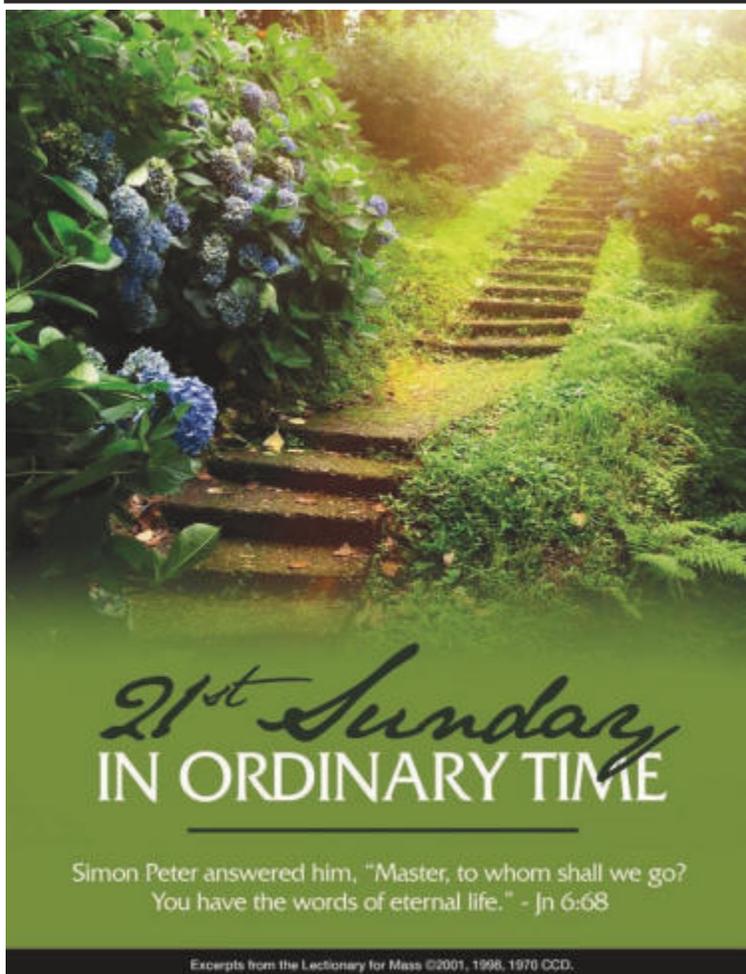


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Parish Mission Statement:

Saint Benedict Parish: An environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, and celebration.

BAPTISMS: Are celebrated at most weekend Masses. Please contact Andrew Pitisi, 836-6444, to schedule an appointment, answer questions and preparations.

MARRIAGES: Registered parishioners who have been members of our Saturday / Sunday worshipping community for at least 3 months are asked to notify the rectory at least 6 months prior to planned wedding day. A marriage preparation course is required for all couples.

SICK CALLS: Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome all who wish to join our parish. Please speak with Andrew Pitisi before or after a weekend mass to register. If you have questions, please call the rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: We gladly issue letters of recommendation for registered parishioners who have been asked to be sponsors at Baptism or Confirmation, provided they meet the following criteria:

- Attend Mass regularly.
- Have been confirmed.
- If married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.
- Are sending their children to Catholic school or religious instructions.

August 22, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAY:
7:00am M-F

CONFESSION:
Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday -Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Other times by appointment.

Welcome!

You are a stranger but once. You are a child of God, redeemed by Our Savior, Jesus Christ. In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving and worshipping community. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish community or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office (834-1041).
If you are returning after being away... welcome home!

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If someone is having surgery and would like the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the rectory to make arrangements with one of the priests. **In an emergency please do not hesitate to call the rectory day or night.**

OUR CALL TO HOLINESS

All too often we think of the Pentecost as an only onetime event; a historical epiphany that occurred so long ago. In fact, it is trans-historical, crossing all times and places. To echo the words of St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians: "for in one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, we are all given to drink of the one Spirit." Each day the Holy Spirit seeks to create a church of exceptionally gifted people, each member outstanding in his or her own ways; each one fitted together to fashion a people that guides us in truth, unity and faith. Our community of the Spirit is by no means one that is mediocre, but a brilliant sacrament for all to enter into the Truth. May we see this particular time in our lives as a Church as an opportunity to more perfectly become a visible sacrament, animated by the Spirit to welcome all into communion with Christ.

DISCIPLES OF INVITATION

Do you know who may be considering learning about our faith or who is considering joining the Catholic Church? The invitation and encouragement begins with each of us. Start with a prayer for the person, asking the Lord to open their hearts to hear his invitation to come and see. Maybe all the person needs is for you to extend the words of welcome and a gentle invitation to step forward. It may be to attend Mass, join a prayer group, give them a ticket for a chicken dinner, or a book on prayer that will be nourishment for body and spirit. We all know someone who is searching. Maybe the RCIA process will bring them direction for their spiritual journey. If we all accept our responsibilities to be disciples of invitation, the Lord will bless us with renewed faith and animate our community.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

We would like to extend an invitation for all men of our parish to consider being part of our newly formed Men's Prayer Group. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00PM at St. Benedict's Rectory. In the midst of all the busyness of our lives, we all need to set aside a time for prayer and reflection. Consider joining with fellow parishioners as we journey together spiritually with one another and the Lord. We look forward to seeing you!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VBS

I would like to thank the many volunteers: adults, high schoolers and middle schoolers, who helped Vacation Bible School 2021 "Training To Be a Champion For Christ" a huge success. Without you all the 35 campers would not have had so much fun! During this crazy time, it was truly wonderful to have a bit of normalcy. Thank you to all the parents who entrusted their children to our care for the week! Look out VBS 2022! It is going to "Spice up your faith life" and summer!
Andrew Pitisi

MSGR. ZAPFEL'S 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Saturday, September 25th - 4:00 p.m. Mass

The parish communities of St. Leo the Great and St. Benedict's will gather together to celebrate Msgr. Robert Zapfel's fortieth anniversary of priestly ordination. A reception will follow the mass in the Parish Center. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the celebration of thanksgiving for his years of service for God's people!

MISSION APPEAL

Aug. 21, 22

Fr. Sam Samuel, V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be in our parish on Aug. 21 and 22 to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them provide relief of the deadly Covid 19 outbreak in India. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering or would like to make an additional offering, you may place an offering through the general parish collection in a specially marked envelope. Thank you for your generous support. The Vincentian Missionaries will keep you and our parish in their prayers and Masses.

SAINT BENEDICT PARISHIONERS MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY - Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Mount St. Mary Academy Principal Katherine Spillman announces the following parishioners of Saint Benedict Church who have been named to the school's fourth quarter honor roll: Abby Marion and Megan Orgek.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Generations of Faith registration for September is now open! Contact Andrew Pitisi for more information at apitisi@saintbenedicts.com. Generations of Faith is our Religious Education Program. It meets once a month on Sundays and a few extra times throughout the year. It is also a full family inter-generational gathering. Anyone in the parish, especially our young families, are encouraged to register.

RETROUVILLE

Are you or someone you may know struggling in their marriage? Retrouville can help save your marriage and family. It is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register for the next Retrouville weekend call (716)474-9371 or visit <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19. All inquiries are confidential. Space is limited; so, preregistration is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Beginning Saturday, September 5th

Following the 5:00 p.m. mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated for anyone wishing to be anointed. In the Sacrament of the Sick, a person who is ill, preparing for surgery or suffering physically or spiritually can be anointed. Anointing with oil is intended to strengthen the individual in the face the illness and to assure them of the prayers and support of the entire faith community in their time of need.

We encourage any parishioners who wish to pray with and for our brothers and sisters to stay after mass to celebrate the sacrament of healing with those being anointed.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated every first Saturday of the month after the vigil mass.

Let us together, raise up in prayer all of our brothers and sisters who are in need of healing, that the Lord will make His presence known and healing of body and spirit.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Invites you on Wednesday, August 25 @ 7:30 pm

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and enthusiasm to our Ministry Center for a free outdoor showing of "The Staircase", starring William Petersen, Barbara Hershey and Diane Ladd.

If the weather is nice, we will watch outside, if the weather is inclement, we will move it inside. The story centers around the Sisters of Loretto in Santa Fe, 1873, with the construction of a chapel. Unfortunately, the architect dies before access to the choir loft is built. Legend states that seeking guidance and help, the Sisters of Loretto pray a nine-day novena to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Carpenters. On the final day of the novena, a mysterious man appears with only a hammer and carpenter's square. He builds what is now known as the miraculous, free standing, spiral staircase made with rare wood not native to the American Southwest with only simple tools and wooden pegs. Some believe it was St. Joseph himself!

OUR LADY OF POMPEII

2nd Annual HEARTBEAT Event

158 Laverack Ave., Lancaster September 13 at 7-8 PM

"The Vulnerable Heart" Deacon Michael Ficorelli

Life reflections followed by musical selections by Mary Palmer, Lee Morgan, David Chriswell.

Welcoming Baby and Mama items for Gianna Molla Center, such as baby diapers, wipes, Binkies, clothing up to size 2T, etc. Also accepting gift cards to Tops, Wegmans, Walmart, and Target.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Ever feel like you needed to talk to someone about something going on in your life? Feel like no one is there, has time, or understands? Perhaps a Stephen Minister could be that person. St. Benedict has five wonderful, fully trained Stephen ministers who are ready to lend a listening ear and offer prayers for you. Call 716-836-6444 if you are interested in using this awesome new ministry.

WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday

For Those Struggling With Faith

Let us pray that the Lord will reach out in a special and personal way to those struggling with their faith, so that their hearts and minds will open to the unconditional love of God.

Monday

For Educators

Let us pray for all the administrators, teachers and support staff, as they prepare to begin school this fall with renewed hope and energy.

Tuesday

For Unity and Peace in Our Country and Communities

Let us pray that each of us will work to bring about peace in our world - striving to end violence and restore unity that makes us all one in Christ and with each other.

Wednesday

For the Church

Let us pray for Christ's Church, that it may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and the strength to reform itself in the light of the gospel.

Thursday

For All the Health Care Workers

Let us pray that the Lord will give strength and guidance to all healthcare workers who put themselves at risk for our well-being; may they persevere during these most challenging times.

Friday

For Students Preparing to Return to School

Let us pray that the students in all grade levels use this time of education to develop their God-given talents for the betterment of our world and the advancement of peace in our world.

Saturday

For the Intercession of Our Blessed Mother

Let us pray that today and every day we will seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother for those in need, those struggling with faith, for unity within our families and communities, and especially, for hearts faithful to her son, JESUS.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER

Sleep Soundly by Reducing Anxiety

~Take time to wind down. Take a 1/2 hour to play quiet music, take a bath or read a book before going to bed.

~Soft, calming music lowers the blood pressure and relaxes your mind and body.

~Regular exercise (not before going to bed). An exercise routine is a good outlet for frustration. People who exercise regularly fall asleep faster.

~Journaling - when your mind starts thinking, write down what is troubling you, add to your "to do list" instead of trying to remember it for the morning.

Keep a pen and pad by your bed.

~Avoid stressful activities before bedtime.

Avoid social media, the news, etc.

SAINT OF THE DAY

SAINT MONICA, AUGUST 27

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of Bishop (St.) Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine.

Patron Saint of:

Alcoholics, Conversion, Mothers, Wives

SAINT AUGUSTINE, AUGUST 28

Son of St. Monica, Bishop of Hippo

Patron Saint of:

Converts to Christianity, Printers, Theologians

Reflection: He is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity.

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SATURDAY August 21

2:00 pm Nuptial Mass for the Wedding of
Michael Jesse Sorg and Emily Ann Seier
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY August 22

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

MONDAY August 23

7:00am Mass

TUESDAY August 24

7:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY August 25

7:00am Mass

THURSDAY August 26

7:00am Mass

FRIDAY August 27

7:00am Mass

SATURDAY August 28

9:00am Mass
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY August 29

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Parishioners can request that the Sanctuary Candle be lit for the deceased *"in memory of"* or for the living *"for the intentions of."* The donation is \$15.00. Please stop in to the parish office or call 834-1041.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass intentions are a wonderful way for us to remember our beloved deceased and keep them in our prayers. Masses available throughout the year. Each Mass is \$15. Stop by the rectory during normal business hours, 9:00AM-3:00PM, to schedule a mass. Mass cards are available as well.

TIGER'S DEN FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous donations every month. **Highlighted items for August are: juice, spaghetti sauce, crackers, and lotion.** Donations of any kind are welcome. Boxes are placed at the entries to the church and donations can be placed there or dropped off at the rectory. The staff at the pantry are most grateful, and have said, "We are appreciative for anything we receive."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 21 **St. Pius X**
5:00pm Raymond Miranda req.: The Militello Family
Living & Deceased Fathers

Sunday, August 22 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am Cindy Borowski req.: Mary & Alan Long

10:00am Anna Lesniak req.: Family
Living & Deceased Mothers

Monday, August 23 **St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**
7:00am Mary Cain req.: Rosary Altar Society

Tuesday, August 24 **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
7:00am Dolores Seitz req.: Ralph & Diane Virschau

Wednesday, August 25 **St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**
7:00am Catherine M. Soeder req.: The Soeder & Rinaldo Families

Thursday, August 26 **Weekday**
7:00am Josephine & Michael Ervolina req.: Family

Friday, August 27 **St. Monica**
7:00am Edward Haynes req.: Edward & Joan Niles

Saturday, August 28 **St. Augustine, Bishop, Dr. of the Church**
5:00pm Fidelis Pfohl req.: Family

Living & Deceased Fathers

Sunday, August 29 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary time**
8:00am Francis X. Schwab req.: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schwab

10:00am Raymond Miranda req.: Revelas Family
Rosemary Lawley

Living & Deceased Mothers

FINANCIAL FACTS

Weekend of August 7

Weekly Offertory: \$ 5988

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to offer assistance to anyone who has found themselves to be in need of help due to a loss of job, illness, or some other situation.

Please contact Jim Byron at 833-8030.

There are St. Vincent de Paul envelopes near the doors of the church, if you would like to contribute to our conference, so we may continue with our work of helping those in need.

Our St. Vincent DePaul conference meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the school cafeteria.

All are welcome to join us!

ST BENEDICT SCHOOL

It's not too late...



We still have a few spots open in our Preschool if you have a friend that has been considering enrolling the time to do so is NOW!



Enrollment is Open

Share the news! We are currently enrolling in grades K-8th. Let your friends come see why we are Amherst's top-ranked Catholic School.

The school is open for tours.

School Supply Drop Off Meet the Teacher and Orientation

September 1st from 9-12 and 1-6 Grades PK-8th grade can come by and see their classrooms and meet their teachers.

PK and K will have orientations that evening at 6:00 pm

Parents Only Please

HSA - Home School Association

The Home School Association is preparing for the 2021-2022 school year.

This is a great way to get involved and meet other parents. They are currently looking for volunteers and committee chairs.

Contact hsa@saintbenedicts.com for more information

Calling all Alumni



St. Benedict School will be celebrating 100 years. We need you! We are looking for graduate volunteers for planning purposes. Bring your ideas.

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