



## JULY 11, 2021 Feast of Saint Benedict

### Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Prv 2:1-9/1 Cor 1:26-31/  
Mt 19:27-29

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/  
Ps 124:1-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/  
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/  
Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/  
Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/  
Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18/  
Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/  
Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15/  
Mt 12:14-21

# ST. BENEDICT

July 11th



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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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ST. BENEDICT CHURCH MASSES  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM  
SUNDAY 9:30AM  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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



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## FROM THE PASTOR



*Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Benedict:*

Happy Feast Day!

A parish, during Ordinary Time, is able to suspend the closest Sunday to its patronal feast to celebrate as a solemnity. This year we have the added benefit that the actual feast of St. Benedict is July 11<sup>th</sup>, so this weekend we are celebrating in style! We welcome our bishop, David M. O'Connell, C.M., to celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass with us. We are very happy that the bishop was able to put us on his calendar. It is always a joy for the parish to have the bishop with us.

At the Mass this weekend we are dedicating a new icon of St. Benedict that will be placed prominently in the front of the church. Matching the icons in the Hall of Saints, this will be a permanent reminder of our patron within the nave of the church itself. A year ago we were fortunate to procure a first class relic of St. Benedict, which is displayed in the reliquary standing next to his statue in the Hall of Saints.

Saint Benedict of Nursia (c. 480 – c. 547) is the founder of the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino (Italy) and the father of Western monasticism. The Rule that he established stands as the norm for monastic orders and communities in the church even today. In 1964, in view of the work of monks following the Benedictine Rule in the evangelization and civilization of so many European countries, Pope Paul VI proclaimed him the patron saint of all Europe. His twin sister, Saint Scholastica (d. 543) established monasteries for nuns following the same rule as Benedict. Together they forged the principles and disciplines of religious life. Various branches of the Benedictines emerged over the centuries, so besides the original community, such groups as the Trappists and Cistercians are in the Benedictine family. Two Benedictine monasteries remain in New Jersey: St. Benedict in Newark and St. Mary in Morristown. I know many of you are graduates of St. Benedict's Prep in Newark.

This week we will have the first week of the Summer Religious Education Academy. It is a good feeling to have the students back on campus, though some families have opted to remain virtual for the week. The more normal activities we can offer to our students the better they will adjust to the life moving forward. It has been such a challenging school year for so many students that I believe an opportunity such as this is a positive step forward. Thank you to all of the volunteers, and of course our staff of Mrs. Melissa Dayton, Miss Rachel den Hartog, Mr. Ciro Saverino, and our seminarian Anthony Gentile.

Next weekend we will hold our annual summer mission appeal. The Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy are making their appeal to assist with their work throughout the world. Here in New Jersey the Sisters operate Villa Raffaella in Pleasantville (Diocese of Camden) which is an assisted living facility. Due to their concerns over the pandemic, the Sisters will not be represented here next weekend, instead they will make a virtual appeal.

The weekend of July 24 – 25 we will celebrate the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Occurring in the Year of St. Joseph, the theme "I am with you always" draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church. We will focus more on the preparation and events next weekend.

Be safe ... be well ...

*Fr. Garry*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact Margaret Roddy at 732/264-4712 ext. 17 or [roddy@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:roddy@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](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).



**Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>****Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 p.m. **Rob Keane** req. The Keane Family  
**Lourdes Zeik** req. The Chivi Family

**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>****Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saint Benedict**

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**<sup>1</sup>  
 9:30 a.m. **Kathie Lind**<sup>2</sup> req. Gerry Lind and MaryJane Stroz  
**Arthur O'Connell**  
 req. Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners of St. Benedict

**Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. **Anthony Marzigliano** req. The Remick Family

**Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>****Saint Henry**

9:00 a.m. **Christine Cavalli**<sup>3</sup> req. Rosanne Velardo

**Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>****Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

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  
**Anthony Marzigliano**  
 req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict  
**John Farrell** req. Alicia and Chris Farrell  
**Sophie Macchia**  
 req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict  
**Francis Schulte, Jr.** req. Manny and Karen Mera  
**Antonio Raviele** req. The Lumachi Family  
**Ann Nash** req. Larry and JoAnn Egan  
**Eva Milko**  
 req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>****Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. **Anthony Marzigliano** req. The Lombardi Family

**Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>****Our Lady of Mount Carmen**

9:00 a.m. **Adam Quinones** req. Mom and Dad  
**Anthony Marzigliano** req. The Roddy Family  
**Francis Schulte, Jr.** req. The Coyle Family  
**Camille Coleman** req. Dolores and Carmen Simeone  
**Elizabeth Trammell** req. Diane and Bob Laskowski  
**Rose Bielan** req. The Cannarozzo Family  
**Pietra Monteleone** req. The Raczynski Family  
**Alexander Saulon** req. Meaghan Lewis  
**Pat McAleavy** req. The McAleavy Family  
**Peter Allocco**  
 req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict

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- 1 For the People of St. Benedict  
 2 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death  
 3 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>****Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 p.m. **Doris and Jim Seery** req. Elizabeth Dalton

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>****Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**  
 9:30 a.m. **Ivan and Marija Jurasic** req. Dragica Milohnic  
 11:00 a.m. **Joseph Ottati** req. Dennis Vassallo

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



**July 11, 2021**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

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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.

"I can do things  
you cannot;  
you can do  
things I cannot;  
but  
**TOGETHER**  
we can do  
great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Father Garry is pleased to announce that St. Benedict has received over \$88,993 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!

#### 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. 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.

**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**

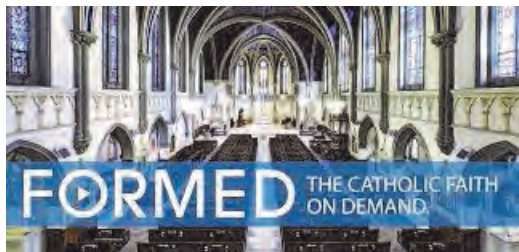
The Contemporary Choir sings every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Youth Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the second and fourth Sundays. The Teen Choir sings at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the third Saturday. For information about the Contemporary Choir, please contact Tom O'Brien, Choir Director at [thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com](mailto:thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com). 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 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel to pray for one another's special intentions.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on alternate Tuesday mornings to knit or crochet shawls for those who are ill or have lost a loved one. If you would like a shawl for someone or would like to join us on Tuesdays, please call Caroline Cattani at 732/241-5150.



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**Check <https://leaders.formed.org/> for inspirational resources for Faith Formation in July 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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**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](mailto: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](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.





Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.

Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both young people and parents to let your grace sustain them.

*Amen.*

### ***Living***

Fr. Erin Brown  
Fr. Michael Burns  
Fr. Brian Butch  
Fr. John Butler  
Fr. Daniel Cahill

**Seminarian-Brian Meinders**

### **Discerning-Salvatore**

### ***Deceased***

Fr. James G. Harding  
Fr. Peter J. Johnson  
Fr. Vincent A. Lloyd  
Fr. Joseph F. Hughes  
Fr. Neil A. Mooney  
Fr. Thomas M. Flaherty  
Fr. Frederick J. Halloran  
Fr. John Rogers  
Fr. John E. Canton  
Fr. John Adamowski



**Why Not You?  
Why Not Now?**

**Wondering who to talk to?** Did you know Father Garry and Father JM serve on our Diocesan Vocation team? Call or make an appointment and they would be happy to answer any questions.

**Contact:** Father Garry Koch-frgarry@stbenedictnj.org  
Father JM Patilla-856-983-0077



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[KofC.org](http://KofC.org).

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**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday,  
July 18th**

**Take-Out  
Available**

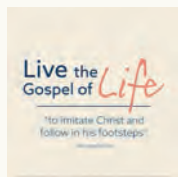
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**St. Benedict Church  
165 Bethany Rd. • Holmdel**

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### Respect Life News



#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for healing after abortion**

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief that frequently accompanies an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat in the Diocese of Trenton will be August 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. To find out if this may be right for you, contact Judy at 732-536-6871 or [judywarren543@msn.com](mailto:judywarren543@msn.com). All calls are strictly confidential. Read more about Rachel's Vineyard online

#### **REIGNING MERCY**

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life 888/575-0075 or email: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)



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](mailto: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!***



### PRO-LIFE MESSAGE From Bishop O'Connell

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I encourage all our Catholic clergy, religious and lay faithful to sign a petition to protect congressional legislative provisions in support of life: <http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com> by July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please access the New Jersey Catholic Conference website: <https://njcatholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amendment> and also read the Action Alerts posted on the NJCC website: <https://njcatholic.org>.


Please consider writing letters in strong support of pro-life protections to our NJ senators and congressmen.

## I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS

WORLD DAY  
FOR  
GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE  
ELDERLY

July 25



### Engagement and Anniversary Announcements

The Marriage Ministry would like to celebrate all engagements and anniversaries for members of our parish. For newly engaged couples receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Benedict please send in a engagement photo and we will announce your wedding date in the bulletin. For couples celebrating a special anniversary please send in your wedding photo and we will announce your special anniversary in our bulletin. All photos must be in a jpeg format and emailed directly to [bulletin@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:bulletin@stbenedictnj.org). Please provide the date of your upcoming wedding or anniversary.



### Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2021 October 10<sup>th</sup>, Ocean/Monmouth

All couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing). The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.

CATHOLIC  
JOURNEY



### JOIN THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON POLAND & PRAGUE 10-Day Pilgrimage - June 5 - 14, 2022

Join us on this beautiful 10-Day Pilgrimage where we will visit Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Prague and much more!  
Pilgrimage Price: \$4,330 double occupancy, single supplement + \$1,050

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For more information please contact:

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In-Person Summer Academy details can be found on the following link:

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Virtual Summer Academy details can be found by using this link:

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### We need help week 2!

If you are able to join us for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup> that would be great! Submit your application here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNLnAiEW6TUrf1HhOgo9AU\\_TXwQrYwSOHUAdu9Ciyqv7vAQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNLnAiEW6TUrf1HhOgo9AU_TXwQrYwSOHUAdu9Ciyqv7vAQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)



**Grade 1-6 and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mdayton@stbenedictnj.org) or call 732-264-4712 ext. 26



**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**, and every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, ALL young people are invited to the 11:00am Mass! To make new friends; to encourage each other in their faith, to inspire each other to serve and participate more reverently in the liturgy. The young people can sit with their families, or they can sit with Mr. Ciro Saverino, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the front. Either way, we hope you'll say "Hello!" on the Church courtyard. RSVP by contacting Ciro, [saverino@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:saverino@stbenedictnj.org).

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**, and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, all **MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** (6-8th grade) are invited to the **JR. CYO** program. RSVP by contacting Ciro, [saverino@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:saverino@stbenedictnj.org).



Virtual Prayer, video's, Apps and Conferences for Stay at Home/ Covid-19 can be found under the adult programs tab on the St. Benedict website

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/adult-programs>

## Faith and Family

### July Faith and Family Calendar

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15175/documents/2021/6/BENEDICTJULY.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](mailto:saverino@stbenedictnj.org)



**This Sundays reading for children**  
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### Year of St. Joseph

#### July: Joseph Most Faithful

*Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.*

#### St Joseph, Most Faithful by Fr. David Huemmer, Chaplain & Spiritual Director

Faithfulness is one of the defining virtues of St. Joseph. It is the first one listed in St. Joseph Chapel here at the Retreat Center. Twelve of the virtues listed in the Litany of St. Joseph are found on the ceiling of the chapel. The Catechism of the Catholic Church helps to define faith in paragraph 143 stating, “By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God. With his whole being, man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, “the obedience of faith.”

St. Joseph was a man who lived this definition of faith. To begin, in Matthew’s gospel, St. Joseph is described as “a just man”. Other versions translate the text saying he was “faithful to the law”. Thus, as the Catechism states, St. Joseph submitted his intellect and his will to God. During this season of Christmas, we have, through the gospel stories proclaimed, been able to see this virtue of faithfulness in St. Joseph live out.

Even though St. Joseph never speaks a word, his actions speak of this deep faith. He shows faithfulness to the Lord when directed by the angel in a dream about taking Mary as his wife, and when asked to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, he responds in faith by doing so without a word. Therefore, because of the virtue of his faithfulness, He is given to us as the model husband, father, and protector.



**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple  
Fra Angelico (ca 1540)**

As the sun was setting on the medieval world, new depictions of Saint Joseph and the Holy Family began to emerge. None of these works were more impactful and timeless than the warm and immediate images found in the frescoes of the Dominican painter, Guido di Pietro, known most often today as Fra Angelico.

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, painted between 1540 and 1542 is a fresco by Fra Angelico made for the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence during the time when the artist was prior there. This is one of a limited number of frescoes whose composition and color confirm with some certainty that Fra Angelico executed most of the work himself. The scene is serene, but immediate with warm tones and an earthly setting lacking the gold embellishments Fra Angelico was known to use skillfully in his wealthy commissions. This scene was painted in a monk’s cell for the purpose of contemplation.

Here Joseph is placed on the same visual plain as The Virgin, standing with her as husband and wife. She presents her Son to Simeon as Joseph presents the customary offering. Joseph is neither old nor young, but a fitting compliment to Mary. In the foreground just before them, Saint Peter Martyr and the Blessed Villana of the Dominican Order contemplate the scene. It is also interesting to note that the image of Joseph bears a striking resemblance to other works of Blessed Fra Angelico that are identified as self-portraits, thus suggesting that the Prior/Artist may well have looked to Joseph as a patron and example as he served his brother Dominicans.



Real Life Catholic is a website that offers live events, coaching, inspiration for everyday life and much more. You can access Real Life Catholic program on St. Joseph using the link provided <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/reallifejoseph>

Take part on a journey with Joseph, a 37 episode personal development program to get to know St. Joseph, but more importantly, to help you discover more Jesus, more joy and more purpose in your everyday life. There is a small fee for this course.

To learn more about St. Joseph click on the link below to  
access our dedicated page to him.

<https://parish.stbenedicttholmdel.org/year-of-st-joseph-1>





### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ([Proverbs 31:10](#))

**ACTION POINTS:** What are three things you appreciate about your spouse? Show your spouse your appreciation for something specific.

### National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>)

Here in the Diocese of Trenton, our NFP Awareness efforts for 2021 – 2022 will emphasize the **mother-daughter relationship** with a host of events to honor the special role of mothers in teaching their daughters the wonders of their changing bodies, fertility cycles, becoming a woman and perhaps one day a mother.



**The Wonder of Eve Presentation,**  
**July 29<sup>th</sup>** for High School Girls and their  
Moms, Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 – 8:15 pm; register for this free event  
at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/natural-family-planning)



[ForYourMarriage.org](http://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](http://PorTuMatrimonio.org) and [MarriageUniqueForAReason.org](http://MarriageUniqueForAReason.org).




# The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 11, 2021

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## WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

## TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)!



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# FAITH AT HOME

Making Faith Come Alive for Your Family



## Prepare for Mass and grow in the faith by...



- [Praying for our country on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>](#)
- Celebrating [World Day for Grandparents on July 25<sup>th</sup>](#), the feast day of Jesus' Grandparents, St. Ann & St. Joachim. [Pray for your Grandparents, both living and deceased.](#)
- Returning to in person Mass at your home parish. [Read here for the latest guidelines.](#) [How to return to Mass after you haven't been in a while.](#)
- Praying an [Our Father](#) together with your family each day.



## JULY 2021 Sunday Mass Readings

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

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - When have you struggled to speak the truth among your friends? What makes this difficult? What are the consequences?

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** - Jesus instructs the disciples to only bring the bare necessities with them on their mission. If Jesus calls you to let go of the "non-essentials" and follow Him, would you do it? Are all our "essentials" actually essential?

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** - Why is rest (physical and spiritual) important, and how do you make sure you get enough of it in your own life? How do you keep Sunday as a day of rest?

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** - In the Gospel, a boy had five barley loaves and two fish, and Jesus multiplied them to feed thousands of people. What can you give to Jesus that He can multiply for others? Who are the people in your life that have been generous to you?

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](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home).



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