

# Saint Benedict Church

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Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
Ps 106:1



## 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  
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School Fax ..... 814-344-8530  
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## Pastoral Staff

*Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.*..... *Pastor*  
*Lois Bridgman* ..... *Secretary*  
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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 SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday, November 24, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Donna Shero
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
<b>Monday, November 25, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Edna Switzler
6:30 p.m.	+Michael Zeanchock
<b>Tuesday, November 26, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Mildred Cunningham (Birthday)
<b>Wednesday, November 27, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Lucy Carpinello
<b>Thursday, November 28, Weekday (Thanksgiving)</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Friday, November 29, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Richard Kirsch Family
<b>Saturday, November 30, Saint Andrew</b>	
4:00 p.m.	For our Emergency First Responders
<b>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
1:00 p.m.	Anointing Mass

### Free Thanksgiving Dinner



Saint Benedict Church is sponsoring a Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28th. Dinner will be **dine-in or take-out** in St. Benedict Church Hall in Carrolltown from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delivery to shut-ins in the Carrolltown, St. Benedict and Bakerton areas. For more information or to pre-order, please call 814-420-8420. Volunteers are needed to help

with the dinner, to set-up, serve, or clean-up. Please call the number above if you are able to help. Food and monetary donations toward the dinner are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the parish office; or call the number above for drop off information. Thank you.



### 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 basket.



<b>Monday, November 25, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		S. Gregory
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>		
		B. Fox
<b>Tuesday, November 26, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		M. Lieb
<b>Wednesday, November 27, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		M.C. Hoover
<b>Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.</b>		
M. Farabaugh	F. Sutton	K. Farabaugh
E. Farabaugh		
<b>Friday, November 29, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		M. Farabaugh
<b>Saturday, November 30, 4:00 p.m.</b>		
S. Fisanick	S. Gray	K. Farabaugh
E.L. Farabaugh	P.J. Stevens	
M. Farabaugh		
<b>Sunday, December 1, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
L. Baker	K. Schall	J. Yahner
E. Cunningham	C. Schall	
S. Cunningham	K. Colberg	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		
M. Greene	F. Sutton	B. Fox
A. Westrick	C. Farabaugh	
C. Greene	R. Boland	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>		
R. Deckard	S. Gray	P. Kelly
J. Deckard		
A. Groer		

### 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 \$11; \$5 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$11.

### Anointing Mass Next Sunday

Many Catholics are uncomfortable with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The old "Last Rites" name conveyed a fearful tone. The name change was intended to help us to see the healing nature of this Sacrament. We are urged to use it when in need of healing of both soul and body.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Birth of our Lord, our Parish will offer an **Anointing Mass in the Church next Sunday, December 1st, at 1 p.m.** If you, or someone you care about is sick, dealing with the problems that come with aging, facing surgery, or struggling with mental or emotional problems, please come and share with us the Lord's healing and strength. A reception will follow in the Church hall.



*This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Richard Kirsch From his Wife and Children*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Richard Kirsch From his Wife and Children*



**Pastor's Reflection**

Americans have never been fans of monarchies. But there have been holy Catholic kings in the past. These kings were holy because they imitated Christ. Christ is king, not just in heaven but here on earth as well. It is our duty to make His Kingdom a reality here on earth.



Peace,  
Father Michael



**Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets**

**Reminder:** The Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets should be turned in by this Sunday. This \$20 lottery ticket is based on the first PA 7 pm Pick 3 daily lottery number beginning this Sunday November 24th and running through Thursday November 28th, \$9,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Your support is appreciated.

**Scrip Give-Away**

Saint Benedict School will once again be running our November Scrip Give-Away. For every order totaling \$400 or more your name will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following:

- (1) \$50.00 Card
- (2) \$25.00 Cards
- (2) \$10.00 Cards
- (1) \$5.00 Card

We thank you for your support to our program. Please remember to shop early for the Holidays.

**Families and the Gospel**

**November 24, 2024, (John 18:33b-37)**

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

**November 28, 2024, Thanksgiving**

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**

Today is our last Sunday of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism, individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

We are on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, and this week is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities. To see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives and to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, and the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, but we are also His brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy! After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home too. Christ is King!

**Advent 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 the collection basket (for gift cards), or to the parish office by **Saturday, December 14th**. Thank you!



**Journey to Bethlehem**



Friday, December 6th - 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. at Saint Francis University, Loretto (start at the SFU Science Center).  
Four performances of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. This new SFU tradition will be performed by members of the SFU community. This is a mix of indoor and outdoor prayer service with live animals, prayer and music. Donations of canned foods and goodwill offerings will be collected for the Dorothy Day Center.

**From other parishes and organizations...**

**The Friar's Nook Gift Shop:** Get your Holly Jolly on and start your Christmas shopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop Small Business Saturday Sale. Save 20% off the ENTIRE store November 30th including nativities, flags, home décor, cards, gifts, and much more. The Friar's Nook Gift Shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg and the shop hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. With any questions please call 814-695-3802 or message us on Facebook at "The Friar's Nook Gift Shop." (Closed Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday - 11/28 and 11/29.)

**Sponsor of the Week**

We wish to thank **Jacobs Oil Company Inc., 814-943-0379**, 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.

## *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, Judy Bender, Dan Bilko, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Jr. Gailey, Jane Gruffius, 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 Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Larry Lamont, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Bob Miller, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Theresa Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Special Intentions (23), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zalznock.

## *Church Support - November 16 & 17, 2024*

Offertory	6640.75
Organ Project	2500.00
Catholic Charities	893.00
St. Vincent de Paul	183.00
School Support	170.00
Maintenance Fund	162.00
All Saints Day	45.00
Church Improvement	35.00

## **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 - \$374+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- 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.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Basket Auction, Church Hall, 8 a.m. to Noon
- CCD Classes

### **MONDAY**

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.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
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY**

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- SBS Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m.

### **THURSDAY Thanksgiving Day**

- Mass 9 a.m.
- Thanksgiving Dinner, Dine-in or Take-out, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- No Card Party

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

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

### **SUNDAY**

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes
- Anointing Mass, 1 p.m., followed by a Social in the Church Hall



**NO CARD PARTY  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Stuff the Truck and Food Drive:** Saturday, December 7, at Lacue Chevrolet, 1003 4th Ave, Patton from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Local Cub Scouts will collect food donations for a local food pantry. All unwrapped toys and food donations can be dropped off at Lacue's now through December 7th. Hope Fire Company will distribute the toys December 14th. \*\* All residents in need are encouraged to contact Hope Fire Company.\*\*

**Salvation Army Kettle Drive:** will run through the beginning of January. Any individual or group interested in manning the kettle can schedule a date through Ron Boland, 814-761-7019. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas, by helping those who are in need.

**Grief Support Group:** Sponsored by 365 Hospice; Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown, in the Boniface Wimmer Room. This is open for people of all ages. For more information or to register, please contact Diane McCall, 814-270-4571 or email: [diane.mccall@365hospice.com](mailto:diane.mccall@365hospice.com).

**How to make it through: Remembering and Missing a Loved One this Holiday Season.** Perhaps someone very special to you has died. Perhaps a relationship is broken or estranged or someone you love is suffering from illness or addiction. The loss you feel is real, the grief you feel is real, and the upcoming holidays may be difficult for you. You don't have to walk this road alone. Join Sister Cindy Burns, CCW, for a morning of prayer and heartfelt reflection on "How to Make It Through the Holidays" on Saturday, November 23 at 10 a.m. at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown.