

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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Pastoral Staff

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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



Masses For The Week

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	+Bernardine Lauer
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, February 17, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Dennis and Effie Link
6:30 p.m.	+Don and Diane Paronish
Tuesday, February 18, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Roger Penrod
Wednesday, February 19, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Anna Crossman
Thursday, February 20, Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	+Donna Shero
Friday, February 21, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Tim Polites
Saturday, February 22, Chair of Saint Peter	
4:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Leo and Hilda Farabaugh Family
Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	+Frank Dominick
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

	Altar Servers		Eucharistic Ministers		Lectors
Monday, February 17, 8:00 a.m.					
6:30 p.m.					
Tuesday, February 18, 8:00 a.m.					
Wednesday, February 19, 8:00 a.m.					
Thursday, February 20, 8:15 a.m.					
SBS Children's Mass					
Friday, February 21, 8:00 a.m.					
Saturday, February 22, 4:00 p.m.					
E.L. Farabaugh	J. Kline	J. Stevens			
M. Farabaugh	S. Cronan				
E. Lamb					
Sunday, February 23, 8:00 a.m.					
E. Cunningham	M. Drahnak	S. Gregory			
S. Cunningham	K. Colberg				
L. Baker					
10:00 a.m.					
J. Hoover	R. Boland	F. Sutton			
H. Shaffer	C. Farabaugh				
K. Shaffer	L. Bridgman				

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner John Peters, husband of our Parishioner Agnes Peters. 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.



Human Trafficking Presentation

Through education and awareness, we can empower our public servants, parents and parishioners to recognize the subtle signs of modern-day slavery. Please join us for a one-hour seminar, for our parish and parents of our students, in the church hall on February 19th from 6 to 7 p.m.; presented by Nichole Douglas.

Care Packages for College Students

Our Evangelization Committee will be sending a free care package to the members of our Parish who are away at college. If you would like to have a package sent to your child at college, complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday February 25th**.

Please indicate your child's Spring Break _____

Name of student _____

College address _____

ICF Newsletter

The current newsletter from our endowment partner, the Independent Catholic Foundation, is available in the Annex. ICF stewards provide long-term financial support to parishes, schools, cemeteries and ministries throughout the diocese. You may also request a copy of the newsletter by calling the Foundation at 814-201-2080, or download from the "Resources" webpage at www.icfoundation.us.

Empowered by the Spirit Series

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting "Empowered by the Spirit Series" on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 18th, at St. Michael Activity Center & Church, Hollidaysburg. The prayer experience begins at 7 p.m. and includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise & worship, small group discussions and more! Refreshments and fellowship will begin in the Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the series is to explore and equip the faithful for evangelization through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but registration is required: holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series.

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



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Arthur and Louise Gobert From Jill and Sean

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Helen and Jim Legros From Jill, Sean, and Linda



Pastor's Reflection

Trust is confidence that someone will make good on his promises. God has made good on all His promises and thus should have our complete trust. Adam and Eve distrusted God and sin followed. Trust in God brings comfort, hope and peace because we have confidence in a future with Him.



Peace,
Father Michael



In the Garden of Gethsemani, before His crucifixion, Jesus asked His Apostles, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Spending one hour with Jesus thus became a tradition in the Church.

Let us set aside at least one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying for peace in the world. Please join us for Adoration on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays during Lent from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Families and the Gospel

February 16, 2025; (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward - hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life - focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the character of one who is living a life of hope - the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

Men's Conference

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sunday, March 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. *Registration closes March 21st.* Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

The following class will be an In-Person class and will be open to all: **Christian Bio-Ethics** taught by Father James Crookston at Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg. Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (running for 7 weeks) beginning March 4, 2025. The cost of the class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form. The book for the class can be purchased on Amazon or The Catholic University of America Press. To register, please visit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, or by contacting Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at 814-361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org. Registration forms may also be picked up in the parish office. **All are welcome.** Deadline for registration is Tuesday, February 18th. No registration forms will be accepted after this date.

Festival Meeting

There will be a Festival Meeting on Wednesday, February 26, at 6 p.m. in the Boniface Wimmer Room. All are invited to attend this meeting. New ideas to help make the festival a success are welcome.

Pierogies for Lent

The Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious potato and cheese pierogies for Lent. The cost is \$11 a dozen. Orders are due by Monday February 17. Pick-up is in the Church Hall on Friday, February 28, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Name _____

Phone _____

_____dozen at \$11 Total cost _____

(Return this order form to the Parish Office or drop in collection by Monday, February 17) Late orders will not be accepted. If there are any extra pierogies, they will be sold after all orders are filled.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Double Deckard's Deli, 814-344-5945**, 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: Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Fred Burgeson, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Mary Dumm, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Frannie and Bill Findley, Ida Gahagan, Jane Graffius, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, James Kutchman, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Bob Miller, Brother Michael Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Special Intentions (20), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Richard Zalitznock, and Eugene Zernick.

Church Support - February 8 & 9, 2025

Offertory	5785.75
Tree of Life	498.00
Organ Project	110.00
Church Improvement	75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00
Maintenance Fund	25.00

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 - \$98+
- Full Card - 59 numbers \$725
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$500 #4: \$328+
- \$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.
- CCD Classes, School

MONDAY

- SBS No School
- Pierogi orders due
- Bible Study 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.
- SBS Council Meeting 6 p.m., Rectory
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Human Trafficking Presentation 6 p.m., Church Hall
- SBS H.S.A. Meeting 7 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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, Church Hall
- CCD Classes, School

Card Party, Thursday February 20, 2025



M/M Ron Boland, M/M Matthew Bolinger, Mrs. Patricia Bolinger, Mrs. Linda Bonfanti, Mrs. Beverly Bopp, M/M Christopher Bopp, M/M Paul Boslet, M/M Tom Boyle, Mrs. Jackie Bradley, Ms. Jessica Bradley, M/M Gerald Brant, Mr. John Brawley, Mr. Paul Brawley, Mrs. James Burkey, Mrs. Mary Ann Burkhart, Ms. Annette Ramsey

From other parishes and organizations...

Young Adult Group (18-39): Along with the Altoona group we are hosting "New Life in Christ", a young adult retreat on March 8th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Saint Francis University, Immaculate Conception Chapel. \$10 Registration Fee - Pre-register by March 1 - \$10. Day of Registration - \$20. Cash or checks payable to St. Therese. Questions? Contact Andrew Potopa (Altoona) at apotopa98@gamil.com or Geoffrey Stumpo (Johnstown) at geoffstumps@gmail.com

Theology on Tap continues at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. on **February 26th** with Fr. Dave Peles on The Jubilee Year of Hope: Lent & the Sacred Triduum; **March 26th** with Bishop Waltersheid; **April 30th** with Mike Aquilina; **May 28th** with Br. Isaiah Klena OCD; **June 25th** TBD; and **July 23rd** with Fr. Basil Cole O.P. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! We are also seeking sponsors. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Bishop Carroll Visits and Enrollment: Families with interest in Bishop Carroll Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 school year are welcome to schedule an appointment and visit to the school. Please call 814-472-7500 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org to schedule a visit. Generous financial aid packages are available for those who qualify. Please visit www.bishopcarroll.com for more information about the school.