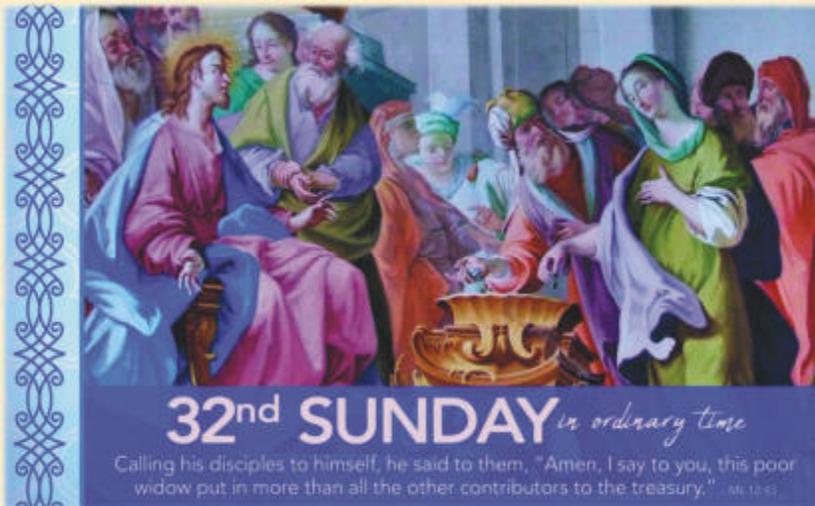


St. Benedict Catholic Church

November 7th, 2021 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Stradomski "Father Richard"



Mass Times

Mon—Fri: 8:00am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am &
10:30am (Family Mass)

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Office Hours

Mon—Thurs: 9:00am-2:30pm
Closed Friday's

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Mass Intentions

For The Thirty-Second Week
in Ordinary Time
November 6 — 14, 2021

Saturday, November 6 Weekday

5:00pm †Joyce Cassidy
by Josephine and Thomas Maher

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ♥Dick and Cherie Byrnes
10:30am ♥Bill and Terri Obermeier

Monday, November 8 Weekday

8:00am †Riedl and Froehlich Families
by George and Sue Froehlich

Tuesday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am ♥Joey and Clare DeLuca
by Bill and Terri Obermeier

Wednesday, November 10

St. Leo the Great Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00am †Edlin and Rene Torralba
by The Torralba Family

Thursday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

8:00am Parishioners of St. Benedict

Friday, November 12 St. Josaphat Bishop

8:00am †Bonnie Ireland
by Michael Celentano
and Peggy Scherman

Saturday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

5:00pm †Judy Haney by Betty and Brian Murphy

Sunday, November 14

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Antonieta Termini
by Renee and Moose
10:30am †Andrew Lenhart by Duke Goodman

Pray for our People...

Our Sick...

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould,
Irene Cmar, Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Maria Canale,
Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Dan Clymer,
Marvin Long, Kevin Terrell, Linda Fusco, Chris Grivois,
Annetta Wiczorek, Ralph Esposito, Doug Sheppard,
Agnes and Michael Ross, George Williams, Frank Polash,
Barbara and Fred Born, Eugene Janusz, Una Lewis,
Ron and Mary Guadagnini, Joan Turcotte, Randy Sailor,
Dayden Floyd, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Cole Eskay,
Michael Celentano, Bill Obermeier, Roman Jakubowski,
JoAnn Dunton, Vincent Smith, Smirna and Ed Velez,
Doug Raney, Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin,
Sigmund Sobiesiak, Elliana Deane, Angelina Jesselli,
Michael Hembree, Alma Stephens, Matthew McCown,
Lindsay Longo, Mary Jane Eggleston, John Kilduff,
Jimmy Smith, Ann Boakes, Isaac Black, Josh Rodgers,
Elizabeth Trepanier, Fr. Mike Lydon, Lorraine Fricke,
Paul Fulton, Carolyn Darling-Sullivan, Louise Williams,
Judy and Atlas Pierce, Fawn Aungst, Albert Asiello*
Margaret Sheppard, Steve Ricciardi, Leigh Connelly,
Cecilia Morales, and Joel Scime

Active Duty...

Those protecting us at home and afar..
Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross,
Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen,
Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Dadrian Ruiz,
Michael Turcotte, Matthew and Michael Zarek, John Kelley,
Ron Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind,
Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis,
Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson,
Richard J. Surowiec, Robert J. Milan Jr.,
and Blake Leibach

Our Deceased...

The Lord has chosen to call **Mike Clemmer**, to come back
home with him. May he rest in the arms of God.
As we pray for him, we extend our heartfelt
sympathies to his family and friends.

Stewardship

October 31st, 2021 / Attendance: 439

St. Benedict is totally dependent upon the generous stewardship of our parishioners. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution, makes possible our many parish activities and services.

Offertory	\$5,766.00	SJP II School	\$65.00
Maintenance	\$145.00	Miscellaneous	\$518.00
Total	\$6,494.00		

Amount needed Weekly for Operating Expenses: **\$9,765.00**

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

Reading 1 — [1 KGS 17:10-16](#)

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

READING 2 — [HEB 9:24-28](#)

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL — [MK 12:38-44](#)

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation. "He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

RECEIVING COMMUNION

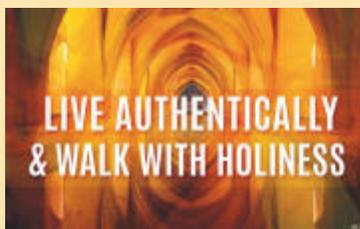
Until local health conditions improve significantly, our preferred method of distributing and receiving the Eucharist remains ***in the hand***. At communion time you are asked to sanitize your hands.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

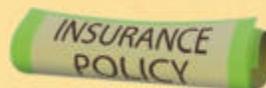
The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.



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Dear Lord,

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Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.



Giving Tree

Here at St. Benedict, we believe that no one should go without a gift on Christmas Day. As we're all aware by now, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to bring many changes into all aspects of our lives, including our Giving Tree. If you or you know a parish family is struggling, please fill out a form and place it in the box marked "Giving Tree" located in the main entrance of the Church.



Completed forms need to be turned in by November 18. We place our tags on our tree on Thanksgiving, so our parishioners will be able to take a tag and purchase a gift.

Offertory Will Resume In The Pew!

Beginning the first weekend in November we will no longer have Offertory baskets at the doors of the church. We will also be starting our monthly second collections.

First weekend of the month: **SJP Collection**

Second weekend of the month: **Maintenance Collection**

Our Ushers will resume the pew-by-pew collection.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"



In observance of

Veterans Day

The office will
be closed
Thursday, November 11

Daystar 18-100 Collection

November 21st

Daystar is a non-profit emergency assistance program that is part of St. Benedict. Daystar assists financially for those who have an eviction notice or a shut-off notice for electric, water, or propane gas.

With only a donation of \$18, you could help Daystar purchase 100 pounds of food. Envelopes have been provided in the quarterly mailings.

No donation is too small or too large.



Attention Lectors

The 2022 Lector workbooks are available to pick up in the parish office or see Noreen before or after masses.



Give the gift of life!



St. Benedict Catholic Church THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 21

8:00am—12:00pm



Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating.

January 2022

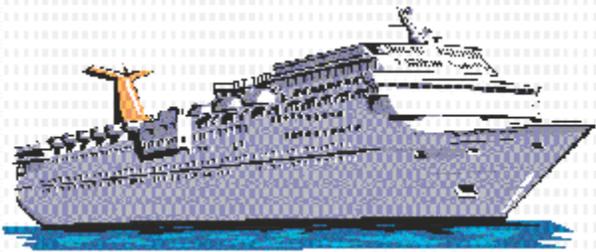
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Sun. Jan. 9	Port Canaveral	4:00pm departure
Mon. Jan. 10	Fun Day at Sea with Mass & Group Activities	
Tues. Jan. 11	Amber Cove, Dominican Republic	10:30am – 6:30pm
Wed. Jan. 12	Grand Turk	7:00am – 3:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 13	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	9:30am – 5:30pm
Fri. Jan. 14	Fun Day at Sea with Mass & Group Activities	
Sat. Jan. 15	Port Canaveral	8:00am arrival

Group Amenities and Activities:

Daily Mass on Sea Days, \$100 On board Credit per cabin, Exclusive St. Benedict Cocktail Party, Reserved Group Dining, Private Slot Pulls, and Private Left, Center, Right games.

Payment Details:

\$250 per person deposit (refundable before October 5); Final Payment due October 8th, 2021

Bus Transportation to Port Canaveral to be arranged at an additional fee.

For further information or to register, contact Bill & Terri Obermeier –
St. Benedict Parishioners

tobie1258@gmail.com * 352-212-3890

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.

PRAYER

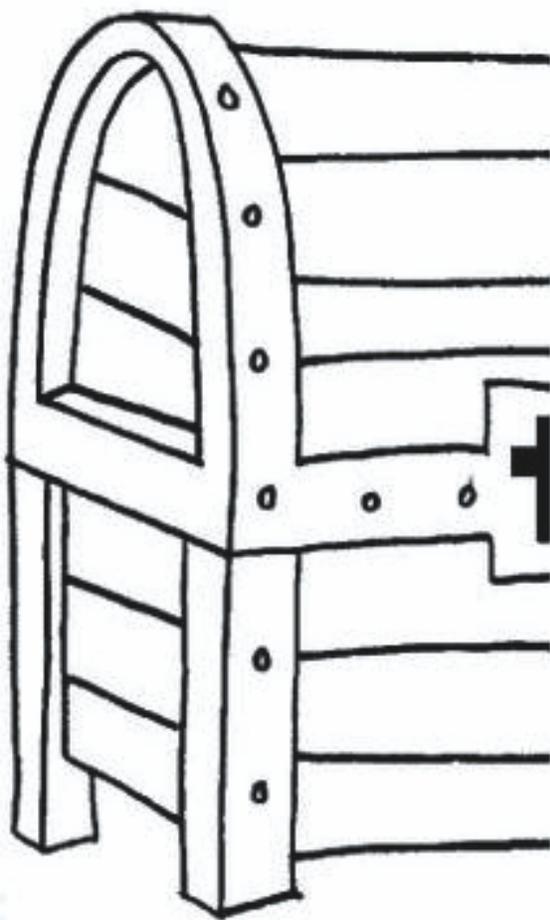
Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.

**MISSION
FOR THE WEEK**

If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.

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