

# In Memoriam

In Memory of:

Joseph J. McAvoy  
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)



In Loving Memory of:

Judy Pelletier

May 4, 1939 - March 23, 2024



In Loving Memory of:

Reid Stanley

(5/22/1952 - 1/20/2025)



Lovingly Remembered

Anders Staats Nielsen

07/07/2019



Basil & Margaret McAvoy

(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969;

9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)

Linda McAvoy Bouchard

(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)

Mary McAvoy Lowe

(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)

Anna McAvoy

(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)



Fred Lewis

(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)

Ethel Lewis

(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)

W. H. Lewis

(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)

Helen Lewis

(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)

Susan L Brooks

(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)



Lovingly Remembered

James C. (Buster) Guiggey

(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)



In Loving Memory Of

Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)

Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)



In Loving Memory Of

Joseph P. Rush, Jr.

(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)

Jane M. Rush

(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)

Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson

(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)



Francis H. Qualey

(5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)

Margaret R. Qualey

(11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)

Peter Qualey

(12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)



In Loving Memory of:

Benedict Edward Cowan

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



Philip Knowles

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1965 - November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Adam Rush

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1989 - January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016



In Loving Memory

Chris Marston

(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)

Aaron Marston

(04/04/1975 ~ 10/19/2022)



In Loving Memory Of:

Frank Duffy

(7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)

Bobby Duffy

(3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)



Arthur Qualey

(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)



Rita Qualey

(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)

Lovingly Remembered

Joan Filanowski

(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)



In Loving Memory of

Joyce Cummings

(7-27-55 - 10-23-25)

John J. Cummings

(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)

Lucile E. Cummings

(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)

Cecelia R. Cummings

(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)

Earl L. Cummings

(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)



Lovingly Remembered

Leo Joseph Crowe

(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)



In Loving Memory Of

Leo Crowe

(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)

Molly Crowe

(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)

Mary Crowe McDonough

(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)



In Memory of:

Robert Taylor

(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)

Charlene Taylor

(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)



In Loving Memory Of

Richard Rush

(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)

Celine Rush

(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)

Christopher Rush

(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)



In Loving Memory Of:

Robert Allen

(10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)

Andrew Allen

(06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)



Albert J. Qualey

(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)

Rowena Qualey

(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)

Michael Qualey

(6-21-52 - 12-16-2001)



In Loving Memory

Martin Qualey

(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)



Wesley "Jim" Cunningham

10/26/1931 - 01/11/2008



Richard M. Cunningham

03/14/1962 -



Edward Rush

(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)



Mary Rush

(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)

John W. Allen

(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)

Margaret L. Allen

(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)



Anthony "TJ" D. Ryan, Jr.

3/25/1978 - 10/8/2025



Otis M. Hunt

(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)

Mary Ellen Hunt

(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)



"Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have loved me to the Holy Altar."

A Remembrance of the Ordination to the Priesthood of

Rev. James Clifford Brown

(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)

Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.

(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)

Sons of St. Benedict's Parish



# St. Benedict's Parish

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Sefembiy Justin

Emergency Number 765-4114

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St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!



"Do not be afraid"  
~Matthew 28:10



He has Risen



## Pastor's Message

Theme: WE ARE WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The readings of today, call us to be witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ and that we can experience renewal and healing through the risen Lord. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that through Jesus, all who believe receive forgiveness and new life. This reading echoes the message of Easter, that the Resurrection of Jesus opens the door not just for a select few, but to all of humanity. The Psalmist reminds us of God's love that endures forever. It is this Divine love that has conquered death in the Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. It is an invitation to rejoice and be glad indeed.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians encourages us to seek the things that are above for we have been raised with Christ. Easter is the time for Renewal, urging us to lift our eyes beyond the struggles of this world and embrace the life that comes from knowing the risen Lord.

In the gospel of John, we witness Mary Magdalene's sorrow transformed into joy as she discovers the empty tomb. She goes from being a grieving disciple to a messenger of hope. This is a powerful reminder that the risen Lord meets us in our grief, despair, sad and difficult moments and transforms them into joy and purpose. Easter becomes the strength and hope of all believers. Easter becomes the justification of our faith, our commitment to our Christian calling and witnessing and life of endurance and sacrifice. When Mary sees the empty tomb, she does not fully comprehend what has happened. But she experiences the glimpse of a new reality, one where death no longer has the final say. In Christ, our Frailty, our mortality no longer has the final say. What a great Good News.

Happy Easter to You All. Rejoice and be Glad, for He is Risen indeed.

## WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM

FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

## ADORATION & CONFESSION

④8:00AM FRIDAYS OR

BY APPOINTMENT

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

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"To Work is to Pray"

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**PASTOR'S EASTER WISHES TO ALL PARISHIONERS:**

*Arise and Shine: He is truly Risen! Alleluia!*

Dear God's wonderful people of Christ the Divine Mercy and St. Benedict's Parishes.

I share the joy of Easter with each and every one of you, including members of our beloved Parish community who, for one reason or the other, have not been able to join us weekly or at weekends to relive the Easter Event at Mass in our Parish Churches. Easter is about each one of you. Easter is about me. Easter is not a past event, nor a day's event. It is an ongoing invitation especially at Mass, in the life of the Church, in the sacraments, in the life of our families and in the society to avail ourselves and claim the salvation worked for us by Christ once and for all on Calvary. As Romans 6:8 tells us, "If we died with Christ we believe that we shall also live with Him. That is why we say that No Good Friday, No Easter Sunday. The Christian life of Sacrificial love and commitment to God's will intrinsically connected to our rising, our renewal. I thank God for your sacrifices and commitment to the life of our parish. Thank you for the various ways you have died with Christ in your love for your families, parish and other communities you live in. Thank you for dying through the sacrifices of time, comfort, ideas, will, self and resources you make for the well-being of our parish.

Thank you for your Lenten endeavors and participation till date in various activities that come up in the life of our Parish. In addition to your reasons for doing these things, add because of the RESURRECTION to it as ultimate. And Easter is here. Rejoice therefore be glad. It is your time to rise and shine. It is your period of Newness. May the Spirit of Hope, Fulfillment and newness that Easter brings, help you find contentment and joy in the way you do the things you do for our parish family and your various families and communities. May the Joy of Easter fill your heart with faith, love, charity, hope, goodness and happiness. Arise, Shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. ....From my heart full of love and gratitude to you.

**HAPPY EASTER Your Pastor, Rev. Fr. Sefembiy Justin**

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Keep them; I pray Thee, dearest Lord. Keep them, for they are Thine The priests whose lives burn out before Thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world, Though from the world apart. When earthly pleasures tempt, allure Shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them and comfort them in hours Of loneliness and pain, When all their life of sacrifice For souls seems but in vain.

Keep them and remember, Lord, they have no one but Thee. Yet, they have only human hearts, With human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host, That daily they caress; Their every thought and word and deed, Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

**Weekly Readings and Observances of Saints' Days**

Readings for the week of Sunday, April 5th - Saturday, April 12th

- Sunday Acts 10:34a,37-43 Col 3:1-4 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9
- Monday Acts 2:14,22-33 Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
- Friday Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15



**Parish Happenings**

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays at 9:30AM at the Parish Center.

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Class  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - NO Class (April Break)

St. Benedict's and Christ the Divine Mercy will be celebrating First Communion and Confirmation at St. Benedict's Church on Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 Mass with Bishop Ruggieri.



- Braefyn Savage,
- Jackson Morse,
- Greyson Pelfletier,
- Abigail Robinson,
- Cyndney Montgomery,
- Avritt Preble,
- Clara McGillicuddy,
- Thomas McGillicuddy .



Please pray for all of the children and their families as they continue their Sacramental Preparation.

We invite all Parishioners to join us at the Mass to welcome Bishop Ruggieri and Christ the Divine Mercy families on April 12! Volunteers are needed to help with the luncheon for Bishop Ruggieri and the families of the First Communicants.

Please let Anna (267-0586) know if you can help with food, setting up, cleaning up, etc.!

*Masses & Intentions April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>*

**St. Benedict's**

- Sun Apr 5 12:30PM **Leo Cloutier** by His Family
- Fri Apr 10 9:00 AM **Neil & Linda Harrington** a Living Intention by Their Children
- Sun Apr 12 10:30AM **For My Friends** by Joanne MacGillivray

**St. Peter's**

- Sun Apr 5 8:30AM **Steve Hughes** by Your Siblings
- Mon Apr 6 8:30AM **Joan Gantner** 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Daughter Sharon Darling & Family
- Tue Apr 7 4:30PM **Rose Gantner** 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Tom & Sharon Darling
- Sun Apr 12 8:30AM **Dot Chasse** by Sandy & Ervin Deschaine

**St. Martin of Tours**

- Sun Apr 5 10:30PM **Brian Landry** Happy Birthday by Mom, Dad & Jesse
- Thu Apr 9 7:00PM **Silvia Cyr** by Ken Cyr
- Sat Apr 11 4:00PM **David Nat Rush** Happy Birthday by Allain & Paryse Thibodeau
- Sun Apr 12 12:30PM **Elizabeth Phillips** by their Children & Grandchildren

*Prayer List*

- Father Dominic Savio
- Neil Harrington
- Reno Levesque
- Lisa Willigar
- KC Duffy-Staney
- Helena Brown
- Danette Moody
- Cathy Cyr Duffy
- Riley Wheaton
- Beckham Willett
- Irene Heath
- Janie Cummings
- Families Afflicted by Addiction
- Our Men & Women in the Service

"Prayer is an act of love"  
- St. Theresa of Avila



**Capital Campaign Fundraising Video Launched**

**Capital Campaign**

This is a multi-project campaign for the Church and the Parish Center.

This campaign has a 3-year term ending in June 2027, and a campaign fundraising limit of \$200,000

Money raised so far: **\$89,221.71**  
Money dispersed: - **\$34,938.23** (roof)  
- **\$6,379.52** (ramp)  
- **\$35,490.70** (painting)

BALANCE: **\$12,413.26**

**The next Capital Campaign Project is the installation of new furnace for the church**

The above figures include online giving. Thank you for your support

**Weekly Offertory**

March 22 - Regular \$1425.00  
Heat & Electric \$ 410.00  
March 29 - Regular. \$1036.00  
Winter Operations. \$ 315.00

April 5 - Regular Easter  
(75% Clergy Health & Pension + 25% Emergency Diocesan Needs)  
April 19 - Regular Capital Campaign

**Needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85**

WE INVITE YOU TO OFFER YOUR GIFTS ONLINE THROUGH SIMPLE ELECTRONIC GIVING.

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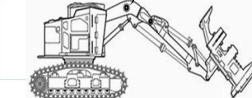


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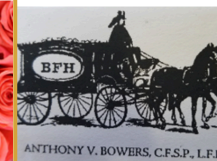
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Many thanks to all who helped bring St. Benedict's new video to people far and wide.



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| Date     | Lector  | EMHC   | Alter Server | Offertory Counters* | Greeters            |
|----------|---------|--------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| April 5  | Brenda  | Anna Q | Zeke         | Rob, Andrew, & John | Earl & Sue Cummings |
| April 12 | Scarlet | Tom    | Rob          | Betty, Rose & Deb   | Earl & Sue Cummings |
| April 19 | Earl    | Brenda | Anna Q       | Rob, Harold, John   | Earl & Sue Cummings |

Your bulletin submissions are welcome and appreciated! Please send them by Thursday morning at 10am Thank you