

**Second weekend of summer heat,
Read the BITS so you don't miss a beat!**

A Bit of a Mass Schedule!

This Weekend

Friday, June 7 – 5:30 p.m. followed by Exposition and Adoration

Saturday, June 8 – 8:00 a.m. - Benediction

Saturday, June 8 – 5:30pm (4:30 p.m., Confession)

Sunday, June 9 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Week of June 10

Tuesday, June 11 – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 13 – 5:30 p.m. (6:00-7:00 p.m., Confession)

Friday, June 14 – 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 15 – 5:30pm (4:30 p.m., Confession)

Sunday, June 16 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

From Fr. Tony:

New Pastor

I am grateful for parishioners' kind words to me upon the announcement of my transfer to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. I know that transitions are difficult. Nevertheless, I am pleased to announce that Bishop Barry C. Knestout has appointed Father John David Ramsey as the next pastor of St. Benedict's (effective July 1). Father John David currently serves as the pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Newport News. Please pray for Father John David as he prepares for his new assignment. May our heavenly patron intercede for the incoming pastor: "For he is regarded as holding the place of Christ" (Rule of St. Benedict, ch. 2). —Fr. Tony

Seminarian Assignment

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Knestout has assigned seminarian Armando Herrera to St. Benedict for his pastoral year. In the Diocese of Richmond, every seminarian takes a pastoral year between the second and third year of theology in seminary. The pastoral year provides extensive experience in all aspects of parish ministry, working with the pastor and parish staff in service to the parish family. This coming year five men will have a pastoral year. Armando will be joining us on August 9. We look forward to welcoming him then!

Father Tony on Retreat

Father will be on retreat from Monday, June 17 until Monday, June 24. All priests are required to make a retreat each year (Code of Canon Law, canon 276 §2, no. 4). He asks that you pray for him during this time, as he will for you. During his absence, a visiting priest will celebrate Mass and hear confessions on Thursday, June 20 and on the weekend of June 22–23. If, during this time, there is an emergency that requires a priest, please contact Fr. Sunil Chiriyankandath of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (c: 630-828-4000).

Congratulations Confirmands

The parish extends its best wishes and prayers to the young people of the parish who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Barry C. Knestout on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Altar Server Training

A training session for altar servers will take place on **Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 10:00am**. To be an altar server, a child must be baptized, have received First Holy Communion, regularly attend Mass, and be enrolled in religious education (either through the home, the parish, or Saint Benedict School) and attend the training.

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast and Blood Drive!

Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. We can help answer the call...the Red Cross is currently in need of all blood types, especially O blood of which they are in critical need. One donation can save up to three lives!!! Answering to the need, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a parish Breakfast and Blood Drive next **Sunday, June 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** 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). The menu will consist of egg & sausage casseroles, fruit, danish, coffee & juice. In order to sign up for the blood drive call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KOC. For more information see the attached flyer entitled “Blood Drive June 2019”. *(On the day of the blood drive and bake sale, regular parish hospitality is canceled)*

Lilies of the Holy Trinity

Father's Day Bake Sale

The annual Father's Day bake sale hosted by the Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society will take place **June 15 & 16** after all Masses! The Lilies will be selling delicious homemade baked goods after each Mass. Purchases may be made with cash or check. Your support is always appreciated! Enjoy! Flyer Attached. *(On the day of the bake sale and blood drive, regular parish hospitality is canceled)*

Meeting

The Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society invites all women of the Parish 18 years and older to join them for food, fun, fellowship and discussion of Parish Activities. They meet in the Parish Center on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Their next meeting is **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at 12:30 PM. They look forward to seeing you there.

Military Appreciation

In order to recognize our troops, keep in touch with them, and let them know that they are not forgotten, the Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society would like to periodically send cards and packages of treats to them. If you have a family member or friend in our Armed Forces and would like for them to recognize them with these items submit their name and address to Rebecca Hickman at rehickman@comcast.net so that packages can be sent off to them. Please let them know that the Lilies are praying for them.

Rosary Ministry

The Rosary Ministry at Saint Mary's Hospital is in need of volunteers. Every Monday through Friday at 3:00 p.m. the Rosary is recited in the newly renovated chapel located on the first floor of the hospital. Volunteers are asked to dedicate one hour a month to the recitation of the Rosary for St. Mary's patients, caregivers and their families as well as your own personal intentions. Coordinators strive to ensure two volunteers are available to provide this spiritual ministry. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry to share your faith and prayer with others. For more information or to sign up to be a part of this effort, please contact Peggy Seaton at seaton5113@verizon.net or 804-358-2788. All are welcome to join this ministry!

Religious Education

Vacation Bible School

Entitled "Jesus, More than Miracles", this year's vacation bible school will take place from **9:00am to 12:00Noon from Monday, July 29th through Friday, August 2nd** at St. Benedict Catholic School.

Open to all 3.5 year olds (must be potty trained) to rising 4th graders, the registration fee for each participant is \$20, \$50 total for three or more children. Rising 5th graders through adults are needed as volunteers and won't be charged. Interested adults older than 18 should contact Kevin Corcoran.

Registration for both participants and volunteers under 18 years old is online this year at <https://www.saintbenedictparish.org>.

Edge and The Rule Summer Schedule

The Rule and Edge summer schedule and permission form is now available! All summer events for Edge are open to rising 6th through rising 8th graders. Edge events include a trip to Luray Caverns, our 4th annual kickball classic and more. Rising 9th graders through graduated seniors can attend all The Rule events. The Rule events include a hike and an overnight camping trip with white water rafting besides others. Please complete one permission form per youth, found on the side porch and parish website.

Vigil Mass and Kickers Game - Joint Edge and The Rule Event

Both Edge and The Rule will be going to a Richmond Kicker's Soccer game after the 5:30pm Mass on **Saturday, June 15**. Coming to the 5:30 Mass is not obligatory, but we'll meet afterwards on the side porch at 6:45pm. Cost \$14. Bring money for dinner. Drop-off is at St. Benedict Catholic Church but pick-up will be outside the Kicker's gate after the game, roughly 10:00pm. Forms due by June 12.

White Water Rafting - The Rule

St. Benedict high school youth ministry will be joining youth from St. Michael's Catholic Church for an overnight camping and white water rafting experience. We will meet at St. Michael's at 10:00am on Monday, July 22. We will take a coach bus to Oak Hill, WV and camp overnight. The next day we will go white water rafting before returning home by 10:00pm on Tuesday, July 23. Pick-up will again be at St. Michael's. Cost is \$150 if you sign up by June 12 and \$175 if you sign up after. Cost includes everything except for dinner on the way there and dinner on the way home. Please contact Kevin Corcoran if you are interested in joining. Registration (online) due by July 9.

Middle School Day Camp - Edge

Open to all rising 6th through 8th graders, the diocesan middle school day camp is a high-energy week filled with fun games, services activities, small group discussions, time for prayer, and a trip to a water park. Cost is \$140 and the dates are **Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19 from 9:00am to 4:00pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Rising 11th and 12th graders are needed as counselors. Contact Kevin Corcoran to register. Forms due by June 19.

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. RCIA is now open for adults of the parish to audit, with the focus of the class remaining on those in the RCIA process. The next class is on the Theological and Cardinal Virtues on June 4. Please see the parish website for details on the materials and to find a schedule.

Tuesday Night Book Study

A book study group meets on approximately the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the St. Gregory room of the Parish Center. The current book is *A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament* by John Bergsma and Brant Pitre. All adults are welcome! Please purchase a book individually online or contact Kevin Corcoran to purchase. Contact Rebecca Hickman at 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).

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. **The next Saturday night hospitality will be held Saturday, June 29** - which includes hors d'oeuvres, deserts, wine and other beverages. There will be no hospitality after either Mass Sunday, June 16.

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 3:00 p.m., when the office closes, until the sacristan arrives to set up for the 5:30 p.m. Mass. On a normal weekdays, the church is available for prayer during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In order to gain access to the church during these times, please ring the bell in the courtyard outside the side porch.

Summer Office Hours

During the summer months (Memorial Day to Labor Day) the church office hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please remember that during the summer, vacations are taken! Therefore, while the office may be open, the person you may wish to see may be out of the office. It is strongly recommended that you ALWAYS call or email in advance, to ensure that the person you hope to see, is available to see you. Subsequently, making appointments to meet with someone is greatly appreciated!

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!!

The next set of quarterly envelopes (for July, August and September) will arrive at your home in the later part of June.

If you don't get your envelopes, lose them 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.

2019 Annual Appeal

If you made a pledge to the 2019 Appeal, the Diocese has begun sending reminders, so you can fulfill your pledge. It is important for all our parishioners to complete their pledges. The assistance that is provided to the ministries and programs the Appeal supports, such as grants to our mission parishes, heating and grocery assistance to families and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary, is based on what is collected.

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 meatballs tell the spaghetti to go to sleep?

It was pasta bedtime.

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