

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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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



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, February 24, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, February 25, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, February 26, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, February 27, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, February 28, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.

E. Lamb
E. Farabaugh
M. Farabaugh

S. Cronan
R. Boland

K. Farabaugh

Sunday, March 2, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham
A. Westrick

K. Lallemand
R. Yahner
B. Yahner

J. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

A. Groer
M. Greene
C. Greene

R. McGowan
L. Bridgman
F. Sutton

M. Farabaugh

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 24, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mark Sharbaugh
6:30 p.m. +Agnes McCabe

Tuesday, February 25, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Donald Sobina

Wednesday, February 26, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +William J. Bender

Thursday, February 27, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Arthur Cunningham

Friday, February 28, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Kyle Senko

Saturday, March 1, Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Leo and Elizabeth Karlheim Family

Sunday, March 2, Eighth 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

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Shirley Pagano, mother of our Parishioner Steve Pagano; and the soul of Patricia Gregas, sister of our Parishioner Mary Lou Stainback. 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.

One Hour With Jesus

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. Sign-up sheets will be at the Church entrances.



Parish Breakfast This Sunday



The Parish breakfast is this 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.

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.



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 _____





This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter 30 Year Anniversary Remembrance Of Gerald Sherry From the Family

Pastor's Reflection

What can be more difficult than loving your enemies and forgiving those who have wronged you? It's difficult because these are divine actions. We all want God's mercy bestowed on us. But when we forgive and love our enemies we become like God. When Jesus says to love our enemies it's not a suggestion; it's a command.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

February 23, 2025; (Luke 6:17, 27-38)

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly." ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic. ...Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair. Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has, and all that he is, is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means that "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and "my" time - all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

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.

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Robert J. Gray From the Gray Family



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.

Fish Fry



Our Saint Benedict School will have a Take-out only Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, March 5th in the Church Hall, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. or until sold out. The menu is fried or baked fish, french fries, mac n cheese, haluski, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, and dessert. Price is \$15. If you have any questions, please call the school at 814-344-6512.



Enjoying Snow Days

As we settle into winter don't let these days get you down. Pull out those dusty games, puzzles, photos or craft boxes and enjoy family time. Or enjoy quiet time learning to knit, crochet or sew. Finish a project that's been tucked away. Turn the devices off and light a fire or candle, make popcorn or smores. Try to pretend we are living in simpler times like families of long ago.

Sight & Sound Theatre

Please join St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parish's bus trip to see **Noah-30th Anniversary Limited Showing** at the Sight & Sound Theatre on April 9, 2025. The cost of the bus trip includes the 11:00 a.m. Show and 2:15 p.m. Lunch Smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/ Adult, \$140.00/ Child (3-13). Please contact Robyn Murphy (814) 931-5683 or Diane O'Leary (814) 935-2114 to reserve your seat.

Annual Men's Turkey Dinner

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Dine in for \$14 or take out for \$15. Two lines this year for faster take out service! Please stop by for a dinner!

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Stevens Funeral Homes, Inc., 814-344-6561**, 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 Zaliznock, and Eugene Zernick.

Church Support - February 15 & 16, 2025

Offertory	7552.75
St. Vincent de Paul	1018.00
Organ Project	620.00
School Support	400.00
Church Improvement	235.00
Maintenance Fund	140.00
Tree of Life	65.00
First Offering	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+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - 59 numbers \$725
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500 #3: \$500 #4 \$328+

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.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- CCD Classes, School

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.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 School Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Rectory
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.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
- Pierogi pickup, 4-6 p.m., Church Hall

SATURDAY

- First Saturday Mass and Devotions 8 a.m.
- Confessions, 2 p.m. Church
- Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School

Card Party, Thursday February 27, 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 geoffstumpo@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.