



MAY 30, 2021 The Most Holy Trinity

Readings for the week of May 30

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/
Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22/
Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom
12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 1:39-56

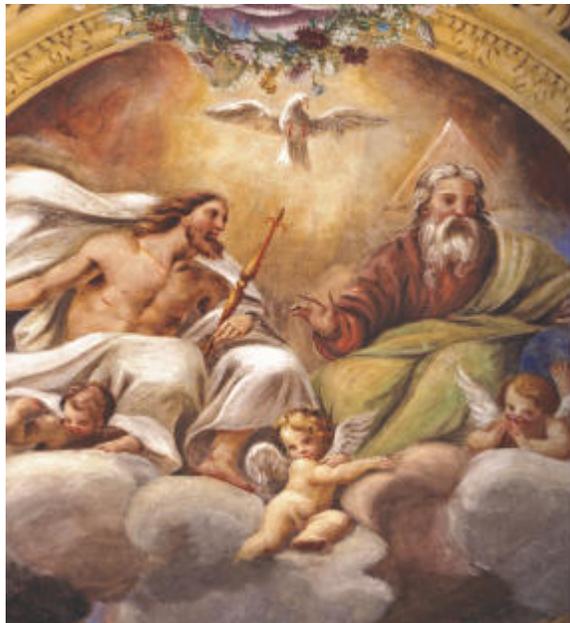
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/
Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/
Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9/
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,
9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-5/
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/
Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/
Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8/Mk 12:38-44



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:18-19

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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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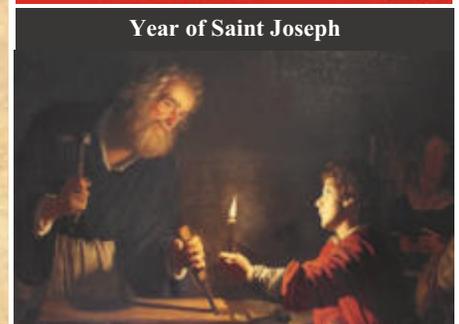
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Year of Saint Joseph

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ADORATION CHAPEL



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

PARISH REGISTRATION

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stbenedicholmdel.org



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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Benedict:

It feels like we have just come to the end of a long and challenging nightmare – well, maybe that’s overstated, but finally this weekend we are able to enter the church without ribbons on the pews marking social distancing and, as we are comfortable, not mandated to wear a mask.

While specific details from the bishop have not yet been promulgated at the time of my writing this, we are able to implement what we already know. It sounds as though things will open up pretty quickly and that a return to “normal” is on the horizon. However, coming out of the pandemic protocols will not be equally easy for everyone, and indeed I expect that for many there will be some anxiety associated with a return to opening up. We all need to remain prudentially cautious and sensitive to the fears and needs of others. I suspect that in one way or another masks will be a part of our lives for years to come.

The bishops of the New Jersey Catholic Province have decided to lift the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning next weekend – June 5/6 –appropriately the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and the one-year anniversary of the opening of the churches after the shutdown last year. Yet, for those of you who are unvaccinated or who are still health compromised (physically or psychologically) we need to act with prudence. To that end, we will still maintain seating in the narthex, and separated throughout the church, the Hall of Saints, and the hallway for as long as necessary to help you feel comfortable in church.

Other openings will happen as we all feel comfortable and see the opportunity to make adjustments along the way. A few changes will remain effective going forward. We will continue to use the narthex of the church for entrance on the weekends, while daily Mass goes on will continue to enter through the Hall of Saints. We will continue to use the collection box in the narthex instead of passing collection baskets during the preparation of gifts.

You will note that we are gradually bringing back readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion beginning this weekend. We are now also able to distribute Holy Communion at its proper time in the Liturgy. Honestly, I do not know how long (years, maybe) before distribution under both Eucharistic species will become available, much less, normative again. We may see altar servers in place again in a couple of weeks as well. As our sanctuary is fairly small, and the children haven’t been vaccinated, it might still be early to bring them back in full force.

We will be holding a ministry fair later this summer to invite ministers for liturgy. This is an opportunity to tap into the many new parishioners who have joined us over the past two years, and to be able to grow the ministries. We will soon be in need of ministers to assist with taking Holy Communion to the homebound, and to assist at the residential health care facilities covered by our parish.

As we open the summer season this weekend with the observation of Memorial Day, we are conscious of the reality that as things are opening, many of you are off to your summer residences and, as school ends in the next few weeks, that the summer exercises will be underway. Please be careful and safe.

This coming Friday night we will graduate forty-three students from our school. While it is a bittersweet rite of passage for our students, we are happy that we were able to provide them with a mostly normal eighth grade year in spite of the protocols that were in place. We will soon publish a list of the high schools they are planning to attend.

This Friday also marks Father JM’s fifth anniversary of priestly ordination. We will be announcing the plans to celebrate his time with us as he prepares for his transfer to Marlton on July 1st. Also, two weeks ago we observed the fifteenth anniversary of the ordination as deacon for Deacon Steve Scott. We wish them both blessings and God’s good graces in their lives and ministries.

Happy Memorial Day!

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 rodny@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 29th

Saint Paul VI, Pope

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

Sunday, May 30th

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**¹
 9:30 a.m. **Pat Callari** req. Family
 11:00 a.m. **Mrs. Edmond Fleurimond** req. Family

Monday, May 31st

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. **Joan Tornabene** req. The Tornabene Family
Adam Quinones req. Mom and Dad
Jane Patricia Ross req. Jane Ross
Joseph Walsh req. The DeMuria Family
Carol Healey req. Josephine Nobile
Carolyn Stab req. Dad and Elaine
Frank Logan req. Celine McNally
Virginia Goeller req. Tom and Geri Jennings
Amado Benito req. The Limeri Family
Jean and Ed Lyons* req. The Limeri Family
**Living Intention*

Tuesday, June 1st

Saint Justin, Martyr

9:00 a.m. **Joan Scott** req. The Hurni Family

Wednesday, June 2nd

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyr

9:00 a.m. **Daniel, Charlotte and Dylan Vassallo**
 req. The Vassallo Family
Dianne Cavallaro req. The Vassallo Family
Robert Bongo req. The Archinaco Family
Adam Quinones req. Mom and Dad
Joseph Walsh
 req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict
Carol Healey
 req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict
Gregg Meyer req. Jo, Ivette and Anthony Fernicola
Andrea Whitcomb req. The Martin Family
Frank Logan req. The McNally Family
Adam Polchinski* req. The Velasco, Suarez and
 Polchinski Families ** Living Intention*
Christian Nobile Dickson* req. Aunt Jo
** Living Intention*

Thursday, June 3rd

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. **Chris Coviello** req. The Wintjen Family

Friday, June 4th

9:00 a.m. **Father JM*** req. St. Benedict Parish
** Fifth Anniversary of Ordination*

¹ For the People of St. Benedict

Saturday, June 5th

Memorial Mass Society

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

5:00 p.m. **Thomas McKeever, Jr.** req. The McKeever Family
Reverend Francis Cornely req. Eileen and Margaret
Marietta Iovelli req. The Roche Family
William Rishchynski req. The Roche Family

Sunday, June 6th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 a.m. **Amanda Cokelet Ahlert** req. The Cokelet Family
Pro Populo
 9:30 a.m. **Herandito Velasco**
 req. Velasco, Suarez and Polchinski Families
 11:00 a.m. **Camille Fasanelli-Shepherd** req. The Ciraulo Family

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



*Joseph Assini
 Suzanne Busch*

Memorial Intentions
Bread and Wine
 In loving memory of *Martin Flanagan*
 req. The Flanagan Family

**The next Holy Hour will be held on
 Thursday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Church.**



God of power and mercy,
 you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
 Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
 that we may all deserve to be called your sons
 and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women
 who have died in the cause of freedom
 and bring them safely
 into your kingdom of justice and peace.
 We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

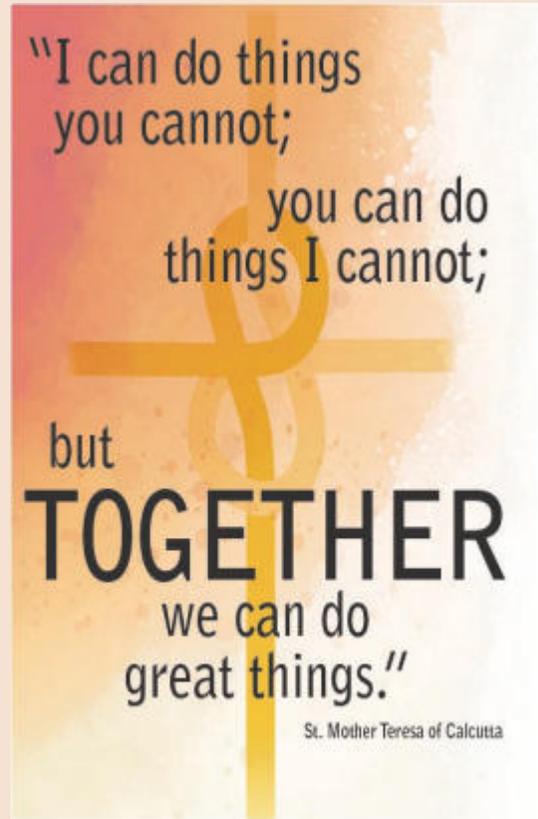
For a suggested donation of \$20 those who are enrolled in the Memorial Mass Society will benefit from Masses to be celebrated on Twelve First Saturday's. A book with the names of all those enrolled will be placed near the altar for the Memorial Mass. The names of first time enrollees will be read at 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 \$79,952 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 Education Administration

Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 27 Catholic elementary schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

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

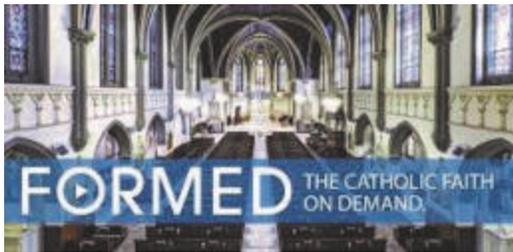
For information about the Youth Choir or Teen Choir, please contact Ellen Remick, Choir Director at remick@stbenedictnj.org

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. Joel Wilson
Fr. Brian Woodrow
Fr. John Zec

Seminarian-Pawel Derkacz, Kenneth Falls,
Julian Young and Kolbe O'Donnell

Discerning-Daniel

Deceased

Msgr. John J. Foley
Fr. Richard Kerr
Fr. James A. Reynolds
Fr. Thomas I. Flynn
Fr. Michael J. Brennan
Fr. Robert Emmett Driscoll



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.

Member Knights



The next Knights of Columbus business meeting will be an in-person meeting on Thursday, June 3rd at 8:10 p.m. in the gym. Please enter door 8-B located at the rear of the church. There will also be a link via zoom for those members who prefer to stay virtual.

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



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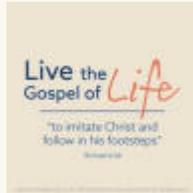
*regular dues are \$35/year.

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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



May 18, 2021, Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) - After months of internal deliberation, in a one-line notice the U.S. Supreme Court this morning announced that the justices had agreed to hear (“grant certiorari”) the appeal by the state of Mississippi in the case of its “Gestational Age Act,” a law enacted in 2018, but blocked by Judge Carlton W. Reeves of Federal District Court in Jackson, Mississippi. Judge Reeves’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* was subsequently upheld by a three judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. As several reports noted, however, even though the appeals court panel was unanimous, Judge James Ho “issued a reluctant concurring opinion expressing misgivings about the Supreme Court’s abortion jurisprudence,” *The New York Times*’ Adam Liptak explained. Judge Ho wrote, “Nothing in the text or original understanding of the Constitution establishes a right to an abortion,” adding, “Rather, what distinguishes abortion from other matters of health care policy in America — and uniquely removes abortion policy from the democratic process established by our Founders — is Supreme Court precedent.” Judge Ho went on to write that he was “deeply troubled by how the district court [Judge Reeves] handled this case. The opinion issued by the district court displays an alarming disrespect for the millions of Americans who believe that babies deserve legal protection during pregnancy as well as after birth, and that abortion is the immoral, tragic, and violent taking of innocent human life.” Judge Ho concluded that “it adds insult to injury” for “a federal court to go further and to impugn the motives of those good faith Americans. When that occurs, citizens may rightfully wonder whether judges are deciding disputes based on the Rule of Law or on an altogether different principle. Replacing the Rule of Law with a regime of Judges Know Better is one that neither the Founders of our country nor the Framers of our Constitution would recognize.” The Supreme Court said it would address one of the three questions posed to the justices by Lynn Fitch, the Mississippi Attorney General: “whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortion are unconstitutional.”

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 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!



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS
Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Given on May 20, 2021, the memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette
Bishop, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan
Bishop, Diocese of Camden

Most Reverend Yousif B. Habash
*Bishop, Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac
Catholic Diocese*

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney
Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Representing the Archdiocese of Newark, Diocese of Camden, Diocese of Metuchen,
Diocese of Paterson, Diocese of Trenton, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and
Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

*Caiden James Federico
Hudson James Groome
Vivianna Gina Minnoia
Paloma Ines Rosado*



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.



St. James Catholic Church will be celebrating the Annual Memorial Day Mass for the deceased buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery on Monday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the North Chapel Hill section of the cemetery in front of the Mausoleum. Attendees are requested to bring their own lawn chairs.

If it is raining at 8:00 a.m. the Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in St. James Church, Red Bank.

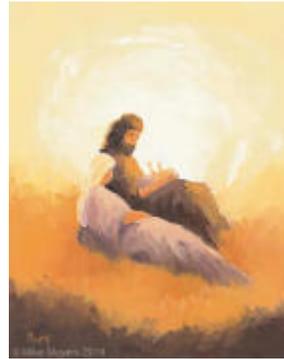


GRACE is super excited to host their second, "Stuff You May Need" Yard Sale at St. Benedict on Saturday, June 5th. We've all spent plenty of time in our homes sifting through items we no longer need or use over these last 6 months. You know the old saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure." This yard sale was such a success in October, that we thought it would be a 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 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.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 May: Watchful Defender of Christ



Rejoice and Shine

by Mike Moyers

See more of his illuminations
<https://www.mikemoyersfineart.com/illuminations?lightbox=dataitem-k3nd62dc>

Obedient Father and Jesus' Protector

Whereas Luke omits use of the words "husband" and "wife," he does liberally apply to Joseph the terms "father" and "parent," which Matthew implies but never directly employs. And if Luke 3:23 adds "as was supposed" to refer to public lack of awareness of the virginal conception and divine Fatherhood, in Luke 2 it is not the unknowing, but the evangelist himself who uses the titles in an unqualified sense, even reporting Mary as explicitly saying to Jesus "your father and I" (*Lk* 2:48).

Luke sees no reason to "baptize" or qualify the terms. Besides providing Davidic descent for Jesus, Joseph is betrothed to Mary so as to be Jesus' parent with her. Neither the parenthood nor the virginity are compromised or minimized. In Luke, Joseph is portrayed as true father to Jesus and functions as such in every way, though this fatherhood is virginal or non-biological, and though human fatherhood will have to be understood in subordination to divine Fatherhood.

Among the roles Joseph is seen to fulfill as father of Jesus are Davidic genealogical fatherhood, and reputed fatherhood in the eyes of the public. Joseph functions as father during the journey to Bethlehem, the birth of the child in the manger ("while *they* were there ... no place for *them*," *Lk* 2:6-7), and the adoration of the shepherds (*Lk* 2:16). He undergoes the hardships of being subject to a census by a foreign ruler, having to travel with his pregnant wife and having to find a place for her to deliver. He cares for Mary and Jesus during the pregnancy and time of birth in Bethlehem. He is thereafter the one who, together with Mary, is responsible for the child being "brought up" (*Lk* 4:16) at Nazareth, so much so that when Jesus speaks in the synagogue there, the people are surprised, for they have known him always simply as "Joseph's son" (*Lk* 4:22). It is also Joseph and Mary who see to the fulfillment of all the temple rites for Jesus. Luke presents the circumcision and naming, the purification and presentation, and the episode when Jesus is twelve. In these three passages, he emphatically shows Joseph and Mary to be models of obedience to the angel and the law of the Lord, thus also fulfilling the parental role of being faithful examples for the child.

Pray: St Joseph- pray for me this week that I honor those you place under my care as you did Jesus. Father God help me to notice those around me who are in need of protecting and honoring. Help me to nurture and guide them by the help of your Holy Spirit.

Action: Make an intentional effort to share one of your strengths or skill with someone this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice, honor, and model a faithful life similar to the steadfast and simple faith of St Joseph.

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>

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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Summer Academy registration is closed.
We cannot take any more in-person students due to COVID restrictions.

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>



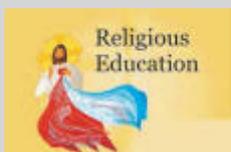
Are you a young adult (18-39)? Are you looking for a vibrant community of other young adults? Maybe you are a single person, a couple, or discerning the religious life. If so, then St. Benedict is the place for you! We welcome all newcomers to our young adult group. For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact Ciro Saverino saverino@stbenedictnj.org

Young Adults Group

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

* Zoom Meeting ID: 983 1032 2837

* Passcode: 136793



Religious Education

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

If you are interested in volunteering for our Traditional Program please contact: Melissa Dayton mdayton@stbenedictnj.org or by calling 732-264-4712 ext.26

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 Ministries



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

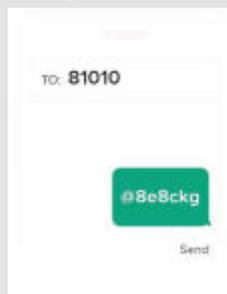
"Hi, I'm Christina! I attended St Bens K-8. Youth Group has provided me a safe space outside of mass for me to grow in my faith..."- CORE Leader

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

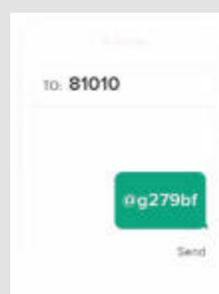


*Also, You Can Sign Up for Text Message Reminders for Youth Group!
Just follow these Instructions With Your Phone!*

High School Y.G.



Middle School Y.G.





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



Children who need to be caught up on faith formation and sacraments may attend a 6-8 week class depending on the circumstance. This class is offered once in the Fall and once in the Spring. Please contact the Carol Cesario in the

Faith Formation office at 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
mccahill@stbenedictnj.org or 732/264-4712, ext. 27

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 a 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.



The Trinity

by Fr. Larry Rice

It has been called the central doctrine of Christianity, yet if you asked most Christians to explain the Trinity, most would respond with vague metaphors, or would stumble over incomplete doctrinal statements. Some of my colleagues rolled their eyes at the suggestion that I would try to define the Trinity in two minutes. But here it goes:

Christians believe in one God. God has one divine nature, but is three persons. Now “persons” in this instance means something different than the usual definition of a person. In the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all instances of the same divine nature. Sometimes my Muslim friends struggle to believe that we Christians are monotheists, but truly, we are. Some theologians have said that the “what” of God is a single divinity, while the “who” of God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The word Trinity doesn’t appear anywhere in the Bible. Nevertheless, there are many references in the Scriptures that help us define the Trinity. The end of Matthew’s Gospel contains the command: “Go forth to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (see Mt 28:19). In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor 13:13, ESV). And the beginning of John’s Gospel illustrates the idea of the unity of God, saying both that Jesus “was” God and “was with” God.

It’s never adequate to simply think of the persons of the Trinity with mere functional labels like Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. While those labels are accurate enough, they lack any sense of relationship within the Trinity. The Trinity is primarily about the loving relationship at the heart of God’s essence. The passages of John’s Gospel that we read during the Easter season go to great lengths to describe this relational love. To separate the Trinity into functional roles is called Modalism, and it misses an important point: the doctrine of the Trinity describes God’s essence, and God is essentially relational. The Love within God is expressed in ways that mirror God’s Trinitarian nature.



The challenge for theologians—and all Christians—is that we struggle to talk about God’s infinite, loving, relational essence with finite human language, and that language will always be imperfect. Ultimately that understanding of God is a mystery whose full revelation awaits us in God’s Kingdom.

Fr. Rice is former Vocations Director for the Paulist Fathers.

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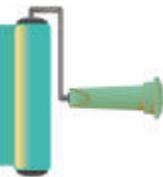
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