

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



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Rosemary Maurer (Anniversary)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 a.m. +Leona McCoy
6:30 p.m. +Jean Lantzy

Tuesday, April 30, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Nils Antezana

Wednesday, May 1, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Sonny Cronauer

Thursday, May 2, St. Athanasius

8:15 a.m. +Joseph Padavich

Friday, May 3, Sts. Philip and James

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, May 4, Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Harvey Sutton

Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary and Holy Name Societies
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family
12:00 p.m. First Holy Communion



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, April 30, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

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

M.C. Hoover

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

SBS Children's Mass

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

M. Farabaugh

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

E. Lamb S. Gray
E. Farabaugh P.J. Stevens
M. Farabaugh

S. Boyle

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

J. Deckard K. Lallemand
R. Deckard S. Cunningham
C. Drahnak

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

R. Eckenrode L. Bridgman
B. Eckenrode F. Sutton
A. Westrick C. Farabaugh

M. Farabaugh

12:00 p.m.

R. Kirsch J. Maucieri
S. Fisanick R. Hoover
L. Behe C. Whooley
M.C. Hoover

Holy Hour and Adoration

Please note that Holy Hour and Adoration will be moved from Tuesday, May 7th to Monday May 6th.

47th Annual Rosary March

The Clearfield Chapter of The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) extends an invitation to join us at the 47th Annual Rosary March on Sunday May 5th at 3 p.m., at the Clearfield County Fair Grounds in Clearfield, PA (just off route 322).

The Rosary March will take place inside the Expo I Building with the Rosary Procession taking place outside, weather permitting. The Rosary March will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Procession. It is not necessary that you process if you would like to remain seated inside the Expo I Building. It is more important that we pray the Rosary publicly together as a community. The guest speaker at this year's Rosary March will be Fr. James Davidson. Fr. Davidson is currently the Pastor of St. Mary's Annunciation Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ramey, PA and St. John the Baptist in Johnstown, PA. In addition, he has been a practicing Family Physician in Clearfield for the past 40 years. Fr. Davidson will be talking about Our Lady of Guadalupe at this year's event. Other highlights of the program include, Crowning of The Erie Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Clearfield Rosary March was founded by Bud Moore in 1977. Various booths will be set up where you can purchase books, religious goods, and food. Please come early if you are able. The Rosary March will go rain or shine. Remember, Our Lady of Fatima said, "Pray the Rosary everyday in order to obtain peace for the world."

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Gerard Burskey, Sr., husband of our Parishioner Lou Burskey and father of our Parishioner Gerard Burskey, Jr.; the soul of our Parishioner Millie Cunningham, mother of our Parishioners Eugene Cunningham, and Lisa Tomiczek, and sister of our Parishioners Joseph, Harold, Irvin and David Weber and Rose Prevost; and the soul of Theresa Suwinski, sister of our Parishioner Odessa Morris. 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.



Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Harper Ray Ford, daughter of Brian and Denna. We extend our love and best wishes to Harper Ray and her parents.

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 \$10; \$4 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$10.





*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Dan Anna
From Dorothy and Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Jesus is the true vine and those who bear fruit on that vine will be pruned. This means that God will gradually take away those things from us that occupy a space where He should be. This can cause suffering. But realize that this suffering is meant to let God have a greater part in our lives.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

April 21, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter (John 15:1-8)

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit." ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives. And Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?' Then let us consider the areas of our days that we can more fully invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected to the Vine.

Healing Patch Children's Grief Program

The Healing Patch Children's Grief Program is recruiting new volunteers to work with grieving children and their families at centers in Altoona and Ebensburg. The Healing Patch is a free peer support program for children and their families who have suffered the death of a significant person, and volunteers are the heart of the Healing Patch. While volunteers must understand they cannot "fix" what has happened, they can facilitate activities to help children and adults connect and share in a safe and welcoming environment. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers.

For more information or to apply as a volunteer, visit homenursingagency.com or contact Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist Shalen Steinbugl at 814-947-7140 or steinbuglsm@upmc.edu.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
E. Paul and Agnes Hoover Family
From Bob and Mary Catherine Hoover*



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Mother's Day. Mothers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the Church. If you are interested in honoring a special woman (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. Offering envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend. All offerings for the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Tower Project.

Cemetery Association

The Cemetery Association is looking for at least two more volunteers to help weed eat a section of the St. Benedict Church cemetery. If you can spare a few hours a month and are interested in helping, please contact the Parish Office. As a reminder to everyone, please follow all cemetery rules posted on the signs.

Catholic Home Missions

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

15th Annual Carrollian Gala

Don't Miss the 15th Annual Carrollian Gala—Reserve Your Tickets Now! Reserve your tickets to the 15th Annual Carrollian Gala before they sell out! This year's event will honor the newest classes of Cornerstone and Distinguished Alumni Award Winners and promises a beautiful evening of dining, fellowship and fun. Contact the office at (814) 472-7500 or email Mr. Nagy at jnagy@bishopcarroll.org. [Read more about this year's award winners.](#)

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Televised Mass, Sunday May 26, celebrated by Bishop Mark at 11 a.m. on WATM ABC 23. Rebroadcast at 9 p.m. on the Breezeline Channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Diocese are invited to register by Wednesday, May 22, with the Family Life Office, 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. Please include your name, address, phone number, and name of deceased spouse.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Dr. Mary Petrunyak, Optometrist, 814-948-8600**, 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: Jackie Adams, Vickie Baran, Marleena and Mila Bartlebaugh, Sabbath Beach, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Todd Bonin, Michelle Burnette, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Ken Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Jr. Gailey, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Pauline Kane, Richard Karlheim, Larry Kibler, Patty Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Edgar Link, Loretta McCoy, Brother Michael Miller, Charles Mitchell, Barb Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, Tom Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (10), Mary Springer, Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Pat and Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Monthly Communion Calls
- 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

- Monthly Communion Calls
- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- First Friday Mass and Devotions, 8 a.m.
- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall

SATURDAY

- First Saturday Mass and Devotions, 8 a.m.
- 2nd Grade First Communion Practice, 10 a.m.
- Confessions, 2 p.m., Church
- Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; 2nd Grade First Communion Mass, Noon

Church Support - April 20 & 21, 2024

Offertory	6118.50
Tower Project	1190.00
School Support	551.00
Church Improvement	135.00
Catholic Home Mission	40.00
Ascension Thursday	10.00
Easter Flowers	10.00

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 — \$315+ • Full Card — 53 numbers \$575
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2 \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$500 #4 \$29+
- \$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.

Card Party Thursday May 2



Mr. Barry Fox, Ms. Lisa Fox, Mr. Michael Fox, M/M Joe Fox, M/M Robert Fox, Mrs. Emily Franceschini, M/M Jeff Fulmer, M/M Barry Galczynski, Ms. Janet Gisler, Ms. Helen Gittings, Mr. Allan Glass, Mr. Dan Glass, M/M David Gmitter, M/M Dave Gobert, Mrs. Jill Fisanick, Ms. Pam Horton

From other parishes and organizations...

Bingo for Birthright! Support our pro life work in Johnstown by joining us Saturday, May 4 at The Willow. Doors open at 4:30, Dinner at 5 and games at 6 p.m. Admission includes dinner and 15 bingo cards. Additional cards available. Purses and Prizes - a Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright! Seating is limited. Price: \$50. Purchase tickets at www.birthrightofjohnstown.org or by calling 814-535-8231.

Spring Friend-Z: Benefits Friends of the Patton Library. May 4, at Queen of Peace. Dinner at 5 p.m., Dinner and Entertainment by RPH (Bob & Patty): 6-8 p.m., and Stacy & The Rejects: 8-11 p.m. Turkey dinner, along with pull tabs, 50-50 & lottery chances. Must be 21 years old or older to attend. Beer & mixers included, or you can bring your own. Admission: \$30. Tickets at the Patton library, 814-674-8231; or Venmo money @ Lisa-Helbig-1.

Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming: Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patton Fire Hall, 410 Magee Ave, Patton. Rabies shot - \$15, Distemper/Parvo - \$20, Grooming (Ears/Nails) - \$10. Cash only. Please bring previous registrations if available. Dogs/cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be 12 weeks old to receive a rabies shot.

Healing Mass: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. All are welcome.