

# Saint Benedict Church

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## Cat·e·chet·i·cal Sun·day

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The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound."

Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world.

A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

(USCCB)



### Parish Office Hours:

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

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

### Pastoral Staff

<i>Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.</i> .....	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Lois Bridgman</i> .....	<i>Secretary</i>
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<i>Jeannine M. Cymbor</i> .....	<i>Business Manager</i>
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<i>Jeffrey Maucieri</i> .....	<i>Principal</i>

### 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, September 19, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Dominick  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

**Monday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong**

**Hasang, and Companions**

8:00 a.m. +Robert and Gloria Himmel  
6:30 p.m. +Marjean Rackovan

**Tuesday, September 21, St. Matthew**

8:00 a.m. +Beth Darnell

**Wednesday, September 22, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Joann Behe

**Thursday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:15 a.m. +Michael Raynish

**Friday, September 24, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Fr. Dave Cronauer

**Saturday, September 25, Weekday**

4:00 p.m. +Cecilia Gray

**Sunday, September 26, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. +Charlotte Gwizdak (Anniversary)  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



**Altar Servers**



**Eucharistic Ministers**



**Lectors**

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

C.L. Bills

**6:30 p.m.**

S. Cronan

**Tuesday, September 21, 8:00 a.m.**

M. Lieb

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

M.C. Hoover

**Thursday, September 23, 8:15 a.m.**

**Friday, September 24, 8:00 a.m.**

M. Farabaugh

**Saturday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.**

L. Behe

J. Kline

B.A. Bensor

S. Fisanick

**Sunday, September 26, 8:00 a.m.**

C. Weiland

B. Yahner

G. Yahner

C. Drahnak

**10:00 a.m.**

Marshall Eckenrode

R. Boland

M. Ryan

Brock Eckenrode

**Respect**



**Respect Life Sunday**

On October 3, Respect Life Sunday, our 10th grade CCD class will be participating in the National Life chain along Route 219, starting outside St. Benedict Church on Main Street.

The 10th graders will also be sponsoring a Baby Shower for the Gabriel Project. Please help them to collect lots of baby items. Diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, baby clothes, money or anything for babies that you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to make it to the Life Chain/Baby Shower, you can leave donations at the doors of the church marked "Baby Shower". Money donations can be left at the Rectory or dropped in the collection boxes inside the church. Please help our 10th grade class make their Baby Shower Project a success. Help them to help troubled moms in our area keep and care for their babies.

**National Life Chain**

Join us Sunday October 3 (Respect Life Sunday), National Life Chain through Carrolltown, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please come and stand with us at the Life Chain to show your support against abortion. Pick up signs in front of St. Benedict Church by the red light on Route 219. After the Carrolltown Life Chain, light refreshments will be served in the St. Benedict Church Hall, along with the 10th grade CCD Baby Shower.

A Life Chain will be held in Johnstown, Sunday, October 10th, on Broad Street from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Pick up signs on Broad Street in front of the former St. Columba Church.

www.LifeChain.net www.ProLifeCambriaSomerset.org



**CCD News**



**We are looking for volunteers for the 8th grade CCD teacher and assistant positions. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.**

**CCD Classes** begin this Sunday, September 19th 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.

**Pennsylvania March for Life**



We will be taking a bus from Cambria County to the Pennsylvania March for Life. The march will be held at the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, September 27th. The rally will be held at 11 a.m. and the march will begin at noon. Anyone wanting more information or to reserve a seat on the bus can contact Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521 or 814-330-1022.

**Haiti Earthquake Collection**

We will have a special collection for Haiti this weekend, September 18 and 19. Please put donations in an envelope marked "Haiti" and place in one of the collection boxes in the church. Checks should be made to "St. Benedict Church" or to "Catholic Relief Services". Online donations are also encouraged through the GIVING section of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website. All proceeds will be given to the Catholic Relief Services for immediate distribution. Thank you for your prayers and financial donations for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



*This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Bernice Mondí From Michael and Jeanie Mondí*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend For the Living and Deceased Members of the Hoover and Harshbarger Families From Chad and Ashley Hoover*



**Pastor's Reflection**

An old desert monk needed to travel to the local town. He pondered which way he should choose. He decided to go at night by back roads so as not to receive any attention. But the Lord sent two angels to light his way, proving that he who humbles himself shall be exalted.



Peace,  
Father Michael

*Patris Corde. An Accepting Father, Mirror of Patience*

St. Joseph's entire life was committed to quiet, hidden unassuming service to Mary and to his Son. His actions were also his response to God's will. This example should provide hope to us. We often wonder whether our actions are making a difference. By going about our daily routines in seemingly unremarkable ways in the home, at work, and in countless other places, our quiet, steady and reliable presence is our answer in accepting God's will for us.

"The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance can we begin to get a glimpse of a broader history, a deeper meaning. Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive."

**St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph, Mirror of patience, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic letter *Patris corde*, 4. Dec. 8, 2020) 2021 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

**Families and the Gospel**

**September 19, Mark 9:30-37;** Disagreements are common in families. However, what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control. (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

**Stewardship Reflections**

In the gospel today, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way, through poverty, physical or mental illness, and advanced age or those living in difficult family situations. St. Teresa of Calcutta would call these children, "Jesus in distressing disguise." They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them. Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand us.

Christian stewards demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ through their works. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom and courage to reach out concretely to the little ones in your neighborhood, community or parish. Take at least one step. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/08/16)

**Year of Saint Joseph Celebrations**

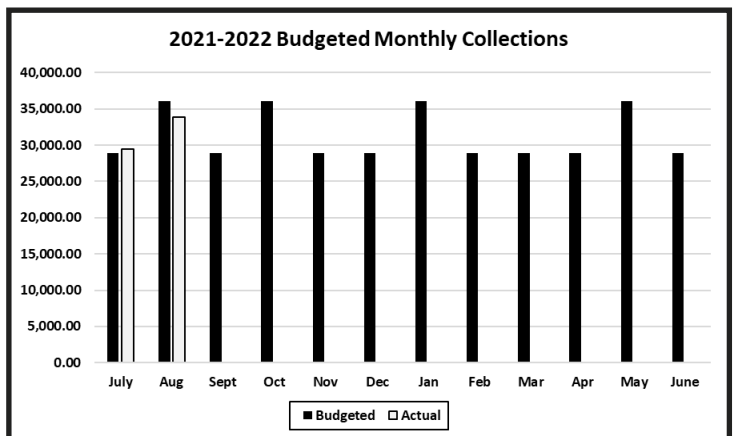
*Saint Joseph Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown*

On **Saturday, October 9**, please come to celebrate mass at 4 p.m. with Bishop Mark for the 191st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin.

**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 September 30th. Any items left will be thrown away. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Fridays in the Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto at 3 p.m.:** Please join us as we gather to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for our country, world and religious freedom.



**Sponsor of the Week**

We wish to thank **Patton Pharmacy, 814-674-3693** 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 Rick Cortez at 412-292-0132.

## Prayer Chain



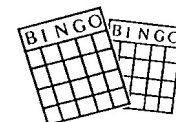
Prayer is an important part of our Catholic Faith. In an effort for our Parish Family to respond to the prayer requests of our members and friends, Parishioners have the opportunity to be part of a prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call the Parish Office at 344-6548. **Names will remain on the prayer chain unless we hear otherwise from the one**

**who requested the prayer.** Our prayers have been requested for the following: Denise Bailey, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, Joan Contorchick, John Contorchick, Mary Corio, Dominic Croyle, Millie Cunningham, Dave Cymbor, Ed Dospoy, Ethan John Eckenrode, Jim Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Katrina Emerick, Clare Falconi, Conner Farabaugh, Emalin Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Neale Fiasco, Dave Fisanick, Clara Fitzpatrick, Karen Fogel, Jan Franceschini, Beth Ann Gormish, Andy Haycisak, Irene Haycisak, Kim Hicks, Kim Hoover, Tom Hoover, Richard Karlheim, Ava Koehle, Cindy Ladika, Clem and Donna Lanzendorfer, Bob Lapenna, Charlotte Lechene, Mark Letavish, Anna Lingenfelter, Charles Lutak, Barb McCann, Joni Milchak, Jo-Anne Miller, Theresa Moore, Dylan Newby, Joe Owens, Maddox Raptosh, Barb Richter, Jim and Donna Ropp, Becky SanGregorio, Marcus SanGregorio, Special Intentions (4), Pat (Mutt) Stevens, Jude Joseph Thomas, John Thurman, Michael Veneskey, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, Jim Weir, Wayne Wholaver, Richard Yarko, and Theresa Yeckley.

## Church Support — September 12, 2021

Offertory	8070.81
Catholic University	354.00
Cemetery Maintenance	244.00
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical	130.00
St. Vincent de Paul	105.00
School Support	70.00
Church Improvement	50.00
Adopt A Student	5.00

## Bingo on Tuesday



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

- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
- Kitty — \$0+
  - Circle 7 — 28 numbers for \$190
- Jackpot - Straight line only • Full Card — 56 numbers \$650
- Instant tickets
  - All Nighter - \$?+
- \$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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes begin: 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
- SBS DIBELS testing: Grades K, 1 & 2

### TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass
- Bingo, Early Birds, 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

- Confessions, 2:00 p.m.
- Mass: 4:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes: Grades 7-11 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.  
Grades K-6 from 11 a.m. to Noon
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to 12 Noon
- SBS Basket Bingo 4 to 7 p.m., Church Hall

## Card Party Thursday September 23rd



M/M Tom Sherry, M/M Michael Sherry, M/M Richard Sherry,  
M/M Pat Sherry, Mr. Vince Sherry, M/M Bert Sharbaugh,  
M/M Donald Sharbaugh, Mrs. Anna Sheehan, M/M Don and  
Heather Sewalish, M/M Don and Roseann Sewalish, M/M Greg  
Shaffer, M/M Jacob Shaffer, M/M James Brady, M/M Michael Sheridan,  
Ms. Amy Shingle, M/M Ken Strong

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Sweet Charity Farm Market** operated by Bob and Mary Catherine Hoover, open daily through October 31. Profits will benefit Haiti Mission Kindred Journey for the 33rd year, St. Vincent's Seminary and St. Gregory's Benedictine Monastery. Seasonal vegetables, mums, pumpkins, etc.

**Carrolltown Farmer's Market:** Every Wednesday thru October 27th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Carrolltown American Legion Park. Contact Kylee Farabaugh at 814-937-7393 or CarrolltownFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

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

**St. Bernard Church Food Sale** Take Out Only, October 2 and 3. Haluski \$3/serving; Pigs-In-Blanket \$4/serving (2 pigs); Unbaked Pepperoni Pizza \$16/whole pizza. **Sale is Pre-order only.** Orders due September 26. Orders can be placed by phone: 814-247-6558. Food pickup: Saturday October 2 from 4 to 7 p.m.; Sunday October 3 from 9 a.m. to Noon.