

Saint Benedict Church

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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

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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 INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Fees
and Sclesky Families
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, November 21, Presentation of the Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. +Charles and Alice Farabaugh
6:30 p.m. American-Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, November 22, St. Cecilia

8:00 a.m. +Edna Switzler

Wednesday, November 23, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Rosella Campbell

Thursday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions (Thanksgiving)

9:00 a.m. Private Intention

Friday, November 25, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Emergency Responders

Saturday, November 26, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Larry Haines

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Thomas Busunis Family
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family
1:00 p.m. Anointing Mass



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, November 21, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, November 23, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, November 24, 9:00 a.m.

Garrett Farabaugh M. Farabaugh
Marshall Farabaugh

B. Fox

Friday, November 25, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, November 26, 4:00 p.m.

L. Behe B.A. Bensor
R. Kirsch S. Cronan

J. Stevens

Sunday, November 27, 8:00 a.m.

C. Drahnak S. Cunningham
C. Weiland M. Drahnak
J. Deckard

S. Gregory

10:00 a.m.

Gavin Farabaugh F. Sutton
H. Shaffer R. Hoover
A. Groer

M. Ryan



Tower Project

Our first Tower Project fundraiser is through the #iGiveCatholic campaign on Giving Tuesday, November 29th. To donate online, go to [aj.iGiveCatholic.org](https://www.givingtuesday.org) and search for Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Carrolltown. Advanced giving runs November 14th through November 28th. Donation envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church and may be placed in one of the collection boxes or dropped off at the parish office.

Parish Breakfast This Sunday

The Parish breakfast is this 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 price of the breakfast for adults is \$10; \$4 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available.



Advent Giving Tree



The Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree will be set up near the Sanctuary next weekend. Parishioners are invited to purchase a gift or gift card for a nursing home resident, home bound parishioner, child, or family in need. Those who would like to participate are asked to: 1. Select a tag from the tree; 2. Purchase a gift or gift card, as noted on the tag; 3. Return the gift or gift card with the tag to the tree, to one of the collection boxes (for gift cards), or to the parish office by **Sunday, December 11.**

Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets

Reminder, the drawings for the Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets begin this Sunday, November 20th and runs through Thursday, November 24th. Tickets must be received in the office to be eligible.

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Vincent de Paul 2022 Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner. This year's dinner will be take-out only. Pick-up will be at the St. Benedict Church Hall basement in Carrolltown from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Delivery to shut-ins only in the Carrolltown area. Meal will include: Turkey & ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll and your choice of apple or pumpkin pie.



Thanksgiving Day Food Collection

Parishioners are invited to bring food items to the Church on Thanksgiving Day. You are asked to keep these items with you in the pews and bring them up in the Offertory Procession. Large or small cash donations will also be accepted. **Those who are making monetary contributions are to label their gift "Saint Vincent de Paul Society," and place their contribution in the collection.**



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Jim Bogus
From Rose Bogus and Family*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Jim Bogus
From Rose Bogus and Family*



Pastor's Reflection

The Feast of Christ the King is not just about Christ's reign at the end of time, its about Christ being King over every aspect of our lives now. It is the duty of every Christian to pray for the coming of Christ the King.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

November 20, 2022: Christ the King (Lk 25:35-43)

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.

November 24, 2022: Thanksgiving (Lk 17:11-19)

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Realize and give thanks for "The Lord is with you." ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

"The grandeur of His Kingdom is not power as defined in this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things." (Pope Francis, *Homily*, November 20, 2016) Jesus comes to us without earthly glory but on a cross, crowned by thorns. It is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed.

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His Kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. Though all things were created through and for Him - Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us! And, we will advance His kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others. How can you honor God through stewardship? (*Stewardship Reflections*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 11/2019)

Spiritual Revision of Life

According to the text by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D. from his book on Kindness: Kind Deeds - "Have I measured my charity only by what I might receive in return from others?"

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **AMERISERV, 1-800-837-BANK**, 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, followed by Holy Hour, continuing with silent Adoration until Benediction at 3:55 p.m. All are invited to spend one hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

"Jesus wants us all to come to Him in the Blessed Sacrament. He is there in person, just waiting for you. Nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus living and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlasting more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." (Saint Mother Teresa)

Question of the Week

Who can I forgive this week, imitating the Lord's mercy, sowing the seeds of the kingdom, and bringing a sort of paradise to someone else's heart? Who can I reach out to in a spirit of thanksgiving?

The Way to God

If my days were untroubled and my heart always light, would I seek that fair land where there is no night? If I never grew weary with the weight of my load, would I search for God's Peace at the end of the road? If I never knew sickness and never felt pain, would I reach for a hand to help and sustain?

If I walked not with sorrow and lived without loss, would my soul seek solace at the foot of the cross? If all I desired was mine day by day, would I kneel before God and earnestly pray? If God sent no "Winter" to freeze me with fear, would I yearn for the warmth of "Spring" every year?

I ask myself this and the answer is plain; if my life were all pleasure and I never knew pain. I'd seek God less often and need Him much less, for God is sought more often in times of distress. And no one knows God or sees Him as plain as those who have met Him on the "Pathway of Pain."

Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings for Christmas

In preparation for the holidays, the Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious **Nut, Poppy Seed & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings. The cost is \$10 each. Last day to order is on Sunday, November 27.** The rolls can be picked-up in the Church Hall on Friday, December 9, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Name _____

Phone _____

Nut _____; Poppy Seed _____; Apricot _____; Tea Rings _____

Total Cost _____



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: Shawn Baker, Vickie Baran, Michelle Burnette, Joe Caretti, Evan Cicero, Jack Dominick, Mary Dumm, Maddox Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Nathan G. Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Clara Fitzpatrick, Jan Franceschini, Bill Frederick, Anne Gray, Anthony Gwizdak, Rodney Harbrige, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Brian Holtz, Tom Hoover, Chuck Horn, Doug Kieffer, Patty Kirsch, Scott Kirsch, Ava Koehle, Mike Kovall, McKenzie Kuzio, Cindy Ladika, Bob Lapenna, Charlotte Lechene, Theresa Leonard, Judi Lesko, Charles Lutak, Barb Mitchell, Michael Mondj, Odessa Morris, Will Mortensen, Norman Polites, Pauline A. Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Dennis Richter, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Mike & Michelle Rosmus, Lindsey Sammarco, Becky SanGregorio, Marcus SanGregorio, Betty Ann Sclesky, Lucy Shank, Special Intentions (12), Renee Smith, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Sandy Stevens, Aniyah Theys, Benedicta Veneskey, Reagan Walker, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, Jeffrey Wheeler, and Theresa Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg 7:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- SBS Teacher Professional Development Day

THURSDAY (Thanksgiving Day)

- Mass 9:00 a.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Pre-ordered Thanksgiving Dinner; Take out only, 10:30 a.m. to Noon
- NO Card Party

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- Anointing Mass 1 p.m.
- Nut, Poppy Seed, Apricot Rolls and Tea Ring orders due

Church Support - November 12 & 13, 2022

Offeritory	6329.00
Maintenance Fund	909.90
Tower Project	310.00
Church Improvement	110.00
Catholic Charities	105.00
Benedictine Annual Appeal	65.00
School Support	61.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00
All Souls Day	20.00
All Saints Day	10.00

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) • \$13 (12 Cards)
- Kitty — \$57+ • Full Card — 52 numbers \$550
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - \$0+
- 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.

NO CARD PARTY

Thursday November 24
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



From other parishes and organizations...

Holy Hour for an End to Violence in our Region: In light of the recent violence in the news in our region, St. John Gualbert Cathedral will be hosting a Holy Hour for an end to violence in our city on Christ the King Sunday, November 20th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please join us in praying for peace throughout our region.

An Advent Recollection: The Sisters of Saint Ann announce An Advent Recollection, Saturday, December 3 at St. Ann Retreat Center, 1120 N. Center St., Ebensburg, at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Spiritual Director, Rev. Mark Pattock, OFM cap. Donation - \$40 (including Lunch) For more information and reservation, call: Sisters of St. Ann, 814-472-9354. All are welcome.

Toy Drive: Northern Cambria Hope Fire Company Toy Drive with Santa at Lacue Chevrolet Buick, 1003 4th Ave, Patton. Saturday December 3rd; Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free Santa photo with every donation.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: Thank you for your generous support in donations of food, money, time and prayers to the St. Vincent de Paul St. Bernard Food Pantry. From October 2021 to October 2022, 74 volunteers gave 10,120 hours serving 990 seniors, 2040 Temporary Emergency Food Assistance families, 20,562 Produce/mass food giveaway to families; for a total of 22,592 families getting 1,169,600 lbs. of food. If you wish to continue to support our efforts you can do so through your church, scouts or directly by mailing donations to: PO Box 452, Hastings, PA 16646. Again, thank you.