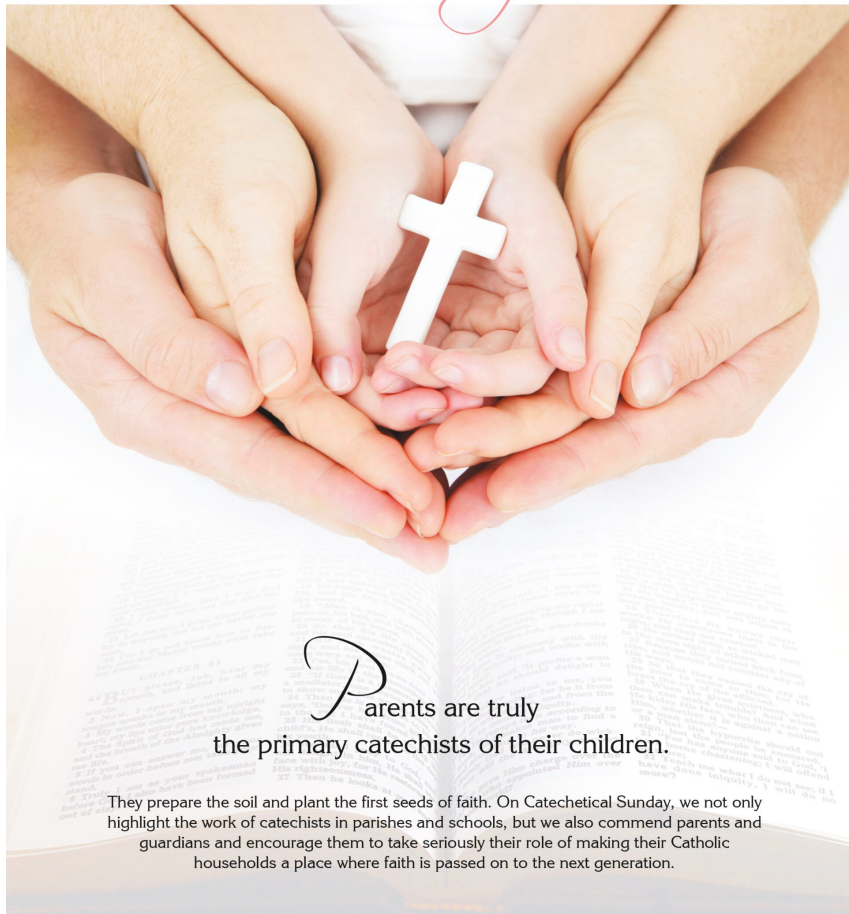


# Saint Benedict Church

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With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves desire, and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in glorifying your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Blessings

## Catechetical Sunday



Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:  
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm  
Office closed on Friday

Parish Office ..... 814-344-6548  
Parish Fax ..... 814-344-8656  
School Office ..... 814-344-6512  
School Fax ..... 814-344-8530  
Church Hall ..... 814-344-8770

### Pastoral Staff

Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B. .... Pastor  
Lois Bridgman ..... Secretary  
Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B.  
Annette Kelly ..... Director of Religious Education and  
Christian Initiation  
Jeannine M. Cymbor ..... Business Manager  
Adam Orosz ..... Maintenance  
Jeffrey Maucieri ..... Principal

### Mission Statement

We, the members of Saint Benedict Parish, in union with our Pastoral staff, our Bishop, and our Holy Father, and together with the Church of Altoona-Johnstown, commit ourselves to the building up of the Kingdom of God in our personal lives, within our families, within our Faith Community, and in society as a whole. We join with one another in prayer and public worship, in the practice of gracious hospitality, and in works of charity and mutual support. Mindful of the Lord's care and loving concern for our common welfare, and with profound Faith and great hope, we strive to accomplish the tasks at hand and to meet the challenges of the future so that in all things God may be glorified.

The first parish in the United States established by the Benedictine Order



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 15, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. +Harvey Sutton  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

**Monday, September 16, St. Cornelius**

8:00 a.m. +Gervase Weber  
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

**Tuesday, September 17, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Ron and Teresa Kline

**Wednesday, September 18, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Eric M. Kelly

**Thursday, September 19, Weekday**

8:15 a.m. +Clare Ann Fitzpatrick

**Friday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong, and Companions**

8:00 a.m. +Jane Buck

**Saturday, September 21, St. Matthew**

4:00 p.m. +Shirley Vallery

**Sunday, September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Gregory and Mary Buck Family  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



**Altar Servers Eucharistic Ministers Lectors**

**Monday, September 16, 8:00 a.m.**

S. Gregory

**6:30 p.m.**

B. Fox

**Tuesday, September 17, 8:00 a.m.**

M. Lieb

**Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 a.m.**

M.C. Hoover

**Thursday, September 19, 8:15 a.m.**

SBS Children's Mass

**Friday, September 20, 8:00 a.m.**

M. Farabaugh

**Saturday, September 21, 4:00 p.m.**

R. Kirsch P. Kelly  
E. Lamb J. Kline

S. Boyle

**Sunday, September 22, 8:00 a.m.**

J. Deckard R. Yahner  
R. Deckard B. Yahner

G. Yahner

**10:00 a.m.**

A. Westrick B. Fox  
C. Greene R. Hoover  
M. Greene R. Boland

F. Sutton

**In Sympathy**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Janice Morris, mother of our Parishioner Peggy Duman. May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you, and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.



**Wedding Congratulations**



We congratulate Philip Evans and Jaime Witham, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Joseph Mission Church on September 7th.

We pray that the Lord will bless them with the courage and strength it takes to remain in His love, and that, in love, they will find happiness grow deeper each day.

**Cemetery Cleanup**

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, all artificial flowers, decorations, etc. will be removed from Saint Benedict, Saint Joseph, and Sacred Heart Cemetery lots. Anything you wish to save should be removed prior to October 1. Any items left will be thrown away. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Sponsor of the Week**

We wish to thank **Smith Coal & Oil, 814-948-4708**, for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin. Please patronize our advertisers; as they make the bulletin possible. If interested in advertising in the bulletin call Tony Melchiorre at 717-421-3242.

**40 Hours Devotion**

Recently the desire to hold **40 Hours** here at St. Benedict Church was brought up. The 40 Hours will begin on October 6 after the 10:00 Mass and will end with Holy Mass on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. With that date quickly approaching, sign-up sheets will be placed at the entrances of the church on Saturday, September 14 and will remain thru Sunday September 22nd. You are asked to sign up for a one-hour block of time that you would be here in the church. The following organizations within the parish are asked to sign up for at least 2 one-hours blocks, that may or may not be consecutive: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Schola Cantorum, Altar Rosary, Holy Name, Finance Council, School Council, Confirmation Class, St. Benedict School, Oblates, Ushers, Folk Choir, and CCD Teachers.

The above organizations are asked to contact Anna Mae Kelly at 814-344-8346 with their available time slots. All families are encouraged to participate in this solemn event.

**Baptized in Christ**



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Adalyn Louise Anna, daughter of Cody and Casey. We extend our love and best wishes to Adalyn Louise and her parents.

**Parish Breakfast Next Sunday**

The Parish breakfast is next Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Church Hall. The menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, pancakes or toast, french toast, juice, and coffee. The **NEW price** of the breakfast for **adults is \$11; \$5 for children 6 to 12**; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. **All take-outs are \$11.**



*This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Derek Cook From Mary Ann Cook*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Derek Cook From Mary Ann Cook*



**Pastor's Reflection**

We were created for God, therefore we must seek to give Him glory in everything. God sends us crosses so that we don't live our lives seeking our own glory. Seek your own glory and it will be temporary. Seek God's glory and He will reward you forever.



Peace,  
Father Michael

**Families and the Gospel**

**September 15, 2024, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 8:27-35)**  
If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it! ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

**Stewardship Reflections**

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus' words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part - accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people. Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

This week let us sit in Jesus' presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family and neighbor.

**PA March for Life**

Our work is not done! With the overturn of Roe vs Wade, the power to protect the unborn was given back to you - the American people - through your elected officials. Our state capitol is now a critical battleground for protecting Life. That is why we need you to march at the Capitol building to be a voice for the voiceless. Together, we march to empower women to choose life, and to defend the dignity of the unborn. Join us as we march for both mom and baby!

C.C.H.L. will be sponsoring a bus to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, September 23, 2024. For more information and to make reservations, please call Bill & Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521.

**St. Vincent de Paul Basket Auction**

St. Vincent de Paul - Carrolltown Store only, 5th Annual Fall Basket Auction. Ticket sales will start on September 16 and run through October 14. Drawing for the baskets will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 10 a.m.

All money raised will go towards our heating system upgrade, as well as expenses incurred from the unexpected flood a few weeks ago.

Anyone wanting to donate a basket is asked to please drop them off at the store by September 16th by 2 p.m. **Please do not leave them on the porch.** If you need to make arrangements for drop-off, please call 814-615-8025.

**Anniversary Mass**

Father Anthony Joseph Grossi, O.S.B., cordially invites you to the **Anniversary Mass and Celebration of his 25 years in the Priesthood** at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 29, 2024 at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica, Latrobe, PA. Reception and Dinner to follow at 4:00 p.m. at the Fred Rogers Center on the Saint Vincent Campus. **Please R.S.V.P. by September 15**, by calling Saint Vincent Archabbey at 724-539-9761.

**A Women's Day of Reflection**

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Award Winning Author and Speaker, **Liz Kelly** for A Women's Day of Reflection, "**Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn About Healing, Freedom & Joy from the Women of the New Testament.**" This one-day event will be held from **8:30 AM to 4 PM September 28**. The day will start off with taking a fresh look at the encounters that women had with Jesus while you grow in confidence and skill praying with Scripture and making the Gospel your own. The day will include Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**This event is Free and open to all.** A Lunch and Refreshments will be served so an **RSVP is required.** For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at 814-266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at [Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net). A love offering will be taken.



**Flower Memorials**

**Flower Memorials** are available for the near future dates: October 5, November 9, 16, and 30. The cost for Flowers is \$70.



**CCD News**

**CCD Classes** begin this Sunday in the school building Grades 7 –11 will be from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and Grades K-6 will be from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

**October Gun Raffle Ticket**

Saint Benedict Home School Association is sponsoring an October Gun Raffle, from October 1 thru October 31, 2024. The winning numbers will be determined by The First 7:00 p.m. Pick 4 PA Daily Lottery Number. Tickets can be obtained from Saint Benedict School, Parish Office, or Scrip table. The donation is \$20. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Home School Association.

*Prayer Chain*



Prayer is an important part of our Catholic Faith. In an effort for our Parish Family to respond to the prayer requests of our members and friends, Parishioners have the opportunity to be part of a prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call the Parish Office at 344-6548. **Names will remain on the prayer chain unless we hear otherwise from the one who requested the prayer. Names will be updated annually in January.** Our prayers have been requested for the following: Jackie Adams, Vickie Baran, Russel Bard, Sabbath Beach, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Noah Donahue, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Jr. Gailey, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Cheryl Keith, Larry Kibler, Patty Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Koval, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Bob Miller, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Theresa Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, Tom Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Esther Sclesky, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (18), Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zalznock.

*Church Support - September 7 & 8, 2024*

Offertory	7460.75
Organ Project	2005.00
Church Improvement	1400.00
Benedictine Annual Appeal	620.00
Catholic University	439.00
Cemetery Maintenance	343.00
School Support	140.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	125.00
St. Vincent de Paul	120.00
Assumption	20.00

**Bingo on Tuesday**



Doors Open @ 5 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.  
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow

- Admissions \$16 (18 cards)
  - Kitty - \$207+ • Full Card - 50 numbers \$500
  - Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$398+
  - Instant tickets
  - \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
  - Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.  
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.

*The Week Ahead*

**SUNDAY**

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
-CCD Classes: Grades 7-11 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.  
Grades K-6 from 11 a.m. to noon

**MONDAY**

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall  
-Altar Rosary Society Meeting 7 p.m., Church Hall

**TUESDAY**

-Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.  
-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall  
-SBS Council Meeting 6 p.m.  
-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

-Scrip sold 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Church Hall

**THURSDAY**

-SBS Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.  
-Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall  
-Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

**FRIDAY**

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall  
-Ultreya-Cursillo Meeting 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

**SATURDAY**

-Confessions, 2 p.m., Church; -Mass 4 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
-CCD Classes  
-Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall

**Card Party Thursday September 19**



Mrs. Bonnie Mihalow, M/M Jim Mohler, M/M Fred Montanaro, M/M Mike Mondì, Miss Ashley Morchesky, M/M Rodney Morchesky, M/M Todd Morchesky, M/M Barry Morealli, Ms. Lori Morealli, M/M Rick Morealli, Ms. Debra Morgan, Mrs. Jennifer Mulraney, M/M Dave Murphy, Mr. George Murphy

*From other parishes and organizations...*

**Pray the Rosary** every Thursday, weather permitting, at 7 p.m. at the Wayside Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Rt. 553, Ridge Road, between Carrolltown and Nicktown. Bring a lawn chair. Rosary and Litany will be said; and will continue until September 26th.

**Holy Name Parish, Ebsenburg:** Parish Mission, September 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. with Fr. Dan Reehil from the Diocese of Nashville. He was a former Wall Street banker who had an amazing reversion experience back to the Catholic Church. He is now an exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville.

**Month of Miracles:** at St. Francis University, running now through October 4th in celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Stigmata and the Feast of St. Francis. For a full list of events, visit: <https://events.francis.edu/event/month-of-miracles-at-saint-francis-university>.

**Annual Solemn Novena** in honor of St. Theresè of Lisieux, September 23—October 1. Sermon and Benediction at 4 p.m. Mass at 7 p.m. at Carmelite Monastery, Loretto.

**Chicken BBQ Dinner** and Fall Festival in St. Demetrius Parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., Gallitzin, Sunday, September 29 from 11 a.m. until sold out. Dine-in and take-out dinners, \$14 each. Meal includes half BBQ chicken, green beans, potato, roll and dessert. Also featuring a rummage sale, baked goods, games, and a basket raffle.