHAPEL



Please consider joining us as
an Adorer.
Contact Kathy 732/739-3381 for
more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available in the parish office and on our website at
stbenedicholmdel.org



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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Benedict:

Happy Pentecost Sunday! Hard to believe that it is already fifty days since we celebrated Easter Sunday, but here we are, the last day of the Easter Season. This weekend we welcome into full communion five members of our parish community who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is most fitting that on this day when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles that we would celebrate this Sacrament. Let us continue in our prayers for them, and for all who seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and his church.

While this may be irrelevant by the time this is published, let me emphasize that regardless of the recent CDC opinion, we are still under the guidance of our governor and, in terms of in-church activities, specifically of our bishop. Until the bishop instructs otherwise, the protocols that have been in place since last Fall are still in place. Hopefully soon we will be able to remove masks and the social distancing, but until such time, I ask everyone to remain compliant so as to make others feel comfortable.

I believe that part of the struggle here is how we are all reacting to the anxiety and issues that come with the lockdown and now, fifteen months later, in emerging from said lockdown. There are real struggles. I have been fully vaccinated since mid-February and am still cautious in large crowds. Many are still not vaccinated, so it is best to err on the side of safety. When the protocols change we will respond accordingly and immediately. Let us continue our solidarity of prayer with Pope Francis for an end to this pandemic. We are especially mindful of those of you who have relatives and friends in areas of the world that are still significantly impacted by the pandemic.

Last weekend was one of great celebration at the ordination of Deacon Paul Remick, and we continue our prayers for him as he begins his ministry. Let us also continue our prayers for vocations. This year our diocese ordained no transitional deacons, and we will be ordaining only one priest on June 5th. No transitional deacons means that no priests will be ordained next year. We need to pray for vocations and also to encourage faithful men to consider responding to God's call in their lives.

Next weekend is Memorial Day, the so-called start of summer. I expect that many of you will be heading out of town for the long weekend. Hopefully your travels will be safe and you will enjoy the summer at the shore. Things do really seem to be looking up in that regard.

Certainly school is winding down, and we are hoping that soon the protocols for students in school can also be adjusted so that we can accommodate those families who are presently on the waiting list for the coming school year. We do have some openings in the preK-3 year old class and also in the fourth grade.

Overall it feels like we are on the right trajectory in the parish, the school, and in our ability to recover from the pandemic protocols. There are challenges ahead as we respond to rapid changes and live with the real possibility that things will need to tighten up again as the winter approaches. Through prudent and prayerful preparation and response now we will be poised to take the best approach going forward.

I want to again thank all of those who have responded generously with their time, talent, and treasure during these days.

May the Holy Spirit enkindle in our hearts the fire of his love,
Fr. Garry

The Sacrament of Baptism

Due to current Covid restrictions we have adjusted our regular baptism schedule. Please contact Margaret Roddy at 732/264-4712 ext. 17 or roddy@stbenedictnj.org to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Catholics have the duty to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a church. Please make contact with the parish office at least one year prior to your intended marriage date to begin the preparation process. This includes attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference and several sessions with our Marriage Minister.

If you are presently in a civil marriage and desire to receive the Sacrament and enter into a valid Catholic marriage, please make contact with the parish office. We offer direction and assistance on receiving an annulment for those who are divorced and re-married. Please do not hesitate to call – the process is generally less difficult or cumbersome than imagined.

Please call Lori McCahill, Director of Marriage Ministry at 732/264-4712 ext. 27 or mccahill@stbenedictnj.org

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners who are ill or unable to get about are often the most neglected and in need. Please make contact with the parish office for any of the following ministries or services:

Anointing of the Sick – the priests will visit the persistently homebound at least twice per year but are available to come to your home anytime that there is a health crisis or a deteriorating condition. Please do not wait until the person is in the final stages of life – except for an emergency – to call for a priest.

Reception of Holy Communion – if a homebound parishioner would like to receive Holy Communion, please make contact with the parish office.

Hospital Nursing Homes – please call the office if a parishioner or a loved one is at Bayshore Community Hospital or has been moved into a local nursing home so that we can tend to the pastoral needs. For family members hospitalized outside of the area the in-house chaplaincy services can tend to the immediate needs. One of the priests will pay a visit as requested.

Community Outreach

Help for People with Medicare (SHIP) - SHIP is a State Health Insurance Program that provides FREE, objective, confidential help to Medicare beneficiaries who have problems or questions with Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D and Long-Term Care. Please call Lorrie McGee, Pastoral Minister for Community Outreach at 732/264-4712 ext. 37 or mcgee@stbenedictnj.org.



Saturday, May 22nd

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

5:00 p.m. **Martin Flanagan, Sr.** req. The Flanagan Family

Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo¹**
 9:30 a.m. **Tony D'Amore** req. Maria and Mark Wintjen
 11:00 a.m. **Kevin Herron** req. The Roddy Family

Monday, May 24th

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 a.m. **Fannie Mae Rios** req. The Rios Family
Maureen McCabe req. The Roddy Family
Adam Quinones req. Mom and Dad
Joseph Walsh req. The McCahill Family
Carol Healey req. Dennis and Jane Healey
Gloria Molinari req. Caroline Cattani
Alphonso Tucci req. Marianne Cohen
Jack Butler req. Jay and Wini Guage
James and Eileen Lynch req. Family
Gregg Meyer req. Russ, Doug, Deb and Donna

Tuesday, May 25th

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest

And Doctor of the Church

Saint Gregory VII

Saint Mary Magdeliene de'Pazzi, Virgin

9:00 a.m. **Joseph Walsh** req. Marianne and Dave Armstrong

Wednesday, May 26th

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

9:00 a.m. **Daniel, Charlotte and Dylan Vassallo**
 req. The Vassallo Family
Dianne Cavallaro req. The Vassallo Family
Adam Quinones req. Mom and Dad
Anne and Fred Drew req. Judy and Paul Switaj
Joseph Walsh req. The Delgado Family
Carol Healey req. Cathy Mietz
John LaGreca req. The Kubis Family
Doris Powers req. Caroline Cattani
Kristin Braine req. Gary and Jo Linderoth
John Farrell req. Alicia and Chris Farrell
Andrea Healey* req. Angela Sellari
 * *Living Intention*

Thursday, May 27th

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00 a.m. **Joseph Walsh** req. Lorrie McGee

Friday, May 28th

9:00 a.m. **Giovanni Mannino** req. Antonella Raczynski

Saturday, May 29th

Saint Paul VI, Pope

5:00 p.m. **Packie McCabe** req. The Roddy Family
James Birmingham req. Mary Reardon and Family

Sunday, May 23rd

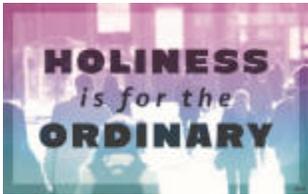
The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**
 9:30 a.m. **Pat Callari** req. Family
 11:00 a.m. **Mrs. Edmond Fleurimond** req. Family

Please remember in your prayers all those whose names are listed in our Prayer Intention Book

Memorial Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
 In loving memory of *Anthony Vallario*
 req. Annette Lacerra and Family



**May 23, 2021
 Pentecost Sunday**

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

¹ For the People of St. Benedict

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**St. Benedict Catholic Church
Memorial Mass Society**

For a suggested donation of \$20 those who are enrolled in the Memorial Mass Society will benefit from Masses to be celebrated on Twelve First Saturday's. A book with the names of all those enrolled will be placed near the altar for the Memorial Mass. The names of first time enrollees will be read at the first Mass in which they are remembered. When requesting enrollment in the Memorial Mass Society a blue padded Mass Card will be provided for presentation to the family of the deceased.



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to memorialize the Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Flowers or Sanctuary candle in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office.

If you would like to memorialize one or all of the candles in our Lady of Victory Adoration Chapel in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office. All intentions will be listed in the bulletin.



Father Garry is pleased to announce that St. Benedict has received over \$76,040 in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$95,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Benedict in a parish rebate. **If you have yet to make your gift, pledge forms are still available at the doors of the Church.**

The Annual Catholic Appeal-In Action!

Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP): Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by Catholic Charities is available.

Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service.

Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

MERCIFUL SAVIOR PRAYER GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The St. Benedict Merciful Savior Prayer Group meets every Monday (except when a holiday falls on a Monday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. For further information, please call Sal and Janice Alagona at 732/264-5744 or Geri Ventura at 732/566-6642.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Contemporary Choir sings every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Youth Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the second and fourth Sundays. The Teen Choir sings at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the third Saturday. For information about the Contemporary Choir, please contact Tom O'Brien, Choir Director at thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com

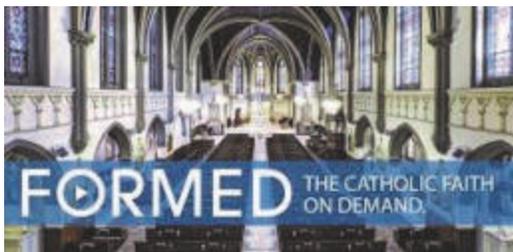
For information about the Youth Choir or Teen Choir, please contact Ellen Remick, Choir Director at remick@stbenedictnj.org

PRAYER INTENTION GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Prayer Intention Group meet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel to pray for one another's special intentions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on alternate Tuesday mornings to knit or crochet shawls for those who are ill or have lost a loved one. If you would like a shawl for someone or would like to join us on Tuesdays, please call Caroline Cattani at 732/241-5150



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Go to **FORMED.org** and register with our parish code **HHNG3M**.

Check <https://leaders.formed.org/> for inspirational resources for Faith Formation in **May 2021**.



Catholic Brain for Children
Catholic Brain St. Benedict code: **STB19535**

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$90.00 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.



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SCRIP

Store/Gift cards

The SCRIP Program provides an opportunity for school families to earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards for supermarkets, retailers, restaurants, travel destinations, hotels, service providers and more. The list of cards we carry is on the Counter Sales Form. Any other cards available through SCRIP can be ordered using the SCRIP Order Form. Both forms can be printed from the SBS website under the SCRIP tab or the Forms tab. Payment for these cards are made with a check or cash at time of purchase or order. For additional information please contact Lorrie McGee at mcgee@stbenedictnj.org or by phone 732-264-4712 ext. 37.

Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan

Abuse Hotline: **1/888-296-2965** or
abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.

Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both young people and parents to let your grace sustain them.

Amen.

Living

Fr. Michael Wallack
Msgr. Michael Walsh
Fr. Charles Weiser
Fr. H. Brendan Williams

Seminarian-Kolbe O' Donnell

Discerning-Karl

Deceased

Fr. Henry A. Murphy
Fr. Peter Dermis
Fr. John W. McMullin
Fr. Michael A. Madden
Fr. William F. Quinn
Msgr. Aloysius Pozzi



**Priesthood
Why Not You?
Why Not Now?**

Wondering who to talk to? Did you know Father Garry and Father JM serve on our Diocesan Vocation team? Call or make an appointment and they would be happy to answer any questions.

Email: Father Garry Koch frgarry@stbenedictnj.org
Father JM Patilla frjohn@stbenedictnj.org



The Knights of Columbus is the world's foremost Catholic Fraternal Benefit Society. It also maintains a highly rated insurance company with attractive rates for its members and their families. If you are interested in joining you may pick up a prospect card at the church entrance, fill it out and drop it in the collection box. Or send an email to lindgerry39@gmail.com to have the prospect card sent to you. Complete information about the Knights of Columbus and insurance programs is available at KofC.org.

Family Rosary



The Knights of Columbus will recite the next Family Rosary on Saturday, May 29th beginning at 4:30 p.m. and will continue to do so every last Saturday of each month. Parishioners attending the Vigil Mass are encouraged to arrive early to participate. *All are Welcome.*

**St. Benedict's Council #11349
of The Knights of Columbus
Needs You!**



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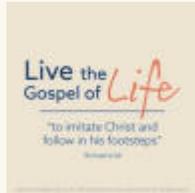
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FOR FREE FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Eyes for the Needy

The Knights of Columbus seek your help to help those in need to see what the good Lord has provided all of us. Eyes for the Needy is a global organization founded by Julia Lawrence Terry in 1932. Eyes recycle donated prescription, reading, sunglasses, and jewelry. Please drop your unwanted eye glasses and jewelry (which are sold to raise funds for the purchasing of new glasses) in the collection basket on the shelf in the Gathering Space.

Respect Life News



April 27, 2021, Austin, Texas (LifeNews.com) -

A new bipartisan bill in Texas, the Every Mother Matters Act, looks to offer women considering an abortion an avenue of support, highlighting the pro-life movement's commitment to the aid and well-being of both the unborn and their mothers. Fully 75% of women seeking an abortion report that under different circumstances they would choose to keep their child. The legislation looks to change circumstances by offering women seeking an abortion a "resource access assistance offer." With help from Human Coalition Action, the public policy advocacy arm of Human Coalition, the bill was first introduced in the Texas state Senate in February. Under the bill, women are connected via a toll-free number with a licensed third-party professional providing information regarding public and private resources she can be directly connected to at no cost. Those resources include "support services other than abortion for the pregnant woman or unborn child's biological father, including housing, employment, resume development, child care, prenatal and postpartum medical care, mental health or behavioral counseling, adoption services, financial assistance, abuse- or neglect-prevention assistance, substance- or alcohol-abuse prevention assistance, and health benefit plan coverage." The offer also includes the sharing of accurate medical information regarding the abortion procedure and screening for abuse, neglect, violence, human trafficking victimization, and abortion coercion. Women would not be required to divulge any information to the professional and can decline the services offered at any point. At the conclusion of the call, the mother will receive a unique identification number, devoid of personal information, signifying the resource access assistance offer was made. Regardless of the pregnancy's outcome, if the woman chooses, the offer to receive services provided under the bill would continue to stand for up to two calendar years. The bill, similar to one passed by the Arkansas Legislature earlier this year, highlights the pro-life movement's commitment to not only the protection of the unborn child's life, but ensuring the child's mother and family have every opportunity to thrive.

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732/536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

A social ministry, SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. For assistance, please call 732/264-4712 ext. 33, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Please do not leave a message for financial assistance on the Emergency line.

For questions or to volunteer please contact
Bill Casey – billy.casey@hotmail.com



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The St. Benedict Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays ONLY from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until further notice.

Please wear a mask.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

Below is a suggested list of items needed for our Food Pantry, however all donations

Diapers (all sizes)	Baby Food (stages 2/3)
Baby Wipes,	Children's cereal
Coffee/Tea	Juice
Soup	Soap
Shampoo	Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent
Toilet Tissue	

When donating please check expiration dates as we cannot accept expired items.

Thank you for your generosity.

SCRIP

The St. Vincent DePaul Society provides assistance for the less fortunate. Parishioners are asked to use the SCRIP envelopes, available in the parish office and make a donation toward the purchase of a supermarket gift card.

SCRIP envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at the entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office.

We are grateful to all who kindly make donations throughout the year. Your kindness puts food on tables!



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

*Antonia Diamante Mercatante
Charlotte Victoria Misch
Olivia June Tacopino*



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The St. Benedict SVDP Food Pantry Food is in need of volunteers to deliver food to neighbors; those that are homebound or do not have transportation. Deliveries would be ONLY on Wednesdays for 1 hour. It doesn't have to be every week on your part, only when you are free. If interested call the Food Pantry at 732 264 4712, extension 34, and leave your name, phone # and message.



GRACE is super excited to host their second, "Stuff You May Need" Yard Sale at St. Benedict on Saturday, June 5th. We've all spent plenty of

time in our homes sifting through items we no longer need or use over these last 6 months. You know the old saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure." This yard sale was such a success in October, that we thought it would be great idea to host another sale in June!

All are welcome to join! Come one come all! There is a donation fee of \$25 to pop up a table that will go to GRACE. Any money made on the sale of your items is yours to keep. We will advertise through local signs and on social media so please help spread the word! We would like to start set up in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and open for sales at 9:00 a.m. Yard sale will run from 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Please contact : Lisa Spinello- Spinello1@stbenedictnj.org if you would be interested in setting up a table or even donating items to be sold!

Year of St. Joseph



St. Joseph Leading the Christ Child

Spain, Between 1670 and 1675

Collection of William Coesvelt, Amsterdam, 1814

May: Watchful Defender of Christ

In some translations of the Litany of St Joseph, the title 'Zealous Defender of Christ is given as Diligent Defender of Christ or Watchful defender of Christ.' ...as a child of St Joseph , you can have great confidence knowing that your spiritual father also desires to zealously defend you.

Our destiny is in the hands of Joseph. Joseph, the guardian of his Lord and the spouse of his Queen, Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and head of the Holy Family, has in his kindness deigned to accept us as his children and permits us to call him father. --Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

You have nothing to fear with St. Joseph at your side. What is there to be afraid of with such a zealous defender as your father who loves you? Saint Joseph held the Maker of the Universe in his hands. Saint Joseph fed the Creator of the heavens. In his role as earthly father of Jesus, St Joseph lovingly commanded the Son of God. Heaven and earth obeyed him. And hell trembles before him! -- Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

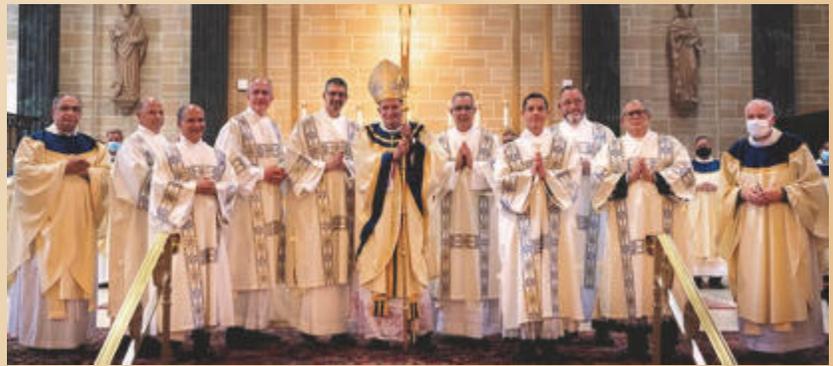
Pray: St Joseph- pray for me this week that I honor Jesus as you did. That I use the gifts he gave me to make the world around me a kinder place. I thank you God for the model and protection of St. Joseph. Guide me in my actions and words as I navigate the difficult time to reflect the simplicity and care of St. Joseph to others.

Action: Make an intentional effort to be calm and listen well this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you honor others by listening to what others are truly saying, and to respond thoughtfully instead of reacting too quickly.

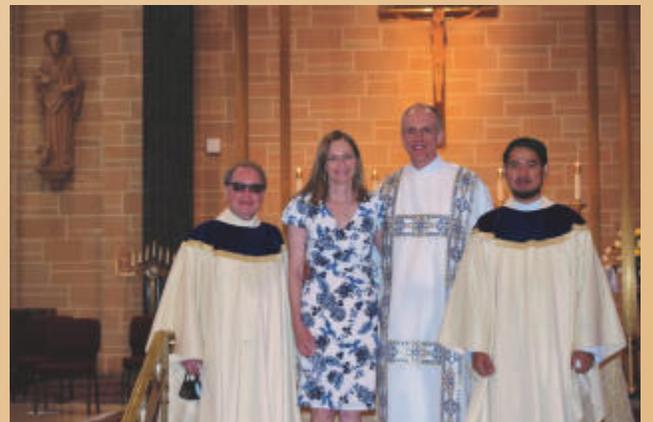
To learn more about St. Joseph click on the link below to access our dedicated page to him.

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/year-of-st-joseph-1>

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Faith Formation

Faith Formation at St. Benedict is committed to offering programs that will help enhance our participation and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith. We offer programs for parishioners of all ages to deepen their spiritual lives and grow closer to God.

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Week 1 is full and closed except for special circumstances. If you are interested in Week 2 please contact the Faith Formation office 732-264-4712 ext. 26. The registration link has been taken down.

There is no limit to the number of students we can take for virtual Summer Academy. The link to register is

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/virtual-summer-program>

We are looking for high school students to volunteer for Summer Academy the weeks of July 12th and July 19th.



Virtual Prayer, video's, Apps and Conferences for Stay at Home/Covid-19 can be found under the adult programs tab on the St. Benedict website

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/adult-programs>

Faith and Family

Virtual prayer, retreats, videos-- updated weekly:
<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/adult-programs>

May Faith Family Calendar

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15175/documents/2021/4/BENEDICTMAY.pdf>

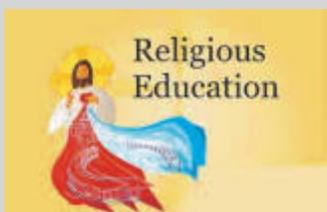


Young Adults Group

Sunday, May 30th, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

* Zoom Meeting ID: 983 1032 2837

* Passcode: 136793



Grade 1-6 and 8th grade
Traditional Program
registration for 2021-2022
will open June 1st

YOUTH GROUPS OF ST. BENS: Master the Basics

1. Who can join?

Anyone. We have (3) groups. A Middle School Group (6th, 7th, 8th), a High School Group, and a Young Adults Group (ages 18+)



2. How can I get connected?

Point your phone camera at the QR Code, and complete the form.

Also, Follow Us On Instagram! @stbensyouthgroup



Instagram



3. Why meet?

"It's all about relationships. Jesus and his 12 close friends were able to flip the world upside in just 20 short years. And, our faith really starts to make sense when we start to put into action, and live it it out. Youth Group gives us a chance to do that."-Ciro Saverino, Coordinator of Youth Minisitries



4. When does Youth Group meet?

Middle School Youth Group: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00pm, (St. Bens)

High School Youth Group: 3rd Sunday of the month, 7:00 (on Zoom)

Young Adults Group (18+): Last Sunday of the month, 7:00pm on Zoom)

Hear What Some of the H.S. Youth Group Members Are Saying



"Hey! I'm Olivia. I really enjoy Youth Group because I am able to chat with friends, and continue my faith journey as a group."-CORE Leader

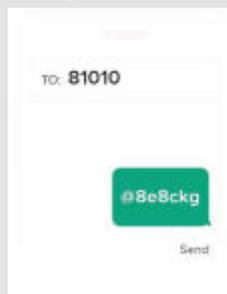
"Hi, I'm Christina! I attended St Bens K-8. Youth Group has provided me a safe space outside of mass for me to grow in my faith..."- CORE Leader

"Hey, I'm Chris! Hope to see you at a meeting!"-

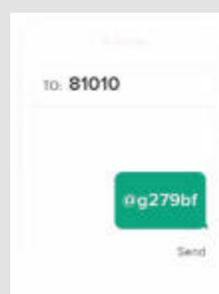


*Also, You Can Sign Up for Text Message Reminders for Youth Group!
Just follow these Instructions With Your Phone!*

High School Y.G.



Middle School Y.G.



Faith Formation



GOT Faith QUESTIONS?

RCIA might just be for you!

RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic
- Was never baptized
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination
- Is married to a Catholic and is interested in sharing their spouses faith.

RCIA is time of exploration. We gather to discuss the truths, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Faith in an open forum, with sound presentations and lively discussions.

This process involves time not only for instruction, but also growth in the practice of the faith through discussion and prayer. RCIA meetings are held on Sunday mornings over a cup of coffee! Maybe you are baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation? This is the place for you to grow in faith. Remember, it is never too late to receive the sacraments.

Please call Carol Cesario at 732-264-4712 ext. 24 if you have any questions.

Never Completed your Sacraments Confirmation class for Adults



Are you a baptized Roman Catholic, have made your First Communion, are over the age of 18 and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you would like additional information please email Carol Cesario at cesario@stbenedictnj.org or by calling 732/264-4712 ext.24

Grief Support Group

This Peer Support group is for those grieving the death of a loved one. If you have lost a loved one, please join others who have also experienced a loss for a series of six sessions of information, mutual sharing and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting. We invite you to participate, we are using *The New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing*. The sessions will include time for readings, sharing, reflection and journaling.

If you would like more information about the group please contact Carol DeMuria at carol.demuria@gmail.com or call 732/239-2053



Lori McCahill: Director of Marriage Ministry
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Marriage Ministry Helpful Hints for a happy marriage:

THE GOOD STUFF: Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. ([Proverbs 4:25-27](#))

ACTION POINTS: Put into place 3-4 strategies you will do as a couple to protect your marriage. (Example: We'll not meet with someone of the opposite sex privately. We'll keep our personal devices open to each other. We'll keep our conversations private, and talk about big and small stuff with each other.)

Engagement and Anniversary Announcements

The Marriage Ministry would like to celebrate all engagements and anniversaries for members of our parish. For newly engaged couples receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Benedict please send in an engagement photo and we will announce your wedding date in the bulletin. For couples celebrating a special anniversary please send in your wedding photo and we will announce your special anniversary in our bulletin. All photos must be in a jpeg format and emailed directly to bulletin@stbenedictnj.org. Please provide the date of your upcoming wedding or anniversary.



ForYourMarriage.org offers numerous resources on the meaning and beauty of marriage in God's plan and provides support to couples at every stage of their journey. There are sections dedicated to dating, marriage preparation, mixed marriages, parenting and family, natural family planning, the stages of marriage, among others. Other websites hosted by the USCCB and dedicated to promoting marriage include PorTuMatrimonio.org and MarriageUniqueForAReason.org.



Pentecost Sunday

MAY 23, 2021

Pentecost

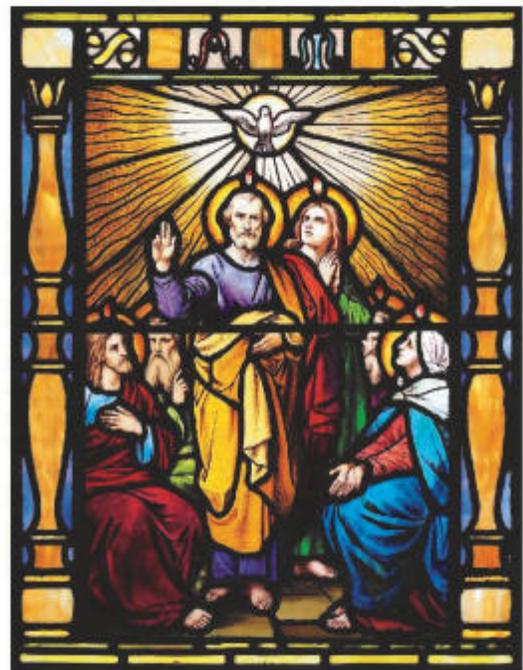
Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The following prayer was recited by Pope Benedict XVI in a homily on November 7, 2006. This is a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Let us invoke him
so that he will irrigate, warm and straighten,
so that he will pervade us
with the power of his sacred flame
and renew the earth.
Let us pray for his with all our hearts
at this time, in these days.
Amen.



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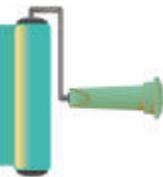
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