

Saint Benedict Church

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Father's Day

He said, "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land

and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

Mark 4:26-28

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

MAY GOD BLESS



ALL OUR FATHERS
Happy Father's Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	Private Intention
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, June 17, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Richard Sclesky, Sr.
6:30 p.m.	+Paul Passarella
Tuesday, June 18, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Gene and Rose Lapenna
Wednesday, June 19, St. Romuald	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Paul and Ethel Gresko Family
Thursday, June 20, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Louis and Josephine Duman
Friday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga	
8:00 a.m.	+Anthony and Viola DeSalvo
Saturday, June 22, Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	+Walter J. Crossman
Sunday, June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	+Margaret Eckenrode
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family



Monday, June 17, 8:00 a.m.		
		S. Gregory
6:30 p.m.		B. Fox
Tuesday, June 18, 8:00 a.m.		
		M. Lieb
Wednesday, June 19, 8:00 a.m.		
		M.C. Hoover
Thursday, June 20, 8:00 a.m.		
		P. Kelly
Friday, June 21, 8:00 a.m.		
		M. Farabaugh
Saturday, June 22, 4:00 p.m.		
E. Lamb	P.J. Stevens	B.A. Bensor
S. Fisanick	S. Cronan	
Sunday, June 23, 8:00 a.m.		
S. Cunningham	R. Yahner	G. Yahner
E. Cunningham	B. Yahner	
10:00 a.m.		
M. Greene	R. McGowan	F. Sutton
H. Shaffer	R. Boland	
C. Greene	R. Hoover	

Baptized in Christ



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Ellen Heather Dumm, daughter of Nicholas and Taylor. We extend our love and best wishes to Ellen Heather 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 price of the breakfast for adults is \$10; \$4 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$10.



Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Father's Day. Fathers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the Church. If you are interested in honoring a special man (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. The offering envelopes may be returned to the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Fathers Day weekend and will remain there for the rest of the month. All offerings for the Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Tower Project.

Father Michael's Vacation

Father Michael will be away on vacation through June 23. Please direct all calls through the Parish Office.

Parish Festival News

We are appealing to all of our Parishioners to help make our Parish festival the most successful ever! The dates for this year's event are July 26, 27, and 28. Please keep your schedule free for these days and plan to volunteer to work at one of our many booths, or the Sunday dinner.

FILL UP THE CLASSROOMS


Donations are now being accepted for our Annual Festival Basket Party. If you have a basket to donate or need help in putting it together, we will gladly help you. All donations are appreciated and welcomed. Please call Terri at 814-241-9132 or Elizabeth at 814-931-7822 for all donations. Thank you!

Business owners and managers are also asked to sponsor a sign for one of the festival booths. The price for the three-day event cannot be beat — \$100-\$150. Sponsoring a booth at our Festival is very important to its success. If you are interested in off-setting the expense of our booths, and are not one of our regular sponsors, please contact the Parish Office at 814-344-6548.

Festival tickets have been mailed to our Parishioners. We are making a special appeal to our Parishioners to buy or sell your packets at your work place, and family reunions, which will be a great help to the Parish. Please return all sold and unsold tickets into one of the collection boxes in the Church or to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Pre-Sale tickets for the Beer-Wine-Shine event are available at the Parish office for \$20. This event is on Saturday, July 27th, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the beer tent.

Cucumbers and onions will be needed for the Festival Dinner and Ethnic Booth. They may be dropped off in the Church Hall **the week of July 22nd**.




This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Jim Eckenrode and Dave Adams From Judy Eckenrode

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Honor of Those Who Served to Protect Our Flag



Pastor's Reflection

Courage is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This virtue allows us to accomplish tasks that are difficult or long in duration. Christians need to cultivate this virtue to practice their faith. When we do arduous things that please God it shows our love for Him.



Peace,
Father Michael

Family Ritual

Your Two Fathers: Only Jesus had a perfect father, who he shares with us. Thank your earthly dad for the blessings he bestowed on you by talking with him or sending a note or email.

Pray today for the blessings which your dad needs in his life. A letter to or a prayer for your deceased father is appropriate as well.

Families and the Gospel

June 16, 2024, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 4:26-34)

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it...And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

Festival Grocery Store Raffle

We are accepting donations for the Grocery Store Raffle baskets. Please consider donating the following products. Thank you!

- A-Be** Foil, Wax Paper, Plastic Wrap, Garbage Bags, Storage Bags
- Bi-Bu** Dry and Canned Soup, Broth, Gravy
- C** Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce/Paste
- D-E** Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Pickles, Olives
- F-Fe** Drink Mixes
- Fi-G** Flour, Shortening, Baking Powder, Baking Soda
- H** Paper Products
- I-J-Ke** Chips, Pretzels, Crackers, Cookies
- Ki-Ku** Jelly, Peanut Butter
- L** Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Mayo
- M** Sugars: White, Brown or Confection
- N-O-P-Q** Gelatin, Pudding
- R-Se** Oil, Vinegar, Salad Dressings
- Sh-Sp** Baking Mixes, Frosting, Bisquick
- St-V** Cereals, Pancake Mix, Syrup
- W-Z** Cleaning Products

Please mark "For Festival" on your donations when leaving them at the entrances of the Church

Festival Chairperson Needed

The Festival is quickly approaching. We are asking for a volunteer to run the Pulled Pork stand. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you!

Festival Donations Needed

We are accepting donations of Pillsbury, Robin Hood, or Gold Medal Flour for the Ethnic Booth. Please mark donations as "Ethnic Booth." Donations may be left at the entrances to the Church.

Outdoor Masses

On behalf of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto, all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies concluding on Sunday, September 1. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3-6 p.m. for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: June 16 and 30, July 21, August 4 and 18.

Basket Auction

Basket Auction Benefits Carrolltown Ambulance at St. Benedict Church Hall on June 22 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and June 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to donate a basket or monetary donation, please do so by June 20th. If you have any questions, call 814-344-8933 or 814-341-9721. Baskets may be dropped off at the ambulance hall. Your support will help keep our service in town. Thank you for your support.

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, Marleena and Mila Bartlebaugh, Sabbath Beach, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Todd Bonin, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Ken 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 Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, Tom Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Esther Sclesky, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (15), Mary Springer, Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Pat and Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zaloznock.

Church Support - June 8 & 9, 2024

Offertory	9371.75
Church Improvement	1926.00
Father's Day Mass Remembrance (Tower)	1505.00
Cemetery Maintenance	420.00
School Support	337.00
Tower Project	210.00
Peter's Pence	180.00
St. Vincent de Paul	100.00
Ascension Thursday	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)
- Kitty — \$67+
- Full Card — 59 numbers \$725
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$490+
- 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.

MONDAY

-NO Altar Rosary Society Meeting

TUESDAY

-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., School

-Festival Meeting, 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

THURSDAY

-Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

-Confessions, 2 p.m., Church

-Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

-Parish Breakfast, 8 a.m. to Noon

Card Party Thursday June 20



M/M John Kline, M/M Ken Kline, Mr. Matthew Kline,
M/M Michael Kline, M/M Timothy J. Kline, M/M Timothy
Kline, M/M Larry Knee, M/M Joe Knutelsky, M/M Joe Koehle,
M/M Michael Koehle, Ms. Milly Konitsky, M/M Chris Kopera,
M/M James Kosto, Ms. Renee Kreidler, Mr. Gerald Krise

Cemetery Help Needed

The Cemetery Association is looking for at least two more volunteers to help weed eat a section of the St. Benedict Church Cemetery. If you can spare a few hours a month to help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

Chicken BBQ Dinner: Sunday, June 16 at St. Bernard Church, Hastings. Menu: Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll & Cake. Cost \$15. Take-Out available after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 2 p.m. Eat-In begins at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Basket Raffle & Bake Sale: Prince of Peace Parish, 811 Chestnut Ave, Northern Cambria, Sunday, June 23 (in the Church Social Hall) from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drawing at 4 p.m. Need not be present to win.

Fourth of July Picnic: Immaculate Conception Church, New Germany Grove. Wednesday, July 3rd from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4th from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Buffet Chicken and Ham dinner with Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Adults: \$15; children under 12: \$7

Sponsor of the Week

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