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Mass **

Monday 8:00 am

Liturgy of the Hours, Monday 11/13 and Tuesday 11/14

Noon Prayer Daily 12:05 pm

Evening Prayer 6:00 pm

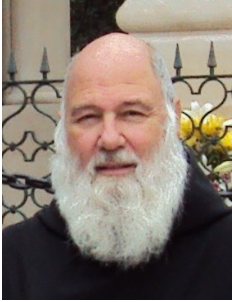
****All requested memorial Masses will be celebrated at St. Vincent Archabbey**

Closing Mass at St Benedict Church

Our united prayers will culminate with a final Mass at 7pm on Tuesday, November 14. Please join your parish family as we gather around the Banquet Table of the Lord at Saint Benedict Church in Baltimore, one last time together. Mass will be carried on Facebook @ St. Benedict Parish



We Share Our Thoughts with You



It is with a very heavy heart that I write this note. When I first came to Saint Benedict in 1984 I stated at that time my only goal was to bring folks to Christ. It has been my privilege to have done that with so many. To know and to love Christ is truly our goal. I feel we have done it together. I have given it my best for 40 years. God has so blessed us and me through you through it all.

I have no regrets except I will certainly miss each and every one of you and continue to pray for you, I only ask for your prayers in return for me.

Pray the **St Michael prayer** often, we certainly need his protection.

Fr. Paschal , O.S.B

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking for the ruin of souls.



Early after my assignment at St Benedict, Fr Paschal's beautiful celebration of the Mass included a lot of Latin, the majority of which I stumbled through at the altar. In the sacristy after Mass he stood in front of me and said, "You're one of those protestant Catholics aren't you"? I replied "Yes", (coming from a centuries old fundamentalist back ground). Laughingly he said "We will soon change that!". I absolutely love our liturgies.

Deacon Cliff

Despite the deep ache I feel in my heart, I can't help but think how good God has been to us, how He blessed us with blessed Fr. Paschal as our Pastor and friend for all these years! I will forever be grateful to Fr. Paschal for allowing me to be part of the Music Ministry at St. Benedict for the past 32 years. We did our best to bring good music to our Liturgies, to make them a more prayerful experience raising our hearts, minds and souls to God. I also owe a great deal of love and appreciation to our Cantors and choir members who have been so faithful to this ministry throughout the years. "They" can lock the doors of our church, but "they" can't touch the love for Jesus that Fr. Paschal exemplified and brought to each of us.



Bob Kolarek, Music Ministry

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The Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel has taken on for me, more meaning than I heretofore ever perceived. It seems fair to say, the clear objective of our “enemy” is nothing less than total devastation – destruction! Yet, there is another, far greater transcendent component to our existence here on earth that keeps us going. It is none other than our Christian Faith.

Greg Hart, Parish Council



Gratitude for the memories, the laughter, and the unwavering support. Thank you for making work feel like a canvas of creativity and collaboration. Your presence has been a gift and I carry your camaraderie in my heart. Reflecting on the last fifteen years, with the help of the St. Benedict's RCIA Team, many have come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ because of your encouragement and faithfulness. Although we are navigating through uncharted waters, know that your kindness has left an indelible mark.

Maggie Barrick, Pastoral Care

The End of an Era



There truly are no words to adequately close this chapter in our lives. St. Benedict has been the Shining Beacon on Mill Hill and Father Paschal the dedicated shepherd, selflessly leading and guiding multitudes for decades. Father evangelized in all that he did at St. B from morning till night, truly carrying out the Rule of St. Benedict. However unfair and unjust this situation, we know that Father has taught us well and we will draw our strength from God to go forward. With a humble and grateful heart, we say THANK YOU, Fr. Paschal, we are all better for having had you in our lives. We love you very much.



“Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1:3-6

Terrie McDade & Jessica Ricker, Evangelization



The Rule of St. Benedict tells us:

"20 Your way of acting should be different from the world's way;

21 the love of Christ must come before all else."

Let us live so.



Blessings and prayers,
Kate & Eric Blair, Marriage Ministry

Pray the Rosary

In many Marian apparitions and in the experiences of many great saints, the Rosary is held up as a most powerful and important prayer, to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She promises great graces to those who pray it and trust in her intercession with her Son.

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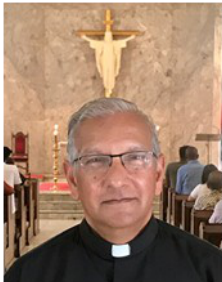
Venerable Fulton Sheen tells us “Children are either trained by us toward a fixed goal and destiny, or are trained in spite of us! Parents cannot decide if their child’s mind will be full or empty...it WILL be filled with something.” The habit of family devotions, spiritual activities, and service opportunities are gifts that will last a lifetime for your children. Let us keep close to Our Lady’s loving embrace, entrusting not only our children, but our world, and ourselves! She will hold you close to her heart right next to her son, Jesus. Pray the Rosary. Teach your children and grandchildren to pray the Rosary. Make it your family prayer and leave all your cares in the loving care of Jesus’s Mother and yours!

Kathleen and Tom Basil, Family



When a person likes most the special cookie or candy, no matter the distance, no matter the cost, he will try to get them. The inexpressible beautiful experience at St Benedict has drawn many faithful from different places. There are many good activities that united the people of God in One. The parish tried to share the best spiritual experiences. The credit can be given to Fr Paschal. He did his best for St Benedict and for the Church. May God bless him abundantly. “I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” The Holy Spirit and Mother Mary accompanied the scattered flock. We surrender the shepherd and the flock to the intercession of Sts Benedict and Scolastica, Mother Mary and Triune God.

Truly in Risen Christ,
Fr. Clayodis



It has been a joy and a pleasure for me to have celebrated Masses whenever I could at St Benedict. Fr Paschal Morlino, OSB, as pastor was very welcoming to me and showed his joy whenever I came for the liturgical services. I wish him the very best in all he is doing. I am grateful to all the parishioners who were kind and courteous to me and who took an interest in the ministries I did in Baltimore and in India. I will miss St Benedict’s and thank God for the graces I received as I did my best to build up the spiritual lives of those who worshipped at this wonderful and historic church.

Fr Charles Borges



Goodbye Beloved St Benedict Catholic Church, Fr. Paschal, O. S. B., Parishioners of St Benedict Catholic Church.: When St Benedict Catholic Church celebrated her 125 Anniversary of her Establishment in 2018, I was here in residence during which time I was writing my doctoral treatise at Catholic U. The whole preparatory year of celebrations had started in 2017. Now during 130 years of Anniversary Year of Establishment, the iconic parish, her longest serving Pastor of nearly 40 years Fr. Paschal, O.S.B., and welcoming parishioners won't be in existence to enter into liturgical year 2024 ADVENT. St Benedict shared tremendous blessings and gifts over the years with very many people's as far as Uganda when you started supporting in 2022: St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church, St Cyprian Hoima Town Parish, Hoima Catholic Diocese, Uganda.

Your call to be Parish, Pastor, and Parishioners of St Benedict Catholic Church has been concluded, now go forth and shine in new ways.

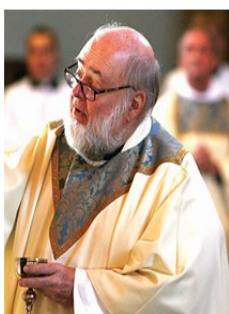
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May the saints and angels in heaven protect us from the evil ones. My brother willed the good of the other his whole life. Growing up with him, I have witnessed firsthand how he treated everyone with kindness, from little ones to the elderly. He taught me by his example. He continues this in his almost 60 years of Holy Priesthood. My heart is broken over these absurd accusations. May all the angels and saints in heaven rally about him and deliver him from this evil. Dear God, help him!

My prayers are with you and everyone in St. Benedict's parish.

Margaret Konczey



I certainly need to express my deepest gratitude to St Benedict, the last light in West Baltimore. Decades ago you welcomed many when St. Peter's was sold and gutted. More recently, you have welcomed me so often in retirement. Let all be received as Christ; Fr. Paschal and you his flock have lived out this truth. God will reward you, if not in this world, then surely in the next.

God keep you well,
Fr. Michael Roach

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

PRAYER FOR PRIEST

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen



"Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
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Miraculous Medal

One of the many things Fr. Paschal taught us was to love the Miraculous Medal. His Wednesday night Miraculous Medal novenas were moving. We've distributed thousands of medals in SW Baltimore, usually received with gratitude and often immediately put on. We would never have expected such a positive reaction from unchurched neighborhood people. Who knows what graces Our Lady will bring to this needy area from her Medal? Thank you Fr. Paschal for this witness, one of so many you have provided to us.

Winterfest St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Manchester, MD will hold its annual Winterfest Bazaar on Friday, November 17 from 4pm to 7pm and Saturday, November 18 from 8am to 3pm at the Manchester Activities Building, 3297 York St. Crafts, food, used books, auctions and raffles! kspainter@gmail.com or 410-239-8881

Thank-you Veterans

This weekend we honor the men and women who served in the United States military branches and their service to the country. The number of military veterans in the United States in 2022, represented 6.2% of the total civilian population age 18 and over. This weekend, thank a Veteran!

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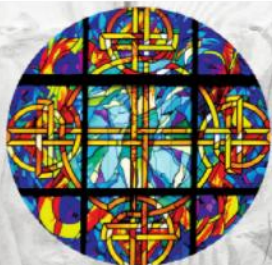
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