



JUNE 13, 2021
Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings for the week

- Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/
Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 /
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/
Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/
Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a /
Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/
Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/
Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/
Ps 34:2-7/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/
Ps 34:8-13/Mt 6:24-34




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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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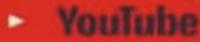
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MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM
SUNDAY 9:30AM
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Channel: St. Benedict Holmdel



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:

School is out for summer! Congratulations to Mr. Donahue, Mrs. Keeling, and the entire faculty and staff of SBS for a successful school year amidst all of the challenges that the year presented. We are all most grateful for their hard work and all of their dedication to our students. They are now on a much deserved and well-earned summer vacation.

We are engaging in several projects for the school this summer. We are in process of obtaining the permits from the township to have a preK-3 year old classroom wing constructed so that we can expand the number of students enrolled in the program. We are poised to be up and running in September. Likewise, we are shifting some internal space for other use so that we can enlarge one of the classrooms in order to accommodate a normal number of students. As we are in the situation now where we have three sections of rising sixth graders, we know that we have to dedicate classroom space for those additional students in the middle school for the next three years. We still have students on waiting lists and once the state lifts the social distancing requirements for the schools, we will be able to invite them to come to the school.

The school bids *adieu* to two-long term and impactful employees as **Mrs. Maria Hoover** and **Mrs. Cathy Hess** retire after many years of service to the students in our school. We are grateful for their commitment and dedication, and wish them well in their respective retirement phases. Mrs. Hoover hopes to be called upon to serve as a substitute teacher as needed.

We are also preparing to say *ingat* to Father JM on the weekend of June 26th-27th. There will be a reception after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and again after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Details can be found further in the bulletin.

The Bishops of the US are meeting via zoom call this week and are considering a number of important issues on their agenda. One of these proposed documents concerns the Eucharist. While we are aware that many Catholics are incompletely catechized in their understanding of the Eucharist, and therefore do not recognize the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, this document while addressing that issue in a cursory manner, has become more political in nature, hence more controversial than necessary. There is on the one hand a call for a more comprehensive national program of catechesis on the nature of the Eucharist. On the other, there is a demand for clarity on those who ought and ought not to receive communion. Some of you who are following this discussion on Catholic media have expressed disappointment that our bishop is one of the 66 signers of a letter opposing a letter at this time. He feels that while such a document is necessary, that this is going to be rushed and therefore stirring more conflict and controversy than it should. If the document itself becomes more of the discussion than the content of the document and the theological and pastoral underpinnings and applications of the document, then it will not serve the purpose for which it is intended. Let us pray that the bishops will act with wisdom and prudence.

We will soon announce the winners of the paint the houses initiative, but it looks like we are close to a tie, so that each house will be a different color. There is work that needs to be done around the pastor's house before we can paint, as some of the wood has rotted. We will also be adding a small porch in the back of the house. Thank you for your generosity and interest in the project.

Enjoy the week ahead!

Fr. Garry

The Sacrament of Baptism

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, June 12th***The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*5:00 p.m. **Priscilla Johnson** req. Susan Conaghan**Sunday, June 13th***Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**¹9:30 a.m. **Nickolas Sanna**

req. St. Benedict School Faculty and Staff

11:00 a.m. **Mrs. Edmund Fleurimond** req. Family**Monday, June 14th**9:00 a.m. **James Manning** req. Marion Manning**Tuesday, June 15th**9:00 a.m. **Joseph Walsh** req. The Cannarozzo Family**Wednesday, June 16th**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**Joseph Walsh** req. The Kubis Family**Walter Callari** req. The Cucich Family**Joseph Montemarano** req. The Armstrong Family**Edward Mironski** req. Maddy and Vic Valenti**Ruth DeLayo** req. The Cangelosi Family**Pat McAleavy** req. Margaret Roddy**Ann Solnick** req. Mike Kelleher and Abby Serra**Thursday, June 17th**9:00 a.m. **Donald Ross** req. Jane Ross**Daniel Murphy** req. The Liptzin Family**Joseph Walsh** req. The Panepinto Family**Dinh Nguyen** req. Truc Ambrozia**Margaret Freeo** req. Deborah and John Peters**Kristin Beard** req. The Kurowski Family**Lawrence Galvin** req. The Egan Family**John Gargan** req. Donna Maher**Eileen Flanagan** req. Jay and Wini Guage**Faye Bergen** req. Meaghan Lewis**Nicole Dunning** req. The Ulrich Family**Friday, June 18th**9:00 a.m. **Teens Schwarz** req. The Munning Family**Saturday, June 19th***Saint Romuald, Abbott*5:00 p.m. **Daniel Murphy** req. The Liptzin Family**Sunday, June 20th***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo****Father's Day Intentions**9:30 a.m. **Father's Day Intentions**11:00 a.m. **Father's Day Intentions***Please remember in your prayers all those whose names are listed in our Prayer Intention Book***Kathleen Tepper O'Connor****June 13, 2021
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do

tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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

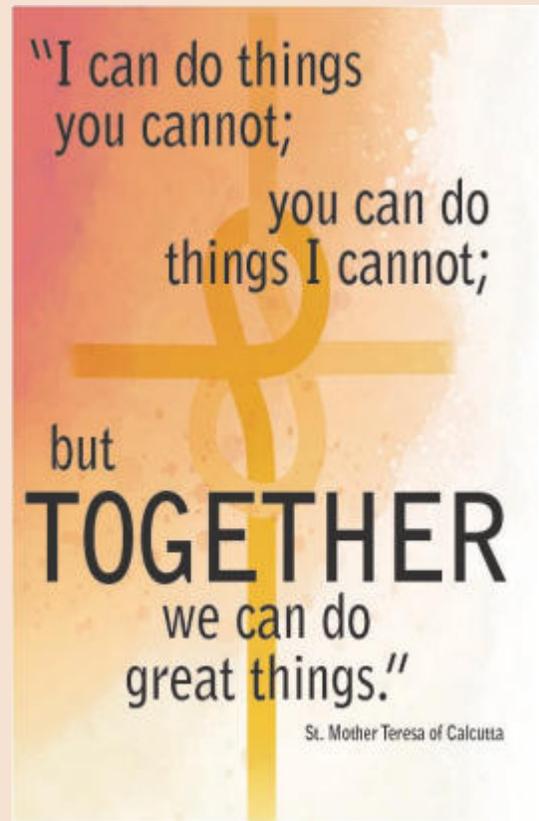
For a suggested donation of \$20 those who are enrolled in the Memorial Mass Society will benefit from Masses to be celebrated on Twelve First Saturday's. A book with the names of all those enrolled will be placed near the altar for the Memorial Mass. The names of first time enrollees will be read at 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 \$81,730 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!

Evangelization

Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

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

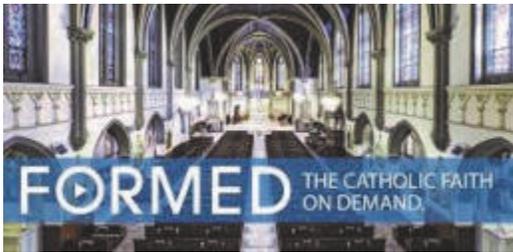
For information about the Youth Choir or Teen Choir, please contact Ellen Remick, Choir Director at remick@stbenedictnj.org

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



Discover the best Catholic content in one place. **FORMED** is a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix". Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks and audio dramas a great selection of popular e-books. Go to **FORMED.org** and register with our parish code **HHNG3M**.

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

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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Congratulations to the Saint Benedict School Class of 2021



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.

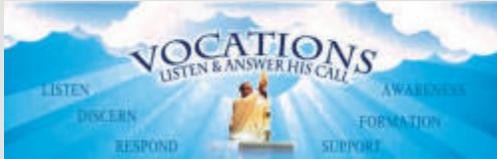
Our Promise to Protect

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.

Vocations/Knights of Columbus



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. Silvano Amora
Fr. Angelito Anarcon
Fr. Cesar Anson
Fr. Dennis Apoldite
Msgr. Edward Arnister

Seminarian-Wynne Kerridge

Discerning-Christopher

Deceased

Fr. Edward J. Heil
Fr. John C. Petri
Msgr. Edward C. Griffin
Fr. Hugh F. McGovern
Fr. Thomas J. O'Connor
Fr. John W. Murphy
Fr. D. A. Simcoe
Fr. Joseph W. McLaughlin
Fr. Brendan Shea
Fr. John J. Mackin

PRIESTHOOD



Why Not You? Why Not Now?

On Tuesday, June 29th, the Diocese of Trenton will hold a discernment bbq for men considering the priesthood. Along with Mass celebrated by Bishop O'Connell, there will be games, dinner and discussions. This event will take place in St. John Church in Allentown.

Visit <https://godiscallingyou.org/> for more information on discernment as well as the event.



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.

**Dads EAT FOR FREE on
Father's Day**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th
Serving from 8:45 - 11 am

\$6 Adults • \$5 Kids • \$18 Family

St. Benedict Church
165 Bethany Rd. • Holmdel
Masks & Social Distancing Required

Take-Out Available

Presented by Knights of Columbus • Council 11349

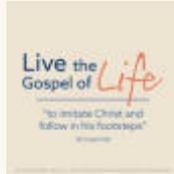
Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly



observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

Respect Life News



A California bill advancing in the state legislature could lead to hundreds more unborn babies being killed in abortions in the state. The pro-abortion bill, Senate Bill 245, would prohibit health insurance plans from charging co-pays, deductibles and other cost-sharing expenses for abortions in California, Kaiser Health News reports.

Sponsored by state Sen. Lena Gonzalez, D-Long Beach, the bill would increase abortions by about 100 every year, according to a California Health Benefits Review Board analysis. That is, 100 more unique, living human beings killed in abortions every year in their mothers' wombs.

Gonzalez said she wants to eliminate cost barriers to abortion in California, especially after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a case that could overturn Roe v. Wade. "It's tough to know your reproductive rights may be in question again after it's been decided for 40 years," Gonzalez said. "We're taking a stance, not just to make abortions available but to make them free and equitable." It is clear that Gonzalez and other abortion activists want more abortions, not fewer, even though abortions kill unborn babies and often harm their mothers. Nearly 1 million unborn babies are aborted in the U.S. every year, and nearly 63 million have been aborted since 1973.

Wynette Sills, director of the pro-life organization Californians for Life, said advocates who truly care about women should support more affordable maternity care, not abortions. "If we're trying to look out for the economically disadvantaged, I think it's repulsive that the best we can offer is a free abortion," Sills told the news outlet. Pro-life advocates are not the only ones who oppose the bill. The California Association of Health Plans also is advocating against it. According to the report, spokesperson Mary Ellen Grant said the bill and several others that would eliminate out-of-pocket insurance costs for certain medical care "would cumulatively increase premiums for all health plan enrollees."

Despite the opposition, the bill passed the Democrat-controlled state Senate last week in a 31-8 vote and now moves to the state Assembly for consideration. California already is one of the most pro-abortion states in America. It forces health insurance plans to cover elective abortions, and the state Medicaid program forces taxpayers to pay for them. By 2023, public colleges and universities also will be required to provide free abortions to students at their student health centers.

In California, a drug-induced abortion costs about \$306, while an average first-trimester surgical abortion costs about \$887, according to the California Health Benefits Review Board analysis. Abortion costs increase as the unborn baby grows.

"The Democrat party's unlimited, never-ending promotion of abortion is atrocious," Californians for Life said. "Make sure your senator knows that you oppose these pro-abortion legislation."



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!

Father JM
LEADER,
MODEL,
SERVANT

*Please join us to honor and thank
Father JM for his service to our
Parish and wish him well in his
new assignment.*

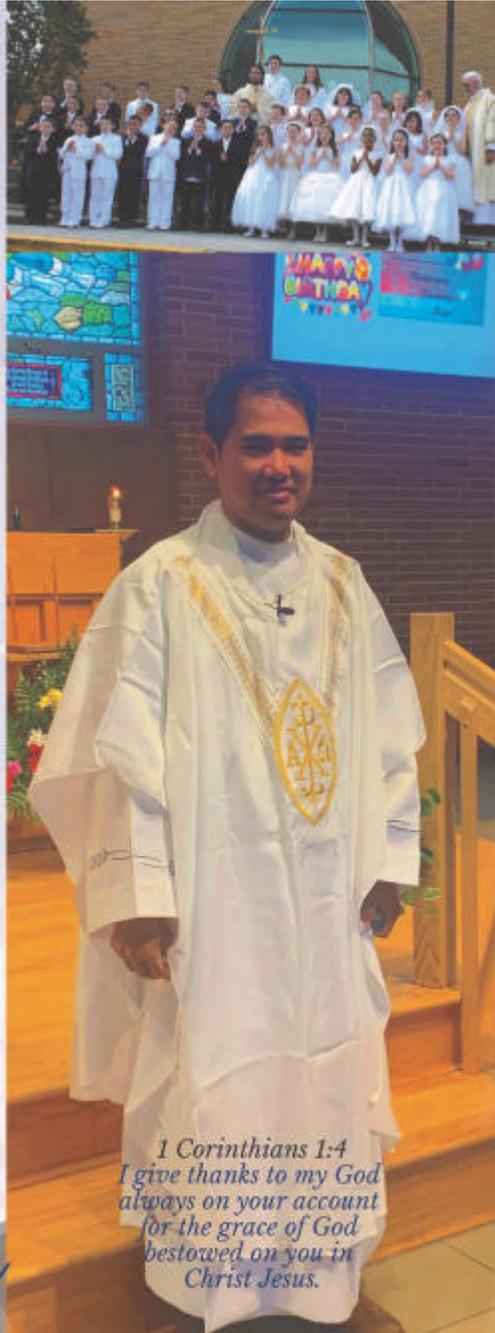
*Saturday, June 26 | after 5pm Mass
Sunday, June 27 | after 11am Mass
Light reception to follow.*

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL GYM

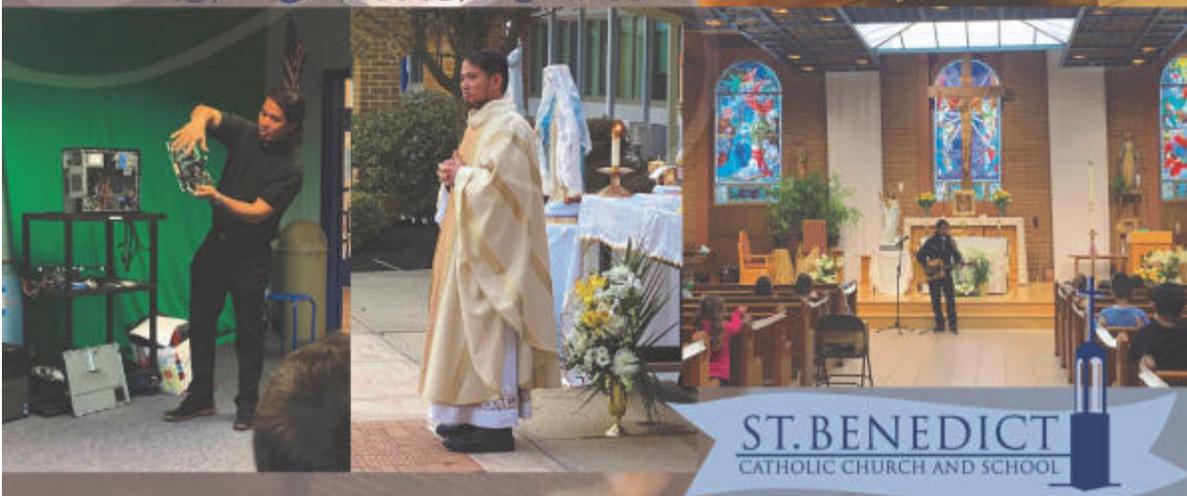
Wherever the Spirit calls you in the
Church, may you always strive to do the
will of the Father and bring more souls
to Christ.

God bless you for your five years of
faithful service to our Parish.
We are forever grateful.

St. Benedict Church



*1 Corinthians 1:4
I give thanks to my God
always on your account
for the grace of God
bestowed on you in
Christ Jesus.*

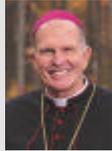


ST. BENEDICT
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

- Luca Matteo Bavaro
- Michael John DeFeo
- Mia Scarlett Oliva
- Jack Joseph Roomey
- Eden Elora Williams



A Note of Thanks from Bishop O'Connell

My heartfelt thanks to all the clergy, religious and faithful members of the Diocese of Trenton for your prayers and the many expressions of good wishes sent to me during my recent hospitalization. I only wish I could answer each message personally. I am feeling better each day and remain ever grateful for your prayers. May God continue to bless you and our Diocese.

Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom



“Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community” (Fratelli tutti, 116).

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live

out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22nd, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/st-thomas-more-and-st-john-fisher> the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Pray that children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who serve those children will find strength and support from the Church.

PRAY-REFLECT-ACT

Solidarity in Freedom

Year of St. Joseph

- June: Head of the Holy Family
 - a. Glory of Domestic Life
 - b. Mirror of Patience



The Holy Family The Holy Family (oil on canvas), James Collinson (1825-81)

St. Joseph as Head of the Holy Family

And coming he dwelt in a city called Nazareth. And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the solemn day of the pasch. . . And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph compose the Holy Family. Jesus was God, and Mary the Mother of God; and yet we see from the sacred text that St. Joseph was head of the Holy Family; for thirty years Jesus and Mary paid him homage and obedience. As a child obeys his parents Jesus obeyed Mary and Joseph. He was subject to them, says the Gospel. This is wonderful humility, says St. Bernard, a God obeying man; but to see a man commanding God is glory without equal. The Eternal Father treated St. Joseph as the Head of the Holy Family. The very name of the Redeemer of the world was communicated from heaven to St. Joseph. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for He shall save his people from their sins. When the life of Jesus was threatened the Eternal Father sent his commands to St. Joseph alone. Arise, said the angel, and take the child and his mother and fly into Egypt. . . Arise and take the child and his mother and go into the land of Israel. Mary obeyed St. Joseph; at his bidding she promptly set out for Egypt, and from Egypt to Nazareth; and frequently from Nazareth to Jerusalem. O great thy dignity, St. Joseph, whom the Immaculate Mother of God regards and looks up to as her master and superior; but unspeakably greater thy dignity, St. Joseph, whom Jesus, the Eternal Son Himself, obeys and pays homage.

Joseph was no doubt pure and holy at the time of the Nativity of the Redeemer; but conceive and express if you can, his sanctity, when for thirty years the eyes of Eternal Justice, sanctity, and love shone and beamed upon him. One word from Jesus converted sinners into saints. St. Joseph heard and drank in divine wisdom from the lips of Jesus for some thirty years. The title Head of the Holy Family speaks volumes on the glory, sanctity, and power of St. Joseph. -- One In Their Hearts

Pray: Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most amiable, most benevolent, most kind, and most merciful father, St. Joseph, that the great St. Teresa assures us that she never had recourse to thy protection without obtaining relief. Animated with the same confidence, O dear St. Joseph, I come to thee, and groaning under the heavy burden of my many sins, I prostrate myself at thy feet. O most compassionate father, do not, I beseech thee, reject my poor and miserable prayers, but graciously hear and answer my petition. Amen. St Joseph, obtain for me the grace to love and serve my God faithfully all the days of my life.

Action: Make an intentional effort to intentionally practice focusing on the needs of those in our care this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal ways to affirm, support and praise them. Consider praying a decade of the rosary each day for a person in your care this week.

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

Interested students should access this link to complete our volunteer form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19oiA2tyjE5sO4fwiTKbQE86IHuZoa2v7aRg1JH9U-vE/edit> You will be contacted upon receipt of form. Service hours will be offered.



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>



This Sundays reading for children
Catholic Brain St. Benedict code: **STB19535**

Faith and Family

June Faith Family Calendar

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15175/documents/2021/5/BENEDICTJUNE.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



**Grade 1-6 and 8th grade Traditional Program registration for 2021-2022 is open
Virtual and In-person options are available.**

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/registration-virtual-traditional>

If you are interested in volunteering for either our Summer Academy or Traditional Program please contact:
Melissa Dayton mdayton@stbenedictnj.org or call
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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



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
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Marriage Ministry Helpful Hints for a happy marriage:

THE GOOD STUFF: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

ACTION POINTS: What's one tangible way that you can "lighten the load" for your spouse this week?

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.

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



June is the start of wedding season!

The Catholic Church has a long history of helping couples to prepare for marriage. It has learned a great deal that can benefit any couple, regardless of religion.

Because the Catholic Church wants couples to form strong, lasting marriages, couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church are asked to:

- Contact and meet with your parish priest as soon as you are engaged.
- Take at least six months to intensively prepare for your marriage. This goes beyond choosing a date and church, reserving a place for the reception, and picking out dresses. It means using this time to delve more deeply into your relationship and approach this momentous day with prayer and reflection.
- Attend an approved marriage preparation program. There are many different formats for marriage preparation programs ranging from intensive weekends, to a weekly series, to “in home” mentor couple programs. Check out the most common national programs here. To find what programs are available near you, contact your diocesan family life office. Catholic marriage preparation programs are usually presented by a team of lay married couples and a priest or deacon. They are not restricted to Catholics, but they are always in keeping with Church teaching.
- Most dioceses ask couples to take a marriage preparation inventory (such as FOCCUS, PMI, or PREPARE). These are not “tests” to determine whether you can get married in the Church, but rather discussion starters to assess what issues you already agree on and what you might need to discuss further.

Marriage is a vocation to holiness. Whether you are just starting out in marriage or have fifty years under your belt, the advice, real life stories, and Church teaching here can help strengthen and bless your marriage. Explore resources from For Your Marriage! <https://www.foryourmarriage.org>



Make the faith come alive for your family on Sundays by preparing all week.

- It is time to come back to in-person Mass at your parish! The Bishops of NJ have ended the dispensation from Mass effective June 5-6, 2021. We encourage you to return home to your parish community. [Read here for the latest guidelines.](#) Use this tool to prepare for Mass each week.
- Pray an [Our Father](#) each day.
- In this year of St. Joseph, read this blog on [3 Ways St. Joseph is the Best Role model for Men.](#)
- Pope Francis has declared the *Year of the Family* from March 19, 2021 to June 2022. [Check out some resources here.](#)
- Celebrate Father's Day on June 20th with [these prayers for Fathers.](#) Pray for your Parish Priest, your spiritual Father.



JUNE 2021 Sunday Mass Readings

To prepare for Mass, read the Gospel before you attend. Following Mass, discuss the question posted below with your family.

June 6th – What does it mean for you that the bread and wine becomes Jesus' Body and Blood during the liturgy of the Eucharist? What feelings or ideas does it surface?

June 13th – "The kingdom is always present because the Father himself has brought it into the world through the passion, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. From the day of the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit never ceases to communicate the power of Christ's kingship, and to invite men and women to find salvation in the one who is the way, and the truth, and the life"– Pope John Paul II." How would you explain the Kingdom of God to someone who asks about it?

June 20th – In the gospel Jesus calms the sea and wind, telling them, "Quiet! Be Still!" What storms in your life are you being called to entrust to the Lord?

June 27th - What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

The readings of the day can be found on the [United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Website](#)



Making the Faith come alive for:

Check the links below (updated monthly)



Young Adults

Young people between the ages 18 and 39 are part of the young adult community and experience a variety of life stages. [Learn More >](#)



Newly Married

Two people coming together to form something completely new - a brand new family where one didn't exist before. [Learn More >](#)



Families with Young Children

Becoming parents for the first time-- a tremendous blessing but also a tremendous challenge. This is for parents with children who are between 0-5 years old. [Learn More >](#)



Families School-Aged Children

Catholic families with school-aged children (6-12 years old) a diverse group, but all have the same basic goal: to form loving, caring relationships and provide a solid foundation for children so they can reach their full human potential. [Learn More >](#)



Families with Adolescents

Parents of teenagers (13-18 years old) who are dealing with so many pressures to raise purpose-driven, faith-filled kids. [Learn More >](#)



Single/Married Adults

Single adults or those who are married with no kids at home. Many parents have launched children and are entering into the "empty-nest" stage. [Learn More >](#)



Golden Years

Singles or couples in their golden years who've embraced their vocational calling and are now called to adjust to such changes as retirement, financial challenges, health issues, losing independence, and end-of-life issues.

[Learn More >](#)

The Diocese of Trenton is here to support you and your family.

Links provided are from trusted Catholic sites. Additional information can be found on our webpage: dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home.



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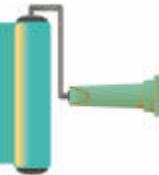
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