

## ***A Bit of a Mass Schedule!***

### ***This Weekend***

**Friday, November 2 (All Souls' Day)** – 7:00pm (*Exposition and Adoration to follow*)

*Saturday, November 3 – 8:00am - Benediction*

**Saturday, November 3** – 5:30pm (*4:30pm, Confession*)

**Sunday, November 4** – 8:30am and 11:00am

### ***Week of November 5***

**Tuesday, November 6** – 5:30pm

**Wednesday, November 7** – 5:30pm

**Thursday, November 8** – *Mass for Miscarried Children* – 7:00pm (*6:00pm, Confession*)

**Friday, November 9** – 8:30am

**Saturday, November 10** – 5:30pm (*4:30pm, Confession*)

**Sunday, November 11** – 8:30am and 11:00am

## ***Second Collection***

### ***Little Sisters of the Poor***

This weekend of **November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** a second collection will be taken to help the Little Sisters of the Poor, whose mission provides a home where the neediest elderly of every race and religion are welcomed as Christ and cared for as family since 1874 in the Commonwealth of VA. The Sisters will be present at all the Masses to explain their mission and to ask for your support. They count on your generosity to continue their work of mercy as much as you can count on their grateful prayers for you and your loved ones. You are invited to visit the web site [www.littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org).

## ***Cemetery Walk***

Saint Benedict parish in Richmond will conduct a pilgrimage to nearby Mount Calvary Cemetery on **Saturday, November 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. The event will underscore the significance of praying for the dead, a Spiritual Work of Mercy that receives special attention during month of November. Participants in the Cemetery Walk will leave from Saint Benedict Church at 10:00 a.m. After visiting Mount Calvary and offering prayers for the faithful departed, pilgrims will walk to the nearby Fan district for lunch at Postbellum restaurant. Buses will then be available to shuttle participants back to Saint Benedict's. The total distance of the Cemetery Walk is two-and-a-half miles. Those who would like to participate are kindly asked to email Ida O'Leary ([ioleary@saintbenedictparish.org](mailto:ioleary@saintbenedictparish.org)), the office manager at Saint Benedict parish, by November 1. Children are welcome to participate.

## ***Diocesan Catholic Women's Conference***

On **Saturday, November 3, 2018** the diocese will host the 6th Annual Catholic Women's Conference at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. There will be two simultaneous conferences taking place – one for English speakers and one for Spanish speakers. The English keynote is Michelle Benzinger, and music will be provided by Marie Miller. The conference features keynote speakers, breakout opportunities, music, vendors, box lunch, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass. Registration can be found at [www.cdrcmfl.org](http://www.cdrcmfl.org).

## ***40 Days for Life***

Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from **Wednesday, September 26 – Sunday, November 4** which dedicates 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our city. A peaceful vigil of prayer is held at the right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton, 7am-7pm. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the vigil any day you can. For more information, contact: Cindy Tompkins – [cindy.m.tompkins@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.m.tompkins@gmail.com) or Jim Disney – [jkdirney@verizon.net](mailto:jkdirney@verizon.net) or visit the website at: [www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond).

### ***Mass for Miscarried Children***

A Mass for Miscarried Children will be offered on **Thursday, November 8 at 7:00pm**. (Confessions will take place at 6:00pm.) There will be a book in which the names of miscarried children may be inscribed. During November, the Church especially prays for the souls of all the dead.

### ***A Bit of Fellowship!***

#### ***Family Fun Night***

On **Wednesday, November 14th**, the parish will be hosting a **Family Fun Night**. Everyone is encouraged to begin by attending the **5:30pm** mass. After mass, *Hollywood Cheesesteak food truck* and *Return of the Mac* (loaded mac and cheese entrees) *food truck* will be available for food purchase at a discounted rate (the parish is subsidizing 20% of the food costs). Beer will be available with wristbands, which cost \$10. Lawn games and fire pits will be put out for enjoyment. During dinner, Deacon Ed Owen will give a brief talk. This **Family Fun Night** will take the place of regularly scheduled religious education and choir that evening.

### ***Religious Education***

#### ***Religious Education K-12***

Religious Education for grades K-5, 6-8 (Edge), and 9-12 (The Rule) resumes this week, November 7th, from 6:30 - 7:30pm in St. Benedict Catholic School. Aftercare provided for those with siblings in Edge or The Rule or with parents in choir.

### ***First Penance Classes***

Preparation Classes for First Penance are from **6:30-7:30 pm** on **Tuesdays November 13, November 20, and November 27** in the Parish Center. These classes are for both children and for at least one practicing Catholic parent. First Penance will take place on **Saturday, December 1**, beginning at **9:30 am**.

### ***Confirmation Outing***

The outing for Confirmand is **Saturday, November 17th, from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. Since the trip is off campus, please submit the permission form sent home in email and on the parish website.

### ***March for Life***

Youth grades 8-12 are invited to join for the March for Life and Life is VERY Good youth rallies. We will head up on Thursday, January 17 in the afternoon for the Evening of Prayer at the EagleBank Arena. That night we will stay in a local hotel. In the morning we will attend the Life is VERY Good rally at the same arena before heading into D.C. for the March. After the March

we will return home on Friday, January 18. All travel will be on Diocesan buses. Thursday evening snack and Friday breakfast and lunch included. Please contact Kevin Corcoran for pricing, details, and permission form.

### ***Diocesan Youth Conference***

Registration for the Diocesan Youth Conference is underway. **February 8 – February 10.** Open to all 8th through 12th grade students. The conference is a gathering of youth from all parishes of the diocese to grow in faith and fellowship. Included are most meals, lodging, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, inflatables, a T-shirt, and a service component. Email Kevin Corcoran for more pricing, details, and permission form.

### ***RCIA***

Do You Know Someone Who Wants to Become a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the process for entering the Catholic Church, is ongoing. Sessions are held approximately every other **Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30pm** in the Parish Center.

### ***RVAConnect (Young Adults)***

Tolle Lege will continue this **Thursday, November 8th, from 7:00 – 8:30pm.** Young adults are also welcome to the Family Fun Night happening November 14th. A fall calendar is on the side porch and on the parish website. Please email to be added to the email list.

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Email [Connectrva@gmail.com](mailto:Connectrva@gmail.com) for more info about Tolle Lege and to join our mailing list.

### ***Book Study Group***

The book study group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the St. Gregory room. The current book is *The Case for Jesus* by Brant Pitre. All adults are welcome! Please contact Rebecca Hickman at [rehickman@comcast.net](mailto:rehickman@comcast.net) or at 804-212-4786 for more information.

### ***Contact***

For more information, please contact Kevin Corcoran, the director of Evangelization and Catechesis ([kcorcoran@saintbenedictparish.org](mailto:kcorcoran@saintbenedictparish.org)).

### ***A Bit from the School***

#### ***Saint Benedict Catholic School Open House***

Saint Benedict Catholic School invites you to our upcoming Fall Open House on **Wednesday, November 14 from 9am - 11:30am.** Enrollment season is here, and we'd like your family to become a part of our Parish School Family! Did you know that 86% of our students are Catholic, and of those students, half are our own Parish children? Did you know that every Catholic family receives discounts to enable their children to attend our school? It's a very special, Christ-filled, community where the bonds between family life, school life and parish life are strong. Join us for our Open House and learn about your parish school, which provides the only Catholic, Latin-based classical curriculum for grades JK-8 in RVA. Register online today at [www.saintbenedictschool.org](http://www.saintbenedictschool.org). Please see attached flyer for more information. Questions?

Contact parishioner, parent and Dir. of Admissions, Gretchen Ridgely at 254-8850 or [admissions@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:admissions@saintbenedictschool.org).

### **Music Notes!**

#### ***Three Notch'd Road: The Charlottesville Baroque Ensemble presents: Rejoice, Mother Poland: The Glory of the Polish Baroque***

The next concert in Saint Benedict Music Series will be performed on **Saturday, November 17, at 7:30pm** by Three Notch'd Road: The Charlottesville Baroque Ensemble. Poland's musical heritage is vast and rich, but its flourishing in the Baroque period is virtually forgotten. Three Notch'd Road is joined by bass Peter Walker and soprano Jessica Petrus to rediscover composers Wojciech Długoraj, Mikołaj Zieleński, Adam Jarzębski, and Grzegorz Gerwazy Gorczycki along with traditional folk melodies and hymnody. This program will also feature a world premiere from Polish-American composer Mark Nowakowski. A reception will follow the concert, graciously hosted by the Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society.

#### ***Cantors:***

The parish is very much in need of Cantors to sing at all weekend Masses. The role of the cantor is to foster active participation in the Holy Mass by leading the Responsorial Psalm and the other chants and hymns, singing in dialogue with the assembly. Cantors sing at liturgies throughout the year, including weekend Masses. Training for cantors is scheduled individually with the Choirmaster and Organist.

For more information on these items, please contact Joel S. Kumro, Choirmaster and Organist.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### ***Food Drive***

The Father William J. Nolte Council 11533 of the Knights of Columbus thanks you for the continued support of their monthly food drive for Commonwealth Catholic Charities. Since July, our Parish have been able to donate over 2,000 pounds of food for their food pantry. Because of your generosity, we are helping to take care of individuals who are in the most need of help in our community. We will be handing out bags following the Masses this weekend **November 3rd and 4th**, and you can return your bags with non-perishable goods the following weekend, November 10th and 11th. Thank you!

#### ***Christmas Card Sales***

The Father William J. Nolte Council 11533 of the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card Sales starting this weekend of **November 3rd and 4th**. The proceeds from the sales goes to support our future Priests for the Diocese of Richmond, while in the Seminary. There also will be the opportunity to purchase cards and have them donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you!

### **Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society**

The Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society welcomes all women 18 years and older to join them on the 2nd Sunday of each month for fellowship, spiritual inspiration, planning parish activities and refreshments.

The next meeting of The Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society will be **Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 12:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Please come.

### **Thank You!**

#### **Ancient Order of Hibernians Donation**

The Major James H. Dooley Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians recently donated \$3,500 to Catholic Schools, Parish Faith Formation Programs and Parish Needs for various Parishes in Richmond. Donations were made from the proceeds of their 16th Annual "Trip for Two to Ireland" 2018 Raffle. This year, AOH is donating \$250 to St. Benedict's for Catholic Education, and will be presenting the check to Fr. Tony after the 11:00am Mass on **Sunday, November 18**. Over the years St. Benedict's has received \$5,250 from the proceeds of this raffle. If you'd like to buy a ticket for the 2019 Raffle, contact Jim Woods: 804-339-3628/ [jwoods0107@gmail.com](mailto:jwoods0107@gmail.com). Practicing male parishioners of Irish descent are encouraged to join. For membership information contact Johnny Cates: 804-972-2729 / [johncates1@verizon.net](mailto:johncates1@verizon.net) or visit [www.aohrichmond.org](http://www.aohrichmond.org).

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Welcome. Welcome to the Major James Henry Dooley Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We are celebrating

### **Safe Environment Requirements**

#### **VIRTUS REMINDER!**

You are responsible for keeping your VIRTUS account up to date. Please be responsive to the monthly email updates and newsletters that VIRTUS sends you. Remember that you **MUST** read the newsletter and indicate such **EVERY SINGLE MONTH**. The Diocese monitors these accounts often and if you are defunct in your reading, they will suspend your account! We value your volunteer services and don't want to lose you!! Please be proactive in ensuring that your account is active and that we remain compliant with the Diocesan Safe-Environment Regulations. If you have any questions pertaining to this or volunteer opportunities, please contact Ida B. at [iolery@saintbenedictparish.org](mailto:iolery@saintbenedictparish.org).

### **Hospitality!**

#### **All are Welcome!**

Remember! After our Sunday morning Masses there will be time to gather and talk with other parishioners in the Parish Center while enjoying a bit of light refreshment. Hospitality after the 8:30 and 11:00am Masses will include coffee and baked goods. On the second Saturday of every Month there is hospitality after the 5:30pm Mass – which includes hors d'oeuvres, deserts, wine and other beverages.

### **Weekday Church Availability**

In order to ensure the safety of parishioners and the security of the parish campus, during the week, the church will be closed from 4:00pm, when the office closes, until the sacristan arrives to set up for the 5:30pm Mass. On a normal weekdays, the church is available for prayer during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. In order to gain access to the church during these times, please ring the bell in the courtyard outside the side porch.

### ***Homebound a Bit?***

If you happen to be going into the hospital or if you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, homebound, or unable to attend church any longer please let me know. We have no way of knowing if our parishioners have fallen ill and need a pastoral visit from Fr. Tony unless we are informed. So please keep me in the loop! Call or email me and when you do, be sure to make sure you leave your name and number so that I can contact you for details if necessary. THANKS so much!!

### ***After Hours EMERGENCY!?***

If you ever find there is an emergency in which you need a priest IMMEDIATELY – you can call 804-254-0887. This is an emergency answering service that will get in touch with Fr. Tony right away.

### ***A Solemn Bit.***

Remember, in our parish bulletin, weekly – we publish a list of parishioners for whom we pray - both sick and deceased. Please be sure to pick up a parish bulletin and perhaps keep the list near your prayer book so, during the week you can offer up prayers for those who are dear to us. You can also access our parish bulletin through this website: <http://discovermass.com/church/st-benedict-richmond-va/>.

While we try to retain people on the sick list as long as necessary, many people place names on the list and never have them removed. If you have added someone to the sick list that can be removed, please let me know so that we know who to pray for. THANK YOU!

### ***A bit of administrative housekeeping***

#### ***Giving using your IRA***

If you are 70½ or older, instead of receiving the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can give some or all of it directly to charity. By doing this it keeps the distribution out of your taxable income avoiding income tax on the funds, as well as helping to keep your adjust gross income lower to avoid Medicare income related surcharges. In order to arrange for this distribution, you would need to contact the custodian of your IRA so the funds must be distributed directly from the IRA to the charity.

#### ***Contribution Envelope Information!!***

The next set of quarterly envelopes (for January, February and March) will go out at the end of December. If you have moved and have not yet informed me, please let me know prior to November 20 so that your new set of envelopes will be delivered to your new address.

#### ***No Envelope?? No Problem!!***

If you don't get your envelopes or forget your contribution envelope and you are paying with a check, simply write your envelope number (if you remember it) in the Memo section of the check and fold it and drop it in the collection basket. You do not need to use one of the "Welcome" envelopes unless you are contributing with cash.

#### ***eGiving***

If you contribute through e-Giving and prefer to not receive contribution envelopes anymore, please let me know. If you are not enrolled in e-Giving and would prefer to tithe in this manner visit our website [www.saintbenedictparish.org](http://www.saintbenedictparish.org) and click on the “e-Giving” box on the bottom right corner of webpage. If you are enrolled in e-Giving, it is recommended that you check your account on a regular basis in order to review your selections as sometimes recurring may have an end date, which you may want to extend.

### ***Address Change?***

Please try to keep me “in the know” if you have changes to your address or phone number. If you move – you will need to inform me of your new address so I can make the change in our database. Similarly, please let me know if your email address will be changing. Along these same lines, in an effort to keep our database current, if you move to another state or parish and will no longer be attending Saint Benedict, you will want to inform me of this so I can deactivate your membership.

### ***A Website BIT***

#### ***Visit our Website!***

We have a wonderful Website that provides a lot of up-to date information. Bookmark it and check it often! <http://www.saintbenedictparish.org> . Note that if there is any change to the daily Mass schedule, this will be posted on the homepage (along with your receiving an update from me).

### ***A Bit More?***

#### ***Have a look at the Bulletin on-line!***

Did you know that the parish bulletin is available on-line at [www.discovermass.com](http://www.discovermass.com). Through this site, you can also sign up to receive the bulletin via email weekly. Please remember to look at the bulletin every week! While my email provides most highlights and I try to include reminders of important events and such, it is but a secondary resource to the primary resource of the bulletin and announcements at the beginning of Mass!

### ***To get the BITS or not... your choice!***

If you know of anyone that wishes to receive these emails, please pass my email along to them and tell them to send me an email that requests that I place them on the distribution list. If you prefer NOT to receive these emails anymore, please let me know so I can remove you from our Parish distribution list.

### ***Find us on Social Networks!!***

Follow Saint Benedict Catholic Church on Facebook and Instagram!

Our community life and evangelistic efforts will be greatly aided by the use of social networking. Please look for Saint Benedict's on Facebook at: [facebook.com/StBenedictRVA/](https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictRVA/); and follow us on Instagram: @stbenedict\_RVA. When you find us, be sure to like and share our posts!

### ***A little funny..***

What did the thief who stole the calendar get?

*Twelve Months.*

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