

Let me encourage you to read this email; as there are many things listed in great detail!

There are so many events coming your way; lots of things – to fill up your day!

A Bit of a Mass Schedule!

This Weekend

Friday, October 5 – 8:30am and 5:30pm – *Exposition and Adoration to follow*
Saturday, October 6 – 8:00am *Benediction*

Saturday, October 6 – 5:30pm (4:30pm, *Confession*)

Sunday, October 7 – 8:30am and 11:00am

Week of October 8

Tuesday, October 9 – No Mass

Wednesday, October 10 – 5:30pm

Thursday, October 11 – 5:30pm

Friday, October 12 – 8:30am

Saturday, October 13 – 5:30pm (4:30pm, *Confession*)

Sunday, October 14 – 8:30am and 11:00am

Parish Clean-Up Day - Fall Edition!

All parishioners, including children ages 8 and above, are invited to participate in a Parish Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The purpose of the effort will be to do minor landscaping on the parish grounds (weeding, trimming bushes, etc.). Please sign up for this event here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Nf34jRCCjVDaNDij2>

Hurricane Florence / Natural Disaster Relief

Second Collection Scheduled

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence, the USCCB has asked that we take up an emergency collection to support Church relief agencies as they provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, from this and any other natural disasters that occur this year. The (2nd) collection will take place at Saint Benedict parish the weekend of October 6/7. Parishioners should make the check out to “Saint Benedict Parish” and write “2018 Disaster Fund” in the memo line. Alternatively, individuals can send donations directly to Catholic Charities USA at www.catholiccharities.org.

Zephyrus Concert

The third concert in Saint Benedict Music Series will be performed on Sunday, October 14th, at 7:00pm. Zephyrus Early Music Vocal Ensemble presents "Draw On, Sweet Night: Nocturnes, Benedictions & Dream-Songs." Featuring motets for the evening compline service by Renaissance composers Thomas Tallis and John Sheppard, juxtaposed with the ethereal music of contemporary composers Eric Whitacre and Tarik O'Regan, as well as organ music by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, John Bull & John Redford. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Saints in Light

"Let us give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). On Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30pm there will be a presentation on the "saints in light": the holy men and women depicted in the stained-glass windows and mural of the church. The evening will include brief biographies of these saints, along with prayers and hymns. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this excellent preparation for All Saints Day (November 1).

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 or Jim Disney – jedisney@verizon.net or visit the website at: www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond.

Music Notes!

Saint Benedict Parish Choir Resumes:

Regular rehearsals of the Parish Choir resumed on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm. A meet and greet and choir orientation will follow. Dinner will be served. Choir rehearsals are held most Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the choir loft, unless otherwise scheduled. The Parish Choir sings most Sundays at the 11:00am Mass, as well as select holidays, October through June. Members of the Parish Choir foster active participation in the Holy Mass by leading the people in liturgical music and performing pieces of sacred choral music. Choristers receive musical, liturgical, and pastoral formation as part of their ministry. Our choristers come from various age groups and backgrounds, ranging from those with little singing experience and limited or no ability to read music, to those with advanced

musical degrees. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to consider signing in the choir.

Children's Choir Resumed:

Regular rehearsals of the parish Children's Choir resumed on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 3:00pm. Children in grades 2–8 are encouraged to sing in the Parish Children's Choir. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 3–4pm in the school library. The Children's Choir allows young people to deepen their appreciation and love for liturgical music, and provides basic instruction in singing and musicianship. The Children's Choir will sing monthly at various weekend Masses, as well as select holidays during the school year.

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.

Religious Education

Religious Education (K-5)

K-5 Religious Education will take place on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm at the Parish school. After-care provided for those with siblings in Edge or The Rule or parents in choir.

Edge

Edge, middle school religious education, will take place from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday nights in the St. Anselm Hall of the Parish School after the kickoff.

The Rule

The Rule, high school religious education, will take place from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center after the kickoff.

Confirmation Orientation

Will take place on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 12:30-1:30 pm in St. Anselm Hall. Please register for confirmation on the parish website.

Religious Education Registration

If you haven't yet registered your child for Religious Education, please do so on the parish website.

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.

Contact

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

RVAConnect (Young Adults)

Starting October 11th at 7:00 pm, RVAConnect will begin a study group (Tolle Lege) meeting the second Thursday of the month to read and discuss spiritual works in the Parish Center. A second social or service oriented event will happen later in the month. The current work are selections from The Confessions of St. Augustine. A fall schedule can be found on the side porch.

Please RSVP to connectrva@gmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook Email 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 or at 804-212-4786 for more information and to purchase a book.

Priest Convocation

Fr. Tony be away from the parish from October 15 to 17 in order to attend the annual Priest Convocation with Bishop Knestout and all priests of the diocese. Daily Mass will not be celebrated on October 16 or 17. Instead of Mass, Deacon Ed Owen will lead the celebration of Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30pm. Vespers is part of the liturgy or official worship of the Church. If there is an emergency while I am gone, please call the emergency line.

Father asks that you to pray for the bishop and priests of the diocese during our annual gathering.

The Gift that Keeps Giving!

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast and Blood Drive!

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a parish Breakfast and Blood Drive Sunday, October 28 from 9:00am – 1:00pm in Saint Anselm Hall at the Parish School (While donors eat free, the fee for non-donors – Adults \$7.00, Children \$4.00 – kids under 4 eat free). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the stand on the Side Porch. For more information see the attached flyer entitled “Blood Drive Oct 2018”. **(On the Day of the blood drive, regular parish hospitality is canceled)**

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), the office manager at Saint Benedict parish, by November 1. Children are welcome to participate.

All Saints Day

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 31 at 5:30pm (vigil), and on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:30am and 7:00pm (both with the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin). As the name implies, All Saints Day commemorates all who are in heaven: those who have been officially declared (canonized) and particularly those who have not.

All Souls’ Day

On Friday, November 2, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, better known as All Souls’ Day. As the name implies, on All Souls’ Day the Church intercedes for the dead.

Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society

Are you looking for a way to be of service to St. Benedict Parish and its members?
Come check us out.

The purpose of the Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society is to:

- enhance spiritual growth & fellowship among our members,
- engage in activities to benefit the St. Benedict Parish Community, and
- assist and support the William J. Nolte Council 11533, Knights of Columbus.

Our Society invites all women 18 years and older to join us every 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.

The next meeting of The Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society will be Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please join us.

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.

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 ioleary@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 (*this month – October 13*),

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 ***Contribution Envelope Information!!***

You should have received the most recent set of quarterly envelopes (for October, November and December). You may notice that the last envelope in your current packet and the first envelope in your next packet are the same date (but a different color). It was an intentional replication as, while the envelopes are mailed in plenty of time, there are times that the USPS sometimes has issues getting mail to folks prior to that first weekend of the month that begins the next round of envelopes. This extra envelope just provides you a “security blanket” in the event that you didn’t get this next set of envelopes prior to last weekend. Please be sure to make note of the dates on the envelope so that you don’t think you have to contribute twice in one weekend!

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 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 de-activate 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. 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/; and follow us on Instagram: @stbenedict_RVA. When you find us, be sure to like and share our posts!

A little funny..

Why did the cow go to New York City?
To see the moosicals.

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