

# Saint Benedict Church

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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday:  
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm  
Office closed on Thursday

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## Pastoral Staff

*Father Jude W. Brady, O.S.B.* ..... *Pastor*  
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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 24, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. +George and Rita Rickard  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

### Monday, November 25, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Art Deckard

### Tuesday, November 26, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Lou Ann Patterson

### Wednesday, November 27, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Una Cunningham

### Thursday, November 28, Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00 a.m. Private Intention

### Friday, November 29, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Frank and Mary Grace Hipps

### Saturday, November 30, St. Andrew, Apostle

4:00 p.m. For All the Emergency Responders

### Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the  
Altar Rosary Society  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

### Monday, November 25, 8:00 a.m.

Emma Farabaugh R. Cunningham  
Cameron Drahnak

C.L. Bills

### Tuesday, November 26, 8:00 a.m.

Miley Hoover J. Farabaugh  
Leah Behe

M. Lieb

### Wednesday, November 27, 8:00 a.m.

J. Gaul R. Hoover  
C. Serafin

M.C. Hoover

### Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham R. Cunningham  
S. Cunningham S. Gray  
E. Cunningham Sa. Cunningham

J. Busch  
B. Fox

### Friday, November 29, 8:15 a.m.

C. Serafin B. Fox  
J. Gaul

M. Farabaugh

### Saturday, November 30, 4:00 p.m.

E. Farabaugh F. Sutton S. Gray  
E. Behe B.A. Bensor S. Boyle  
E. Behe P. Kelly

K. Farabaugh  
N. Behe

### Sunday, December 1, 8:00 a.m.

E. Farabaugh T. Cunningham R. Witham S. Gregory  
O. Farabaugh Sh. Cunningham G. Shoemaker Br. Michael  
H. Farabaugh M.M. Koehle

### 10:00 a.m.

E. Hayes R. Boland R. Springer B. Fox  
A. Link R. Bridgman C. Farabaugh M. Farabaugh  
M. Hayes R. McGowan R. Hoover



## In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Marie Conner, mother of our Parishioner Paula Land and the soul of our Parishioner Barbara Shevock, wife of our Parishioner William Shevock and mother of our

Parishioner Brenda Shaffer. 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.

## Advent Giving Tree

To enhance our celebration of the Advent Season, on November 30th, we will place an Advent Giving Tree near the Sanctuary. Our Giving Tree Program is changing this year in that we will be asking for gift cards only. Parishioners are invited to purchase a Christmas gift card for an individual or family. Those who are interested in participating in this project are asked to: (1) select a tag hanging from the tree; (2) purchase a \$25 Walmart, Giant Eagle or Bi-Lo gift card for the individual/family as designated on the tag; (3) return the gift card with the tag to the Giving Tree by **Sunday, December 15**. Reminder: Gift cards are also available for purchase from the Scrip Table.



## 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.**

## Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a free dinner in the Church hall on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m.

Whether you are in need of a meal or seeking someone to share the holiday with, you are welcome. Delivery is available in the Carrolltown area for shut-ins and disabled only. For more information or reservations, call Tammy Weakland at 615-8025. Cash donations are most welcome.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with the dinner, beginning at 8 a.m., to set up, serve, and/or clean up. Please call Tammy at the above number if you can help. Thank you!



## Saint Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting food and monetary donations toward the Thanksgiving Dinner. Donations may be dropped off at the Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift store Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Monday November 25th. Donations of canned vegetables, gravy, and pies are especially appreciated. You can also contact Tammy on the St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page: St. Vincent de Paul-Carrolltown.

## Parish Breakfast This Sunday



The Parish breakfast is this Sunday, November 24, 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 cost is \$8 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available.



*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of Rose Behe  
From Joann Behe*

## Pastor's Reflection

Jesus will come at the end of time and there will be no mistaking that He is King of the Universe! The Final Judgment will take place and all will go to either a place of repose and peace, or to one of eternal punishment. During our lives the Lord offers us His infinite Mercy. We need to ask for His mercy and offer that same mercy to those in our lives.



Peace,

Father Jude

## Families and the Gospel

**November 24, Lk 23:35-43 Christ the King** 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. (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

## Stewardship Reflections

Jesus comes to us without earthly glory but on a cross, crowned by thorns. "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) Reflect on possibilities of how you can honor God through stewardship.

"By their worthy deeds in this life, people make a limited but real human contribution to building up the kingdom. They do so with the understanding that we will be held accountable for *our* actions, independent of the actions of others. And even though discipleship and stewardship set the necessary terms of Christian life in this world, they have their ultimate reward in another life." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, USCCB, 1993) (Parish Life Office, 2019)

## Flour for Pierogies

We are making an appeal to our Parishioners for Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour for the Pierogi sale. Please put in a bag marked "Pierogies". These items can be left at all exits of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## 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 \$8 each. Last day to order is on Friday, December 6. The rolls can be picked-up in the Church Hall on Friday, December 13, from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nut \_\_\_\_\_; Poppy Seed \_\_\_\_\_; Apricot \_\_\_\_\_; Tea Rings \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Donations of Pillsbury and Gold Medal flour are appreciated.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar  
this weekend  
In Loving Memory of  
Mike Reed  
From Connie Reed*



## Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets



**Reminder:** The Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets should be turned in by this Sunday. This \$10 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, \$4,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Your support is appreciated.

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.

The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name!

On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

-Prayers for God's People, Thomas P. Roberts, Ed.

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## Toys For Tots



Lacue Chevrolet Buick in Patton is holding a Fill A Truck Event For Tots and will have an Open House on November 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Marines from Ebensburg and Ken Graboski will be present to collect the toys; refreshments, donuts and pastries will be provided. Donations of new, unwrapped toys or books can be dropped off at anytime. For more information call 814-674-3671.

## 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."





## 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: Mary Lou Anderson, Denise Bailey, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, Jim Chirdon, Nixon Cicero, James Connors, Dave Contorchick, Joan Contorchick, John Contorchick, Millie Cunningham, Oliver Cunningham, Jim Eckenrode, Harry & Neta Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Barb Fasoli, Denise Fox, Gitta Gagne, Thom Gagne, Mae Gallagher, Beth Ann Gormish, Shaw Graffius, Shirl Gray, Constance Griak, Cory Hall, Irene Haycisak, Marci Hite, Jim Kline, Joanne Link, Charles Lutak, John Martella, Dick and Pauline Maurer, Mary Miller, Chucky Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Theresa Moore, George Penrod, Betty Perry, Dulcie Perry, Jere Perry, Jacob, Olivia, & Amber Peterson, Connie Polisky, Kevin Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Michelle Romagna, Jim Ropp, Marcus SanGregorio, Lisa Schrif, Matthew Sclesky, Tim Semelsberger, Patricia Sever, Patti Sliko, Nick & Mercy Smith, Special Intentions (19), Ronald Stevens, Mary Jane Sutton, Richard Ulery, Esther Warner, Denny Weakland, Dean Weber, Dennis Weber, Sara Weber, Judy Westover, Edna Westrick, Pat Wojno, Cliff Wolf, and Brenda Yeckley.

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY

-Parish Breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon, Church Hall  
-SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses  
-CCD Classes, School

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall  
-Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, Holy Hour 10:30 a.m.  
-Bingo, early birds, 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

-SBS No School

### THURSDAY

#### Thanksgiving Day

-Mass 9 a.m.  
-St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Church Hall

### FRIDAY

-Mass 8:15 a.m.

### SATURDAY

-Confessions 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY

-SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses  
-NO CCD Classes

**Sacraments-8 Wk. Course** will be offered this January in two locations. Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning January 7th. Dr. James Merrick will be teaching at the Seton Suite, Cathedral, Altoona on Thursdays from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. beginning January 9th. These classes may be taken for continuing education credit and Master Catechist requirements. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

**Paul, a New Covenant Jew:** Dr. James Merrick will be offering this 6 week course beginning Tuesday, January 7th from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Seton Suite, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. The cost of this course, which includes registration and textbook is \$62. For more information or to register, call Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Registration forms are also available online at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/). This course can be taken for continuing education credits and is open to all.

## Church Support — November 17, 2019

Offertory	5920.00
Maintenance Fund	67.50
School Support	60.00
Catholic Charities	32.50
Tree of Life	15.00
Church Improvements	8.00

## 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 —\$50+
  - Circle 7 – 26 numbers for \$170
- Jackpot - Straight line only
  - Full Card – 50 numbers \$500
- Instant tickets
  - All Nighter - \$0+
- \$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 28 Happy Thanksgiving

## December 5 - All Volunteer Card Party

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Christmas Gift for Married Couples:** Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by signing up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, held on February 14-16, 2020 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Penn-Ohio, Grove City, PA. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other, your family, and your marriage! Here's a quote from a recent couple: "Our Marriage Encounter Weekend was without qualification the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives." For more info call 330-305-9963 or visit WWME.org.

**Basket Auction:** St. Benedict Church Hall, this weekend, Saturday November 23 from 12 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit Joe and Brittany Koehle.

## Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. The Catholic Ministries Drive solely exists to provide funds to support 14 ministries that Nurture Our Youth, Form Clergy and Laity, and Care for the Poor/Strengthen Families. You can be assured that 100% of all CMD gifts are restricted to these ministries. **As of October 31, 2019**, 133 of our families have generously donated \$30,266.50 toward the Parish goal of \$38,128.00, leaving a balance of \$7,861.50. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available at the Church entrances.

**Be a good shepherd:** You can mail your gift to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601-1720; place in your parish offertory; or make online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

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