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**AUGUST 9 2020**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings/Observances for the week of August 9, 2020**

- Monday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/ Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/ Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/ Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 0ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Peter said to him in reply,  
"Lord, if it is you, command  
me to come to you on the  
water." He said, "Come."  
Peter got out of the boat  
and began to walk on the  
water toward Jesus.  
- Mt 14:28-29

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

- Observances**
- Monday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Thursday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Saturday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON**  
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Raymond R. Pelkowski  
Stephen G. Scott  
Paul A. Remick-Deacon Intern

**TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 and 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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**Saint of the Month**

**SAINT PIUS X**

*Pray For Us*

**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 [stbenedictholmdel.org](http://stbenedictholmdel.org)



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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Benedict:

Well it certainly has been an interesting summer hasn't it! As I write this the parish is without power and has been now for over 15 hours as the result of the tropical storm that came barreling through here on Tuesday afternoon. I know that many of you are in the same situation as we are here. As inconvenient as it is at least it does not appear that any of us have sustained any serious damage. It does seem, however, that Mother Nature is piling on as we are also still enduring the pandemic. I pray that we are all safe and doing well in the midst of all of this crisis.

Mass attendance has slowly been taking up. I just want to caution those of you who are health compromised, or live with people who are, to be conscious about not coming into crowds unless it is necessary. For that reason we have decided to cancel our annual summer Mass of Anointing of the Sick. Those who are most in need of the sacrament are those who should not be coming out to go to Mass. The bishop has extended the dispensation from Mass attendance beyond the September 7<sup>th</sup> date that he originally set. Prudence dictates what you do.

Preparation for the opening of school as well is underway. The air conditioning project is almost complete. We will now be able to offer at least that comfort for all of our students. This past week we passed the 400 mark of enrollment which is a very good benchmark for us. Several classes are now maxed out and we have waiting lists. That's a good thing to have to worry about these days. Our hope now is that we will be able to open in September as planned.

Although the offices have been open throughout this time of lockdown, we are back now to full staff everyday. You can conduct ordinary business with the offices via phone, the internet, and in person. We are still restricting access to the church to 10 people permitted in the Hall of Saints on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We also continue to hear confessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass outside of the Adoration Chapel. We still have no reasonable expectation of opening the chapel for adoration anytime soon.

We really just have to continue to be safe and smart and to take care of ourselves and one another.

Please know that Father JM and I continue to pray for you and we hope that you remember us in your prayers as well.

Blessings and peace,  
Fr. Garry

**FIVE THINGS to REMEMBER**  
about In-Church Masses ...

- 1 Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation** remains in effect for all Catholics of the Diocese.
- 2 Diocesan Directives** posted to [Dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus) remain in effect.
- 3 Masks** (properly worn) are required.
- 4 Social distancing** must be observed.
- 5 Occupancy limits** will be enforced.

Information published by the Diocese of Trenton

### The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and the *fifth Sunday in a month when there is a fifth Sunday*. First time parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class at any Catholic Church. Baptismal Preparation Classes are held at St. Benedict on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Godparents must obtain a sponsor eligibility certificate verifying they are practicing Catholics who have been confirmed. A date for Baptism will not be confirmed before sponsor eligibility certificates are received at the Parish Office.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mcgee@stbenedictnj.org).

**MASS** *Intentions*

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Dominic, Priest*

5:00 p.m. **Leonardo Zeik** req. The Chivi Family

**In Thanksgiving** req. Elizabeth Dalton

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. **Eileen Lynch** req. Family  
*Pro Populo<sup>1</sup>*

11:00 a.m. **Rufino Guba** req. St. Benedict Contemporary Choir  
**Linda Dickens**  
req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

9:00 a.m. **Margaret Caron-McDermott** req. Jack and Helen Lietz

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Clare, Virgin*

9:00 a.m. **Anthony Fernicola** req. The Fernicola Family

**Anne Hogan** req. The Douglas Family

**Kevin Meurer** req. The Prayer Shawl Family

**Denis Fleming**

req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict

**Agnes Kornett** req. Family

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

9:00 a.m. **Daniel, Charlotte and Dylan Vassallo**  
req. The Vassallo Family

**Dianne Cavallaro** req. The Vassallo Family

**Amalia Marchese**

req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict

**Elvia Dominguez**

req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Pontian, Pope, Hippolytus, Priest*

*Martyrs*

9:00 a.m. **Eugenia Gargiulo** req. Jan and Jerry Gillen

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

9:00 a.m. **Adam Quinones** req. Mom and Dad

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:00 p.m. **William Mathias Servais**

**Paddy and Nellie Regan** req. Jay and Wini Guage

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. **Elizabeth Giaccio** req. Monica and Pat

**Daniel and Anna Murphy** req. The Liptzin Family

11:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

**Joseph A. Pomara, Sr.** req. Josephine Pomara

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

1. For the People of St. Benedict



*Amalia Marchese*

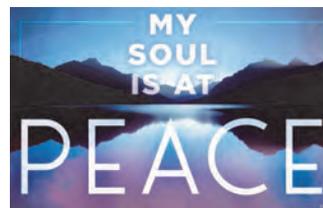
*Graziella Mahrous*

*Thomas Misch*

*Peter McKenty*

*Sanctuary Candle*

In loving memory of **Eileen Lynch**  
req. *Family*



**August 9, 2020**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the

limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule will be updated in a later bulletin**

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Father Garry is pleased to announce that St. Benedict has received over \$87,166 in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$95,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of subsequent donations will be returned to St. Benedict in a parish rebate. **If you have yet to make your gift, pledge forms are available at the doors of the Church.**

**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!**

**Evangelization**  
**Clergy and Religious Administration**  
**Consecrated Life**

In the Diocese of Trenton, those in consecrated life represent membership in a variety of male and female religious institutes. These men and women have dedicated their lives to proclaim the Word of the God and serve His people. Currently we have 51 Brothers, 37 priests and 230 women religious ministering in the diocese. While not easily recognizable, nevertheless, they witness the face of God as they celebrate our liturgies and carry out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in fields of education, health care and social services throughout the diocese. Your gift promotes those called to serve.

**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.

**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.

Lord, let us see your  
kindness, and grant  
us your salvation.

—PS 85



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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Three meetings are held weekly: Monday 8:00 p.m., Tuesday 6:30 p.m. and Friday 5:45 p.m. Meetings are held in the Choir room.

**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](mailto:thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com)  
For information about the Youth Choir or Teen Choir, please contact Ellen Remick, Choir Director at [remick@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:remick@stbenedictnj.org)

**PRAYER INTENTION GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The Prayer Intention Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month 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.



St. Benedict has a gift for you, that gift is a subscription to FORMED, a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix."

Discover the best Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks and audio dramas and a great selection of popular e-books - all just a click away!

Go to [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) and register with our parish code HHNG3M. Share it with your friends!

Check <https://www.leaders.formed.org/> for inspirational resources for Faith Formation in August 2020

**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

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES**

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.



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Please read all the latest COVID-19 updates and School Reopening documents by visiting our website at: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/covid19>

All school tours may be booked by calling the Main School office at 732-264-5578 or online at: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/open-house>



- A nurturing environment centered on the Catholic Faith
- A challenging environment focused on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills
- A learning environment powered by collaboration
- A caring environment hinged on service and social justice
- A motivating environment designed to achieve results
- A loving environment established on the Gospel and tradition

**SCRIP**

SCRIP Cards can be purchased from the parish office. For additional information please contact Lorrie McGee at [mcgee@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mcgee@stbenedictnj.org) or by phone 732-264-4712 ext. 37.



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both young people and parents to let your grace sustain them.

*Amen.*

**Living**

- Fr. Michael Burns
- Fr. Brian Butch
- Fr. John Butler
- Fr. Daniel Cahill

**Seminarian**

Anthony Gentile

**Discerning**

Christopher

**Deceased**

- Fr. David C. Delzell
- Fr. John H. Horan
- Fr. Joseph T. Wade
- Fr. Patrick J. Quinn
- Fr. Pasqual Parente
- Fr. Richard McEwan
- Fr. Edward McAndrews
- Fr. Anthony Smith



**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](mailto:frgarry@stbenedictnj.org)  
 Father JM Patilla [frjohn@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:frjohn@stbenedictnj.org)



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Information on how you may join us can be found at [www.facebook.com/kofcholmdel](http://www.facebook.com/kofcholmdel), pick up a prospect card at the church entrance and drop it in the collection basket or drop us an email at [kofcholmdel@gmail.com](mailto:kofcholmdel@gmail.com). More information on the Knights of Columbus, their insurance products and services can be found at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

**Member Knights**

The next Knights of Columbus business meeting will be a virtual meeting held Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

**Family Rosary**

The Knights of Columbus will recite the next Family Rosary in church on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and will continue every last Saturday of each month. Parishioners attending the Vigil Mass are encouraged to arrive early to participate.

**Eyes for the Needy**

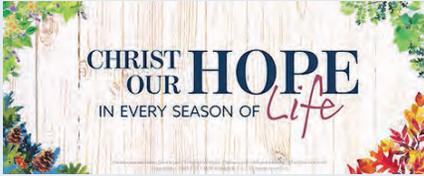
The Knights of Columbus seek your help to help those in need to see what the good lord has provided all of us. Eyes for the Needy is a global organization founded by Julia Lawrence Terry in 1932. Eyes recycle donated prescription, reading, sunglasses, and jewelry. Please drop your unwanted eye glasses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

**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

(Colson Center for Christian Worldview) - You'd think that a global pandemic that's killed hundreds of thousands would at least temper the advance of legal killing. It hasn't. While headlines worldwide were praising New Zealand's prime minister for her handling of COVID-19, she was working to pass what might be described as the most extreme abortion laws on the planet. In late March, New Zealand's parliament voted, in the words of the New York Times, to "loosen" the nation's abortion laws, particularly in the latter half of pregnancy when babies become viable outside of the womb. "Loosen" may be the understatement of the decade. New Zealand's "loosened" laws now allow abortion on-demand, up to the moment of birth, for essentially any reason. That means sex-selective and disability-selective abortions, including for conditions like cleft lip and Down syndrome. The "loosening" happened despite the protests of over 1,200 New Zealanders with Down syndrome and their families, who called on Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern to keep her campaign promise not to allow this kind of deadly discrimination. Even more horrific still, New Zealand's new law includes no requirement that babies born alive after botched abortions be given medical support. This was no accident. Prime Minister Ardern was herself among the loudest voices resisting any attempt to add protections for babies born alive. According to the New York Times article, "public opinion surveys show that most New Zealanders" favored liberalizing their country's abortion laws. However, independent polling shows that the vast majority oppose specific features in this law.

BIRTHRIGHT

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Birthright is currently closed. There is no longer a diaper/clothing bin in the Gathering Space. Our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry will accept diapers. If you have baby and maternity clothes that you wish to donate, Goodwill at 228 Route 35 North in Aberdeen, and Project Paul at 211 Carr Avenue in Keansburg are accepting clean, gently used clothes. Once Birthright has reopened there will be a notice in the Bulletin.

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat that offers wounded parents an opportunity to walk with Christ through the complex circumstances that led to abortion, as well as the devastating aftermath. Rachel's Vineyard also provides a blessed opportunity for parents to begin processing their grief, and to memorialize their children. There is no judgment. There is just an atmosphere of fellowship, compassion, and healing. If an abortion is impacting you, remember that God loves you, just as much as He loves your child. If you would like to experience a weekend of God's love and mercy for yourself, please contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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

The St. Benedict Food Pantry will 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 are welcome.

- 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.

Catholic Charities News



The economic impact of the pandemic has increased the number of homeless families. Catholic Charities provides transitional housing, job skills and budgeting training to people in Monmouth county, who have lost their homes. For assistance call 732-922-0400.

Vincent's Legacy

WANTED: Warehouse space for furniture and household items we provide to families in need; minimum 7,000 sq ft.; charity-driven rent arrangement. Society of St. Vincent de Paul/Vincent's Legacy Furniture Outreach Conference celebrates 10 years serving our community. Based on Superstorm Sandy experience, we anticipate a surge in requests once the reality of COVID-19 on jobs lost is felt by those most vulnerable. To learn more, visit us at https://vincentslegacy.wixsite.com/furniture

SCRIP PROGRAM

The St. Vincent DePaul Society provides assistance for the less fortunate. Parishioners are asked to use the SCRIP envelopes in the back of the Church and make a donation toward the purchase of a supermarket gift card. SCRIP envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

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on receiving the Sacrament of  
First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion is being scheduled for Sunday Masses.  
Please email Carol Cesario [cesario@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:cesario@stbenedictnj.org) in the  
Faith Formation office for the link to sign up.



Students in St. Benedict School will be confirmed on  
Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to restrictions the Sacrament of  
Confirmation will take place in two sessions. Class 8A will be  
confirmed at 2:00 p.m. and class 8B will be confirmed at  
4:00 p.m. Additional information will be provided at a later  
date.

Religious Education students will be confirmed on  
Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to restrictions the Sacrament of  
Confirmation will be celebrated at 2: 00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
Additional information will be provided at a later date.

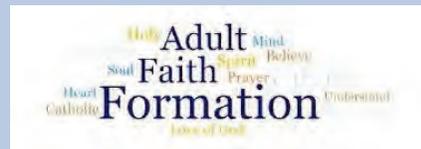


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**Bishop's Anniversary Blessing 2020  
canceled due to Covid-19**

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing 2020 for all couples  
celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>+</sup> wedding anniversary has been  
cancelled for October 2020. All couples who would have  
attended and all those celebrating during the 2020 and 2021  
calendar years are invited to gather with family and friends to  
share the Eucharist, renew your sacred wedding vows, and  
receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing on **Saturday,  
October 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may register  
through **their parish** to attend the Mass and Blessing at  
**Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine**. Please note  
**registration will open on July 1, 2021.**



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Taizé prayer services have been suspended until further notice.



## ASSUMPTION *of the blessed virgin Mary*

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: *(Mention your request)*.

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen.

## 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.

### *Programs include*

Religious Education, Youth Group, Young Adult Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Family Ministry, RCIA, and much more.

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### **Saint Pius X Feast Day—August 21**

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**Because of Covid19 and restricted gathering, St Benedict Church will only be offering virtual programs for the 2020-2021 academic year. This is not home-study but a virtual program taught by staff and teachers.**

**Traditional RE registration is available on our website.**

\* Sign up for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

\* All classes 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> are virtual

### **Grade 7/8 Confirmation Program**

Our Confirmation program will be mostly virtual this year. We will be using the Chosen virtual curriculum with some supplements from Catholic Brain and the Father McBride teen catechism. We will do our best depending on gathering restrictions to hold service and Youth Group meetings throughout the year so that the kids can still have the community aspect of the program that is so important to their faith formation. Details will be coming soon.

### **Facilitator Volunteers**

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the younger generations, this is your chance. The Confirmation program is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Tech savvy and in person mentor volunteers needed.

Faith Formation is seeking **tech savvy** volunteers who would like to help moderate our online program. We are also looking for in person volunteers to help facilitate discussion questions with the students should we be able to meet for service and youth group meetings. Volunteers can sign up for once or twice a month, or even as substitutes.

### **High School Mentors**

Are you a Junior and Senior in High School looking for a way to serve your church? We are looking for high school students with a strong faith to be mentors at our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade program. Please email [mdayton@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mdayton@stbenedictnj.org) for an application. Service hours are available for this position.

### **Questions:**

Please email the Faith Formation office for more information: Carol Cesario [cesario@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:cesario@stbenedictnj.org)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Group is OPEN for general membership. If you, or someone you know is interested in participating please contact me via email ([saverino@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:saverino@stbenedictnj.org)), to introduce yourself and to get on the group roster. Also, please follow us on

**Instagram:** [st.bensnjyouthgroup](https://www.instagram.com/st.bensnjyouthgroup)



Please join the High School Youth group each Sunday night, at 7:45 p.m. join Zoom chat, followed by [ProjectYM.com/watch](https://www.ProjectYM.com/watch) for Worship and Keynote Speaker.

## 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. We meet on Sunday mornings over a cup of coffee!

Perhaps, 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.

There are various members of the community on the RCIA team to assist you. 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, made your First Communion and are over the age of 18 and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please consider joining us on Sundays after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We welcome you and look forward to sharing this journey with you. The process is easy; this formation program is for you. Contact Carol Cesario at 732-264-4712 ext. 24 for more information.

### 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 are interested in joining or would like more information about the group please contact Carol DeMuria at [pastoralcare@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenedictnj.org) or call 732-239-2053,

PRE-REGISTRATION is required. There is NO COST to attend.

All communication will be kept confidential.



**Lori McCahill:** Director of Marriage Ministry  
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**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### 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. Please email all photos emailed directly to [bulletin@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:bulletin@stbenedictnj.org) in a jpeg format. Please provide the date of your upcoming wedding or anniversary.

### USCCB Marriage and Family Pastoral Websites



The "[For Your Marriage](http://www.ForYourMarriage.com)" website offers practical help and advice whether you're seriously dating, engaged, or at any stage of married life. If you're planning a Catholic wedding, you'll find information on everything from choosing the music and readings to marrying someone who is not Catholic. On the homepage check out the Daily Marriage Tips, book reviews, and blogs by engaged and married couples.

# The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**M**ary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history—the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of



Christ’s disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ’s own. “The Immaculate Virgin . . . when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord

of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith” (LG, no. 65).

# Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.

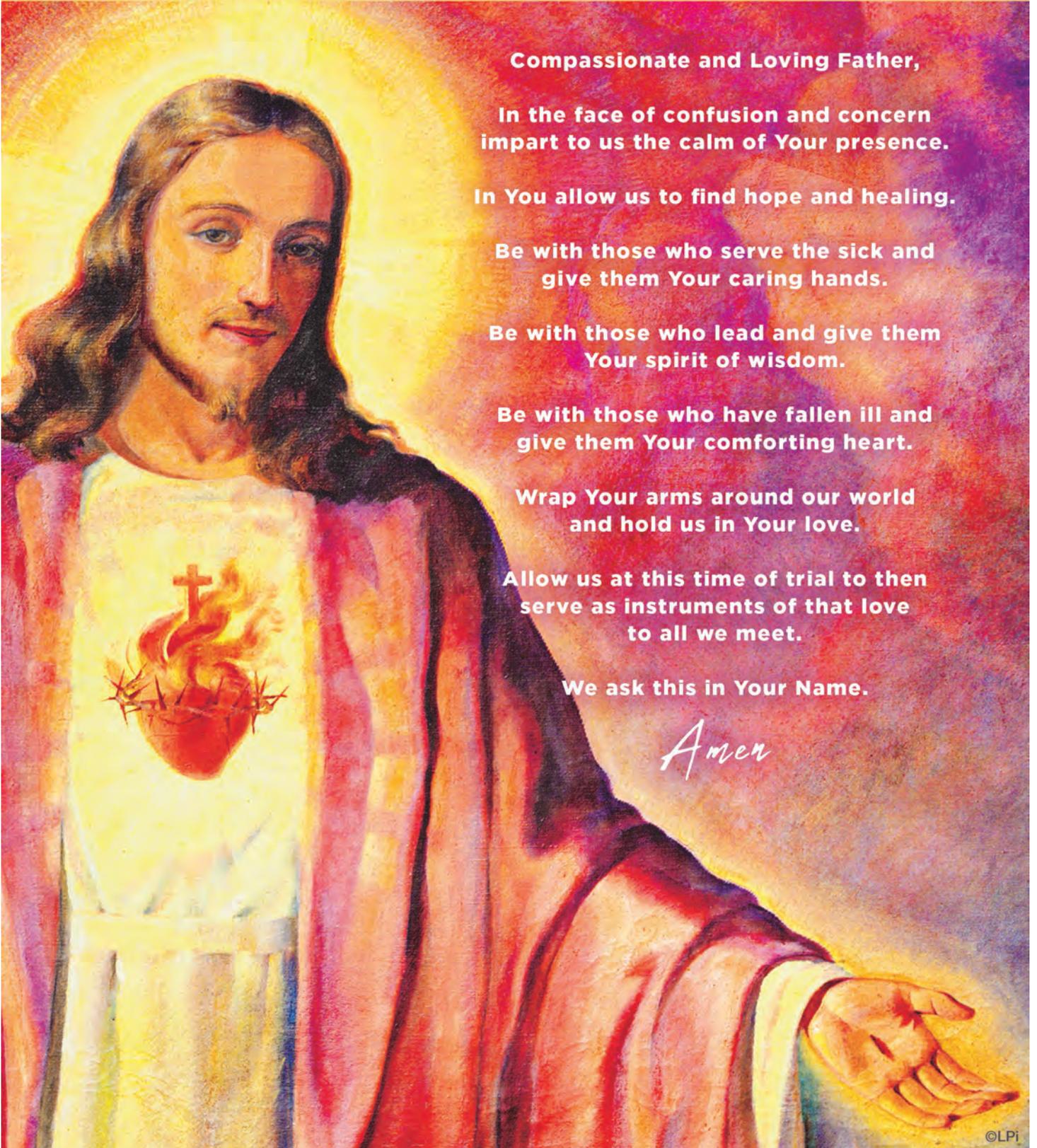
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

*Amen*



At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it. (Deut. 15.1)



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