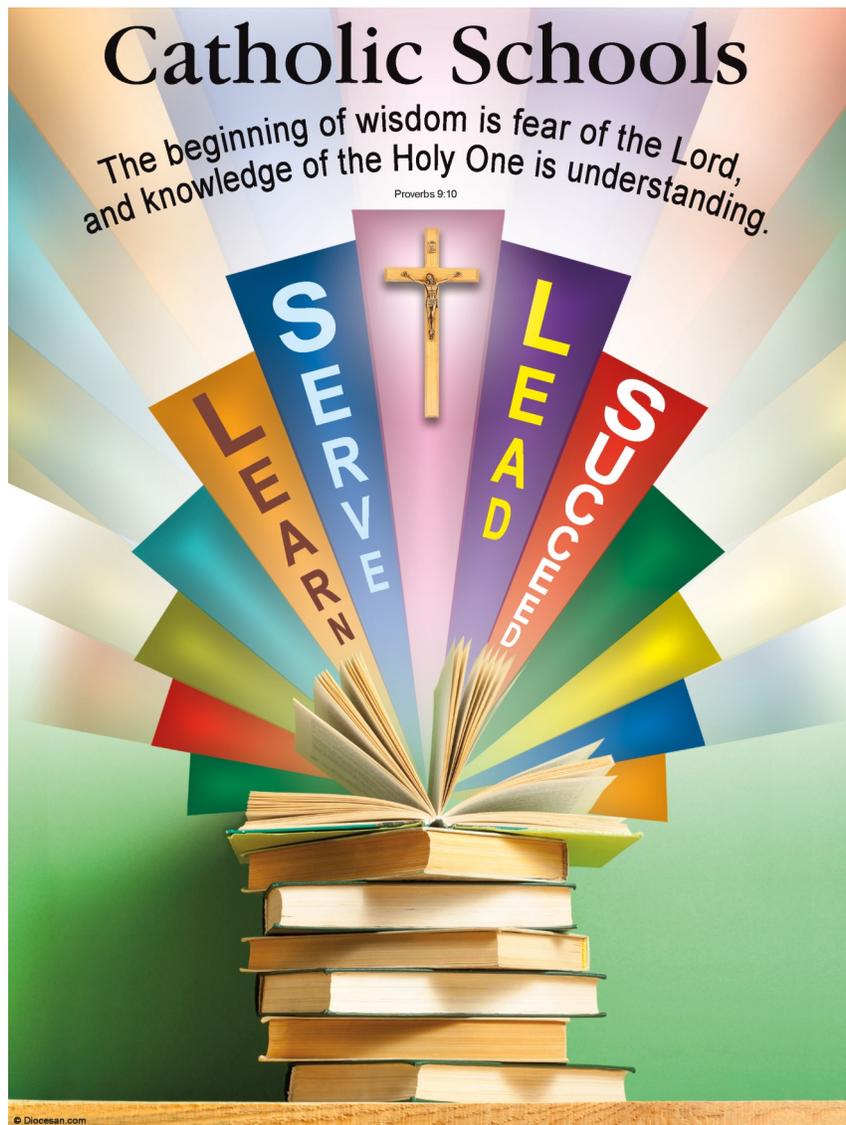


Saint Benedict Church

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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

Parish Office 814-344-6548
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Pastoral Staff

Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B...... *Pastor*
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Jeannine M. Cymbor *Business Manager*
Adam Orosz..... *Maintenance*
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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, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +James Farabaugh (Anniversary)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, January 30, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +George Sutton (Anniversary)
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, January 31, St. John Bosco

8:00 a.m. +Leonard and Corrine Cymbor

Wednesday, February 1, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ann Marie Ranck

Thursday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

8:15 a.m. +Josephine Duman

Friday, February 3, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, February 4, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Aaron and Rita Farabaugh

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, January 30, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, January 31, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, February 2, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, February 3, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.

L. Behe S. Cronan
R. Kirsch J. Kline

B.A. Bensor

Sunday, February 5, 8:00 a.m.

J. Deckard J. Schall
R. Deckard M. Drahnak
C. Drahnak

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

B. Eckenrode R. Hoover
R. Eckenrode L. Bridgman
M. Eckenrode

M.C. Hoover

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Pauline Maurer. 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.

Altar Server Training

Children of our Parish who are in the 4th grade and up are invited to minister as Altar Servers. Servers function at Mass, Stations of the Cross and other Liturgies. Those who are interested in this ministry, Fr. Michael will have a training session on February 4th at 10 a.m. in the Church.



Tower Project

Update of the status of the Tower Project. The work has been approved through the Diocese and scheduling with the contractor is in the works. We have received \$73,954 in donations towards the estimate of \$146,000. We are looking into a couple of fundraisers at this time. Thank you for your generous support of this project.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Smith Coal & Oil, 814-948-4708**, 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.

Bible Study

Father Michael will continue his Bible Study on the Book of Daniel. Sessions will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please bring your own Bible.

Blessing of Throats

We will have blessing of throats in honor of Saint Blaise next Friday, February 3rd after the 8 a.m. Mass and next weekend, February 4th and 5th, after all the Masses. Saint Blaise was a doctor as well as a bishop in Armenia during the fourth century. It is believed that Blaise once healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of that, he is the patron of the sick, especially people with illnesses of the throat. It is an ancient custom to pray for good health with a blessing of throats on his feast day.



Blessing of Candles/Candlemas

On Thursday, February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast occurs 40 days after Christmas. Simeon recognized Christ as the Messiah and referred to Him as the "Light of revelation to the nations." On the Feast of the Presentation, candles are traditionally blessed for use in the Church and in the home. The blessed candles will be available for purchase for those who are interested. The donation for a box of two 8 inch candles is \$4; Votive candles (all colors) are \$3. Parishioners are also invited to bring candles from home to be blessed.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Jeremy Monborne
From his Mom and Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Seeking the Lord and observing His law go together. You cannot seek the Lord and disobey Him at the same time.

Peace,
Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

January 29, 2023: (Matthew 5:1-12)

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Many think the Sermon on the Mount is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. It tells us how we are to live our lives and the attitudes we are to have. Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins the Beatitudes (meaning "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." We must have the guidance and strength provided to us by the Lord to live in the poverty of spirit, a spirituality of simplicity.

Living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ is being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. The first Christians were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed. Are you truly living with His message in your heart? (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/12/28)

School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its Annual Dinner/Live Auction on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The evening includes a pasta buffet, appetizers, dessert & refreshments. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and a live Auction conducted by **Templeton Auctioneers** will begin at 6:30 p.m. **\$25.00 per person (*paddle included). Only 200 tickets available.** Donations are welcome: new items, homemade items, wood crafts, art, household items, gift baskets, gift certificates, antiques, sports items, passes and/or tickets to local attractions, even gently used items. Please no used clothing or electronics. Donations will be accepted on January 29th and February 5th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Saint Benedict Church Hall, or can be dropped off at the school during regular school office hours.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend*

*In Loving Memory of
Jim Farabaugh
From Marcy, Jeremy and Matthew*



Spiritual Revision of Life

According to the text by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D. from his book on Kindness: Kind Deeds - "Have I prevented others from performing a good work by discouraging them from it?"

Saint Benedict School Registration

Saint Benedict School will accept registrations for the 2023-2024 academic year the week of February 5th. Children may be enrolled for the Pre-kindergarten 3 and Pre-kindergarten 4 programs, which include religious education and a curriculum that readies pupils for success in Kindergarten. The PK3 program offers classes on Tuesday and Thursday, while the PK4 program offers 3 different options for scheduling. Children may also be enrolled for all-day kindergarten and grades 1 through 8.

Children must be three or four years old, respectively, for pre-kindergarten, five years old for kindergarten, and six years old for first grade by August 31, 2023. Children being enrolled in kindergarten should accompany their parent to Saint Benedict School on the day of registration. A birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, Baptismal certificate, and a \$40 non-refundable fee must be provided at the time of registration. Please contact the School Office at 814-344-6512 to obtain enrollment forms and to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Good Beginnings Last A Lifetime!

Quality Education

Our Parish supports Catholic Education. We encourage our students and families to consider Saint Benedict School and Bishop Carroll High School as their school of choice for quality education for life. We pray for all those who are committed to our schools, especially our teachers and staff, and we support these schools with financial assistance. Why? Because we believe in the Faith formation that is available all week long, in every classroom.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Saint Benedict Home School Association is kicking off our Easter Candy Fundraiser with all-time favorite: Gardners Candies. Sales begin: Wednesday, February 1st; Orders and payments due: Monday, February 27th; Product delivery: Monday, March 27th. Saint Benedict School will receive 35% profit from every brochure sale.

Family and Friends may also use online ordering. The school will receive 25% profit for every purchase made online. To order online go to: <https://www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com/MasterSheetLogin.aspx> Group ID # 10-0452 Please follow instructions on the order form. Make all checks payable to: **Saint Benedict Home School Association. DO NOT SEND IN CASH.** If you have any questions please contact Lara Kammerer call/text 814-242-9862; email enedy16@aolcom; call the school at 814-344-6512; or email Michele at mforsythe@benedictpride.org.

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, Michael Behe, Michelle Burnette, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Margo Cymbor, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Anthony Gwizdak, Rodney Harbrige, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Tom Hoover, Chuck Horn, Michael Horvath, Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Mike Kovall, Alayna Jo Kuzio, Cindy Ladika, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Norman Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Dennis Richter, Sandy Shank, Special Intentions (3), Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Benedicta Veneskey, Reagan Walker, Esther Warner, and Theresa Yeckley.

Church Support - January 21 & 22 2023

Offertory	7001.73
Adopt A Student	527.00
Church Improvement	277.00
Tower Project	230.00
First Offering	92.00
Christmas	21.00
Solemnity of Mary	12.00
School Support	10.00
Immaculate Conception	2.00

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) • \$13 (12 Cards)
- Kitty — \$139+ • Full Card – 54 numbers \$600
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$497+
- 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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg, Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 am, Church Hall
- Catholic Schools Week January 30 - February 3

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Bingo, Early Birds, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Bible Study 7 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

- SBS Children's Liturgy 8:15 a.m.
- Blessing of Candles
- Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Blessing of Throats after Mass

SATURDAY

- First Saturday Mass and Devotions 8 a.m.
- Confessions 2 p.m., Church
- Blessing of Throats after Mass

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Throats after all Masses
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg, Boniface Wimmer Room

Card Party Thursday January 26, 2023



M/M Leroy Bender, M/M Mark Bender, M/M Matthew Bender, Mrs. Pauline Bender, M/M Robert Bender, Mrs. Theresa Bender, M/M Thomas N. Bender, M/M Tom Bender, Miss Betty Ann Bensor, M/M Bill Bertram, M/M Earl Berzonsky, M/M Brian Besong, M/M Richard Bishop, Mr. Adam Biter, Ms. Danielle Biter

From other parishes and organizations...

Pittsburgh Pirates Neil Walker will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on Saturday, February 4th from 12 to 2 p.m. He will be giving a talk about his Catholic Faith and will be available for a meet and greet. No registration or tickets. No cost to attend. Donations will be taken to help support Holy Name School. All are welcome to attend.

Open House: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, February 1, 6-7:30 p.m., followed by financial aid and registration meeting in the cafeteria. New students eligible for a drawing for \$250 scholarship. For more information, call 814-472-7500 ext 105; email: jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.

Trivia Night: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Saturday February 18. All tickets must be pre-reserved. \$30 if paid in advance; \$35 at the door. Fee includes dinner, drinks, snacks, and the game. Must be 21 or older. Teams may be as large or small as you would like. The winning team will be able to make a donation towards the charity of their choice. Baskets, raffles, 50/50s. Catering by Island Barbeque. For questions or registration, email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org or call 814-472-7500 ext 105. Registration deadline: February 13.