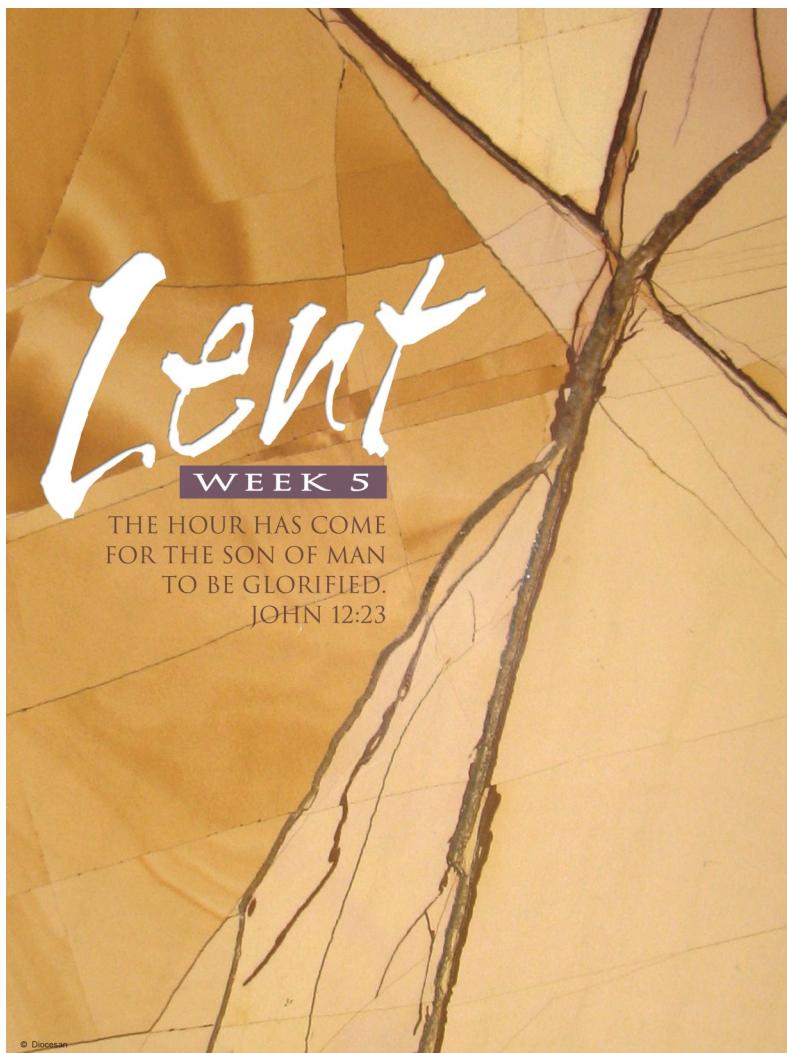


Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm
Office closed on Thursday

Parish Office	344-6548
Parish Fax	344-8656
School Office	344-6512
School Fax	344-8530
Church Hall	344-8770

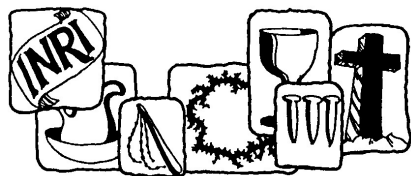
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Mission Statement

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



Sunday, March 18, 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. +Fr. David Cronauer
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. +Velma Sharbaugh (Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Frances Reed
1:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross (with School Children)

Wednesday, March 21, Passing of Our Holy Father Saint

Benedict, Abbot

8:00 a.m. +Patrick Hertzog

Thursday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Frank (Rusty) Marana

Friday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Joseph F. Yeckley (Birthday)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Helen Bolgar

Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +Joseph Bearer (Birthday)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



The Mass on Thursday, March 22nd will be at 7:30 a.m. because Father Jude must be at a Diocesan Meeting at Mount Aloysius.

Youth Ministry Program

Great News! Our Parish is starting a Youth Ministry Program in March 2018! All youth ages 17 to 20 are invited to join us at our Church hall on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will enjoy friendships, games, fun, prayer, and food! This group will be meeting every other week. Look for future outings in the bulletin. More age groups will soon follow! Anyone interested in assisting with the Youth Ministry Program is encouraged to call Julie Yahner at 932-7055.



from our Bishop

At the center of the Church's annual liturgical calendar is the commemoration of the Lord's

death and resurrection during the Three Days. Lent will end late in the afternoon of Thursday, March 29. The Three Days will begin Holy Thursday evening, March 29, with the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*. As the Church enters the sacred Triduum, the offering of the chalice is to be restored in all the parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. At the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* all in the Diocesan Church will be welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of bread and wine. Consistently the Church has stated that the fullness of the sign of Mass is seen in the reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. This is what Jesus the Lord directed on the night before he died, to eat his Body and drink his Blood. All are invited to receive Holy Communion under the elements of both bread and wine Holy Thursday evening. Also, beginning at the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, we will now return to the regular manner of exchanging the sign of peace.



Monday, March 19, 8:00 a.m.

Marshall Farabaugh R. Cunningham
Sophia Hoover

Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 a.m.

Garrett Farabaugh J. Farabaugh

Blaine Farabaugh

Stations: 1:45 p.m.

Ricky Kirsch

Lauren Behe

Leah Behe

Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.

Cameron Drahnak R. Hoover

Luke Behe

Thursday, March 22, 7:30 a.m.

Janet Gaul C. Farabaugh

Carol Serafin

Friday, March 23, 8:15 a.m.

Seth Hilyer

Seth Cunningham

Dustin Farabaugh

Stations: 7:00 p.m.

M. Wholaver

L. Wholaver

C. Weiland

Saturday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

K. Schall

R. Witham

J. Link

S. Fisanick

B.A. Bensor

C.L. Bills

R. Kirsch

P.J. Stevens

Sunday, March 25, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham

J.R. Schall

E. Cunningham

S. Cunningham

M.A. Schall

Br. Michael

E. Cunningham

R. Cunningham

10:00 a.m.

L. Wholaver

F. Sutton

P. Kelly

M. Wholaver

R. Bridgman

M. Farabaugh

K. Duman

J. Kronick

B. Fox

Catholic Ministries Drive



Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2018 *Catholic Ministries Drive—Making Christ A Home in Your Heart*. Through it, your

sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership for clergy and laity. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org. All gifts received beyond our parish target amount will be returned to our parish. Thank you for your joyful participation during the Easter Season.

Altar Rosary Society Meeting



The Altar Rosary Society will gather for their monthly meeting in the Church hall on Monday, March 19. The Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m., and the meeting will follow. The committee is Sally Weber, Rose Prevost, Bertha Sell, Linda Weber, and Judy Colberg.



Easter Special Lottery Tickets

Parishioners are reminded to return their Easter Special tickets, sold or unsold, to the Parish Office by Tuesday, March 27, to be eligible for prizes which begin on Wednesday, March 28th. Proceeds benefit the Church Improvement Fund.



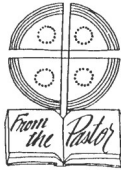


*This week the votive candle will burn
in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
For Living and Deceased Members
Of the Charles McNulty Family
From George McNulty Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Today's Gospel makes it very clear that Jesus has come into the world to die for our sins. We are called by our Baptism to participate in the Death of Christ, as well as in His Resurrection. Very simply, this is done by uniting our Crosses with the sufferings of Christ.

Prayers,
Father Jude



Families and the Gospel

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in our dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

Stewardship Reflections

You are like a grain of wheat. Keeping your time, talent, and treasure to yourself yields no harvest. With God's grace we can die to ourselves and bear fruit for His kingdom. When you live for others, the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ is revealed. Is God calling you to be charitable in a specific way today?

Liturgical Reflection

Lent has us focus on the cross where both death and life are found. Jesus obediently accepted death on a cross so that sins might be forgiven and our relationship with God be restored. The Preface at the Funeral Mass prays, "For even though by our own fault we perish, yet by your compassion and your grace, when seized by death according to our sins, we are redeemed through Christ's great victory..." Sin causes us to lose our life in the Lord. We seek life through the Lord's victory on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Redemption is ours, both for the living and dead, in the salvific death of the Lord.

Roman Missal, Preface V. For The Dead.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Following the Holy Thursday Liturgy on March 29, Parishioners and friends are invited to make a Eucharistic Pilgrimage to neighboring Churches to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We will journey by school bus, making stops at Saint Bernard's in Hastings; Saint Nicholas in Nicktown; Holy Family in Colver; and Holy Name in Ebsburg; praying a decade of the Rosary at each stop, then returning to Saint Benedict's at 10:30 p.m. This is a beautiful way to spend Holy Thursday evening in prayer and Eucharistic devotion. We will board the bus in front of the School building around 7:45 p.m. There is no cost, but reservations are necessary. To reserve your seat, please call Dick Cunningham at 344-8107 or 421-4541.

Parish Breakfast Next Sunday

We will have the Parish breakfast in the Church hall on Sunday, February 25, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, pancakes or toast, french toast, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$8 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available.



Pray for the Hospitalized — Please remember all of the sick in your prayers, especially Steve Price.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES



Saint Bernard Church, Hastings
Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m.

Queen of Peace Church, Patton
Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Saint Nicholas Church, Nicktown
Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown
Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m.

**Confessions are also heard in the Church on
Saturdays at 2 p.m.**



A huge thank you to all those who donated, volunteered and participated in the Benefit Auction this year. It was another successful event and we are grateful for the ongoing support of St. Benedict School.

A Prayer on Fasting

Peggy Rowe-Linn

The words you are about to read are the result of my contemplation on the topic of fasting during Advent, Lent or any other period when you want to offer small sacrifices to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Any one of them is a challenge for me.

Lord, please give me the courage to fast from anger, bitterness and resentment. Please replace those words, feelings and actions with kindness, sweetness and lightness of spirit. Let joy be my companion.

Lord, please give me the courage to fast from gossip. Please let only sincere compliments and gentle words spill forth from my lips.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from self-indulgence. Please replace avarice and selfishness with the graces of selflessness and charity towards others. Let moderation and love of others be my goal.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from quarreling. Please bless me with the grace and ability to be your peacemaker. Let peace dwell within me so others may see the light of your presence within me.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from constant and chronic distractions that separate me from your desires for me. Please grace me with the ability to listen and be attentive to the needs of others and act upon those needs as you would have me act. Let nothing distract me from you.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from false gods in this fast-paced, consumer-driven world. Please bless me with the ability to discern your will alone and to never lose sight that you, and you alone, are God.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all that is irreverent; gluttony, sloth, immodesty and impurity of any kind. Please bless me with the desire to seek only those things in life that are good and holy.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from the need for me to be always right. Please bless me with the desire to seek and do what is right and just.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from behavior that promotes my own self-interest. Please give me the grace to desire only your will for my life.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all that distracts me from you, as you—Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the passion of my soul. Lord, give me the grace to stay focused on your path towards holiness.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all which you do not desire of me. Please bless me with the daily grace necessary and sufficient to be a saint.

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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.** Our prayers have been requested for the following: Denise Bailey, Ed Bearer, Elizabeth Bearer, Bernard Beck, Michael Behe, David Bender, Judy Bender, Betty Ann Bensor, Msgr. Harold Biller, Mary Bogus, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, Joe and Mary Ciccotelli, Nixon Cicero, John Contorchik, Millie Cunningham, Clare Anne Dumm, Kevin Eckenrode, Rebecca Eckenrode, Neta Elder, Jimmy Ertter, III, Clare Falconi, Ed Farabaugh, Ken Farabaugh, Lynn Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, George Ferris, Sr., Brian Ford, Denise Fox, Patricia Freeman, Gitta Gagne, Thom Gagne, Agnes Gaily, Betty Glass, Beth Ann Gormish, Shaw Graffius, Charlotte Gwizdak, Kay Haggerty, Irene Haycisak, Barbara Henry, Clare Hoffman, Ranee Horn, Betty Lou Huber, Brynlee Jacoby, Diane Jodon, Louise Julick, Bernadine Kelly, Betty Kelly, Jeff Kelly, Jim Kelly, Cynthia Kemper, Jimmy Kirsch, James J. Kline, Catherine Lieb, Charles Lutak, Bill Lutz, Mary Jo Malloy, Darlene Markovich, Pauline Maurer, Thelma McNulty, Francis Mecurio, Cindy Miklos, Paula Mitchell, Kieran Moore, Theresa Moore, Ann Morealli, Virginia Morealli, Odessa Morris, Phyllis Myers, Ricky Myers, Karen Needham, Trevor Nihart, Helen Paige, Viola Panaro, Dulcie Perry, Jacob Peterson, Judith Peterson, Steve Price, Charlene Quist, Maddox Raptosh, Ken and Eva Rasmussen, Michelle Romagna, Mike Rosmus, John Roush, Marcus SanGregorio, Matthew Sclesky, Ryan Shafer, Lucas Shank, William Shank, Mark Sharbaugh, Deborah Smith, Gary Sowers, Special Intentions (35), Jodi Stevens, Ronald Stevens, Dorothy Strittmatter, Edward Venslosky, Denny Weakland, Dorothy Weaver, Dean Weber, Sara Weber, Carrie Westover, Jim Westrick, Joyce Westrick, Gabriel Weyandt, Emmit Whited, Richard Whited, Janine Wilson, Carol (Owens) Woodward, Jackie Wright, Brenda Yeckley, and Theresa Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes-school
- Lenten Penance Service, 2 p.m., St. Bernard Church, Hastings

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church hall
- Eucharistic Adoration after 8 a.m. Mass; Holy Hour, 10:30 a.m.
- SBS Diocesan Forensics Competition
- SBS Children's Stations of the Cross, 1:45
- Bingo, early birds, 6:30 p.m.
- Lenten Penance Service, 7 p.m., Queen of Peace, Patton

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church hall
- Youth Ministry Program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Church hall
- Lenten Penance Service, 7 p.m., St. Nicholas, Nicktown

THURSDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church hall
- SBS bring a guest to lunch day
- Card Party, 7 p.m., Church hall
- Lenten Penance Service, 7 p.m. St. Benedict, Carrolltown

FRIDAY

- Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
- Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church hall
- Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Confessions, 2 p.m., Church

SUNDAY

- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes-school
- Parish Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Church hall

**Stations of
the CROSS**



Church Support — March II, 2018

Offertory	7211.00
Church Improvements	865.50
Easter Flowers	194.50
Tree of Life	15.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	94.50
Catholic Register	30.00
Catholic Relief	542.50
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Adopt A Student	1.00

Bingo on Tuesday

Doors Open @ 5 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.

Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow



- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
 - Kitty—\$487+
 - Circle 7 – 25 numbers for \$160
 - Jackpot - Straight line only
 - Full Card – 53 numbers \$575
 - Instant tickets
 - All Nighter - \$422+
 - \$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 March 22



Mr. Frank Kirsch, M/M Kevin Kirsch, M/M Richard Kirsch, M/M Robert Kirsch, M/M Wayne Kirsch, M/M Kelly Kitchen, Mr. Anthony A. Kline, M/M Anthony Kline, Mr. Dan Kline, Ms. Louise Kline, M/M David H. Kline, Ms. Jade Kline, M/M James Kline, Mr. James Kline, M/M John Kline, M/M Kenneth Kline, M/M Michael J. Kline, M/M Tim Kline, M/M Larry Knee, M/M Joseph Koehle

From other parishes and organizations...

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

-Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany at the Grove Hall, every Friday during Lent. Take-outs available until 6 p.m. Dinners served from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children under 3 free. (814-495-4298)

-Queen of Peace Parish Center (upper level), Patton, every Friday during Lent, from 4-7 p.m. Baked goods available for sale. Adults \$10, Children 5-12, \$5. Take out dinners available in the lower level of the Parish Center.

-Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage, Mar 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. In the parish hall. Orders for take-outs (814) 736-3146) will be taken starting at 1 p.m., but will not be ready until after 4 p.m. Adults, \$10, Children 6-12, \$5.

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Auction Sunday March 18, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Patton Firehall, 413 Magee Avenue Patton; for Cambria Heights Lady Highlander Softball. Tickets are \$7. Take-outs available.

Wine Festival, Saturday, March 24, Hastings Memorial Building, 4-8 p.m. VIP tickets \$30 (includes early 3 p.m. entry, appetizers, wine stopper & tote, chances at door prizes), Regular Pre-sale admission \$20, admission at door \$25. Buy online www.eventbrite.com; at Top Shop, Hastings; Hastings Borough Office.

Craft & Vendor Fair, Saturday, Mar 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Featuring 70 crafters and vendors, homemade foods, huge bake sale, gourmet cinnamon rolls & gobs, kiddy corner-games & face painting; Easter Bunny Visit 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m./ Egg hunt 1:30 p.m.

Basket Social, Sunday, March 25, hosted by the Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances. Desserts and beverages will be served. Doors open at 1 p.m. raffle starts promptly at 2.

42nd Annual Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival, Sunday April 8, beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Demetrius Parish Church hall in Gallitzin. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and roast beef dinner. Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10, Children 6 to 12, \$6, 5 and under, Free.