

Saint Benedict Church

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Monday thru Thursday:
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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, October 13, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Edna Westrick
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, October 14, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Butch Bearer
6:30 p.m. +Carol Raynish

Tuesday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 a.m. +Chester McCoy

Wednesday, October 16, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Vincent and Margaret Eckenrode Family

Thursday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:15 a.m. +David Switzler

Friday, October 18, St. Luke

8:00 a.m. +Tony Owens

Saturday, October 19, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Grace Arney

Sunday, October 20, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Thomas and Elnora Zemrose
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Monday, October 14, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, October 15, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, October 17, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, October 18, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.

R. Kirsch R. Boland
M. Farabaugh P.J. Stevens
E.L. Farabaugh

K. Farabaugh

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.

J. Deckard R. Yahner
R. Deckard B. Yahner

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

A. Groer L. Bridgman
G. Farabaugh C. Farabaugh
O. Farabaugh F. Sutton

M. Farabaugh

Prayer for an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned. Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his apostles and guide us to your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Month of the Rosary

October is month of the Rosary. Many graces and favors are obtained for those who recite it regularly. Rosary Packets are located at the entrances to the Church. Please feel free to take them.



Ultreya-Cursillo

On Friday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m., the Ultreya-Cursillo will host a Scriptural Rosary in the Church followed by a short video on the Morality of Voting Pro-Life. All are invited. Refreshments to follow.

Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate Zachary Bohrer and Taylor Eckenrode, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Saint Benedict Church on October 5th. We pray that the Lord will bless

them with the courage and strength it takes to remain in His love, and that, in love, they will find happiness grow deeper each day.

Special Collection - Hurricane Relief

We will take up a second collection next weekend, October 19 and 20, to support those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Kindly continue to remember these storm victims in your prayers. May the One who calms the storm bring peace to those whose lives have been so devastated. Many thanks for your help.

Prayer Breakfast

The Annual Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL) Respect Life Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg. We are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life and Students for Life Action. She is a dynamic Pro-life leader, author, speaker, Podcast host, and advocate for the unborn. Come and be inspired by Kristan and hear how to help the next generation become solidly Pro-life!

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15, advance sale only. For tickets or information, please call Bill and Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Butch Bearer
From Dorothy Bearer*

Pastor's Reflection

God wills that we perfect the virtues. We even wish to be virtuous, but how do we obtain the virtues. The first step is to pray. The author of the book of Wisdom prayed and wisdom and prudence were given to him. Pray before embarking on any endeavor.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

October 13, 2024, (Mark 10:17-30)

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life. Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad - this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives. If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions - material goods or money - like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material - like status, pride or control. As we go through life, it can be hard not to cling tightly to things of the world.

May we consider what it is holding us back from radically loving Jesus. Pray for the grace to overcome, don't pass by the opportunities to surrender, and create moments to detach. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined - peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

Mass of Remembrance

Bishop Carroll's 20th Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 4 p.m. The Mass will be held in the Bishop Carroll Chapel in honor of alumni and faculty who have gone to their eternal rest. A reception will follow in the Ursula Pawlowski Media Center. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (814) 472-7500 x 104. www.bishopcarroll.com

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Art Deckard
From the Deckard Family*



St. Vincent de Paul Basket Auction

St. Vincent de Paul - Carrolltown Store only, 5th Annual Fall Basket Auction. Ticket sales will run through October 14. Drawing for the baskets will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 10 a.m.

All money raised will go towards our heating system upgrade, as well as expenses incurred from the unexpected flood a few weeks ago.

Parish Missions

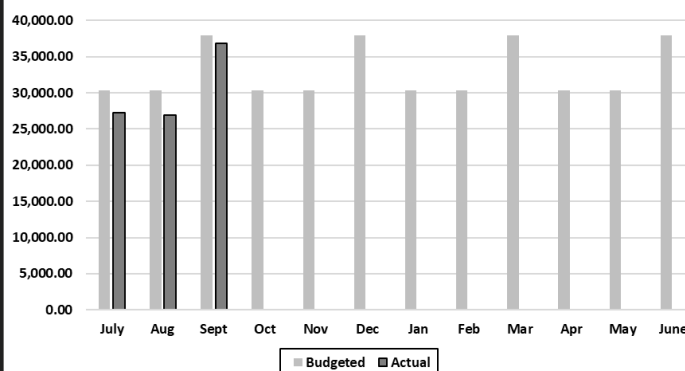
Prince of Peace Church: 811 Chestnut Ave., Northern Cambria; join us on **October 21 and 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** for a Parish Mission - Confirmation Retreat. The format each night will be a one-hour talk given by Deacon Rick Messina followed by one hour of adoration. Confessions will be available during adoration.

Deacon Rick will talk about his personal journey in faith and his path to become a permanent Deacon in our Diocese. This mission-retreat is open to anyone interested and is a perfect opportunity for confirmation students to fulfill the requirement for retreats (discipleship events).

There will be a sign-in sheet available for all confirmation students and your pastor will be notified of your attendance.

St. Benedict Parish (Johnstown): 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Greg Bramlage for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, **"Built Upon the Rock"**. This three night event will be held at **7 p.m. on October 21, 22, and 23**. Each evening you will worship God in "Spirit and Truth" as you pray for God's healing in your lives. Open to adults and children in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036, email: Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

2024-2025 Budgeted Monthly Collections



Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Double Deckard's Deli, 814-344-5945**, 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, Russel Bard, Sabbath Beach, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Jr. Gailey, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Cheryl Keith, Larry Kibler, Patty Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Bob Miller, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Theresa Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (20), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zalznock.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Church Hall
-Blood Drive, 1-6 p.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
-Ultreya-Cursillo Meeting 6:30 p.m., Church, Rosary for the Morality of Voting
-SBS Trick or Trunk, 6-8 p.m.

SATURDAY

-9th Grade Confirmation Retreat 2-4 p.m., Church Hall
-Confessions, 2 p.m., Church; -Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
-CCD Classes
-10th Grade Confirmation "Parable Retreat" during class

Church Support - October 5 & 6, 2024

Offertory	7659.00
Church Improvement	1825.00
Organ Project	755.00
All Souls Day	110.00
All Saints Day	90.00
School Support	50.00
Tree of Life	40.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	35.28
World Mission Sunday	35.00
Cemetery Maintenance	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	11.00

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 - \$056+
- Full Card - 54 numbers \$600
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500 #3: \$130+
- 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.

Card Party Thursday October 17



M/M Tom Sherry, M/M James Brady, M/M Pat Sherry, Mr. Vincent Sherry, M/M Michael Sherry, Mrs. Sandra Sherry, Miss Amy Shingle, Mr. Bill Serafin, Miss Carol Serafin, Mrs. Janet Gaul, M/M Jim Serafin, M/M Jack Serafin, M/M Don Sewalish, M/M Don Sewalish, Mrs. Mary Rieger

From other parishes and organizations...

107th Anniversary Miracle of the Sun and Mary's appearance

Sunday, October 13 at Fatima Shrine at Saint Catherine of Siena, 308 Old Rt 22, Duncansville. 8:00 a.m. Mass; 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at the Fatima Shrine; 9:20 a.m. Continuous Rosary; 10:40 a.m. Benediction and Procession back to Church; 11:00 a.m. Mass in Church.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday October 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University.

Healing Mass: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 15th 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, Fr. David Dodd, TOR, Fr. Jeremy Mohler, and others con-celebrating. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m.; prayer ministry will follow.

Basket Party: Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m., at Holy Family Parish, Portage. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances. Chances on larger value prizes will be available. Complimentary cake and coffee. Other food and soft drinks will be available for purchase.