

Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm
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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 10, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, February 11, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, February 12, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, February 13, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, February 14, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, February 15, 4:00 p.m.

S. Fisanick

P.J. Stevens

S. Boyle

R. Kirsch

R. Boland

S. Gray

Sunday, February 16, 8:00 a.m.

R. Deckard

G. Yeckley

G. Yahner

J. Deckard

B. Westrick

P. Cornelius

10:00 a.m.

G. Farabaugh

F. Sutton

M. Farabaugh

O. Farabaugh

L. Bridgman

G. Farabaugh

R. McGowan

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, February 10, Saint Scholastica

8:00 a.m. +Nancy McCoy

6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, February 11, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mary and Martin Vitko

Wednesday, February 12, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Pauline Lieb

Thursday, February 13, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Esther Sclesky

Friday, February 14, Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Marks

Saturday, February 15, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Lewis and Clara Yeckley

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Bernardine Lauer

10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Carolyn Vermeulin, mother of our Parishioner Emil Vermeulin, III. 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.

Bible Study

Bible study will continue on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.. The Bible study will be on the first eleven chapters of Genesis; from the Creation to the Tower of Babel. There is no cost or requirement to attend every class.

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 _____

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.

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.

A Prayer for the Protection of the Holy Family

O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity, and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfill their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven.

Amen.



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

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Dave Fisanick From Jill and Sean



Pastor's Reflection

All three readings today deal with what happens when a human being comes in contact with the divine. The experience is quite overwhelming. Only by repentance can anyone come into God's presence. The Good News of the Gospel is available to anyone who repents. Such a great gift should not be taken lightly.



Peace,
Father Michael

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.

Families and the Gospel

February 9, 2025; (Luke 5:1-11)

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step! ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves children and disciples of the Most High God. While we can approach Him with the confidence of a child before his father, we must also remember the deep reverence and awe that we owe to Him.

When we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, putting our talents, time and treasure at the service of the Most High God, we will be astonished at what God will do. Our lives may take a direction beyond our wildest imaginings.

But just as Jesus reassured Simon in our Gospel today, "Be not afraid," He reassures us too. We need not fear a stewardship way of life. Rather, we should embrace the adventure it presents us and prepare to be astonished by what our awesome God will do. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Masses Sent to Saint Vincent

The following Masses were sent to the Archabbey to be satisfied at the conventual Masses of the Benedictine Monastic Community:
+David H. "Butch" Bearer (10).

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.

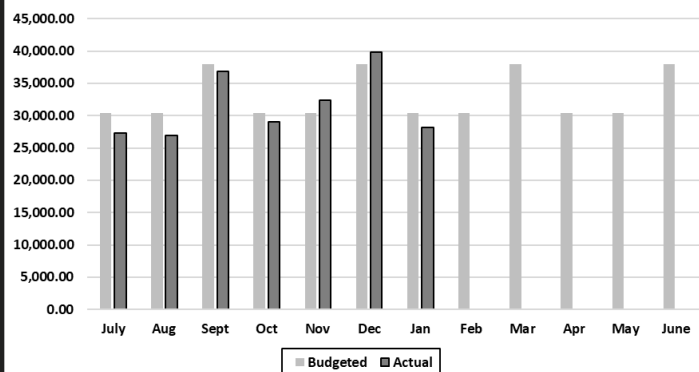
Name _____

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.

2024-2025 Budgeted Monthly Collections



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 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, Rob Kuzio, 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 (19), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Richard Zalznock, and Eugene Zernick.

Church Support - February 1 & 2, 2025

Offertory	8634.75
Church Improvement	1374.00
Organ Project	900.00
St. Vincent de Paul	148.00
Maintenance Fund	143.00
First Offering	65.00
Tree of Life	38.00
Solemnity of Mary	35.00
Christmas	20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	20.00

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 - \$52+
- Full Card - 58 numbers \$700
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$500 #4: \$179+
- \$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

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Oblate Meeting 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
- 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.
- 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

- SBS No School (Students)

SATURDAY

- 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 13, 2025



Miss Betty Ann Bensor, M/M Bill Bertram, M/M Earl Berzonsky, M/M Brian Besong, Mrs. Ann Bilko, M/M Chris Bills, Miss Cindy Bills, M/M Ray Yeckley, M/M Richard S. Bills, M/M Rick Bills, M/M Terrence Bills, M/M Richard Bills, Mr. Adam Biter, Ms. Danielle Biter, M/M Bernard Bogus, M/M James R. Bogus, M/M Richard Bogus

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 Klerna 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.

Square Dances: Saturday, February 15 at 7 p.m. at New Germany Grove Hall, Summerhill. Admission is \$10. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life.

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