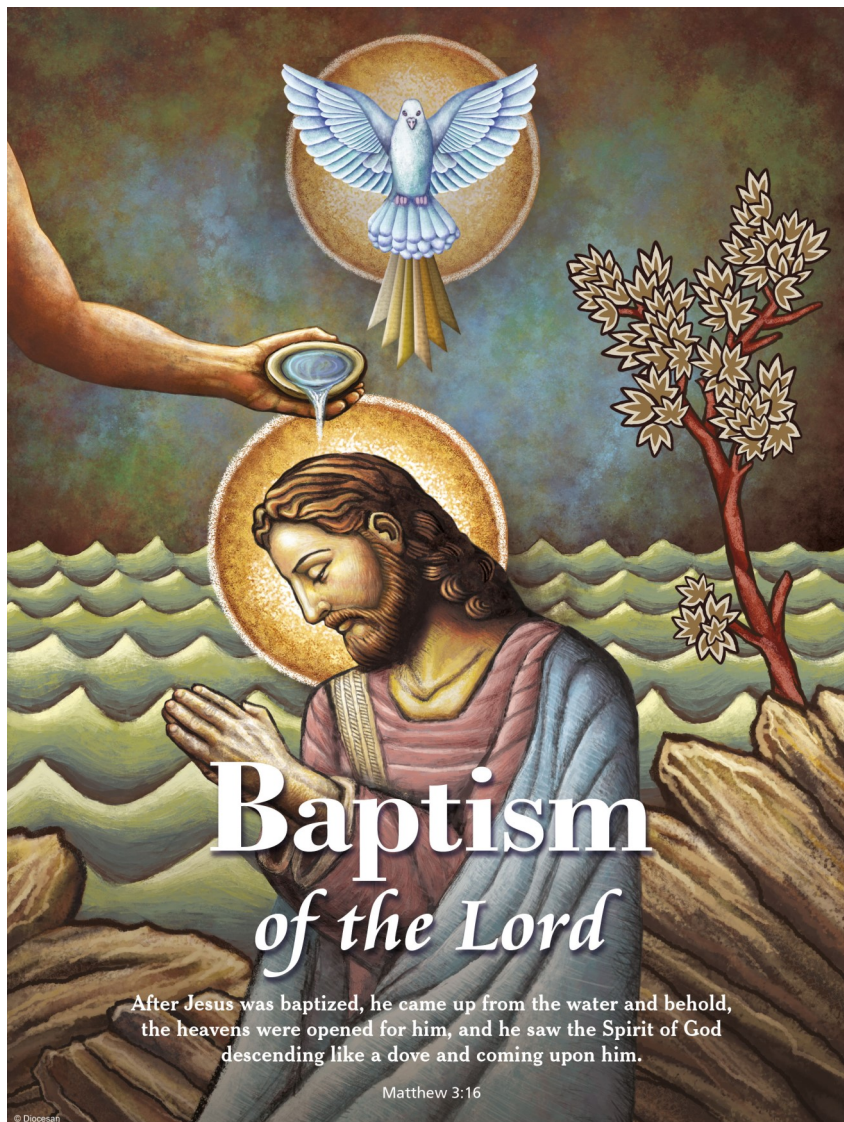


Saint Benedict Church

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and 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



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, January 11, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Charles Feighner

Tuesday, January 12, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John Sutton

Wednesday, January 13, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Helen Hanyok

Thursday, January 14, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Connie Polisky

Friday, January 15, Sts. Maur and Placid

8:00 a.m. +Stella Shortencarrier

Saturday, January 16, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Laura Zalznock

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, January 11, 8:00 a.m.

C.L. Bills

Tuesday, January 12, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, January 13, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, January 14, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Friday, January 15, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 16, 4:00 p.m.

J. Kline

M. Lieb

Sunday, January 17, 8:00 a.m.

B. Westrick

M. Weiland

10:00 a.m.

F. Sutton

B. Fox

Devotion to the Cross

The cross of Christ is the symbol of our redemption. By His death on the Cross, Christ redeemed the world and procured for us all blessings. We need not then be surprised to find among the Apostles a great love and veneration for the Cross. St. Paul says: "With Christ I am nailed to the Cross" (Gal. 2:19). And again: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:14).



This reverence for the Cross was passed on by the Apostles to the early Christians, for whom the Cross of our Savior was the special object of devotion. They carved it on their tombs, marked it on their houses, imprinted it on their clothing, and on household articles. They signed themselves with the sign of the Cross on coming and going, before beginning any work and upon ending it, and in all trials and dangers. They expected to obtain through the instrument of our redemption every blessing from God, especially protection against the assaults of the devil and all dangers of body and soul.

As the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ was the chief object of devotion among the early Christians, so it was also with St. Benedict, the Patriarch of Western monasticism, and his disciples. St. Benedict often used the sign of the Cross to work miracles and to overcome the devil and his temptations; and it was this devotion of the Saint to the Cross that gave rise to the Cross or Medal of St. Benedict. The sons of St. Benedict have inherited this veneration and love of the Cross from their spiritual Father. We see this especially exemplified in the life of St. Maurus, a disciple of St. Benedict, who cherished a great devotion to the Cross of Christ, and who employed it as powerful means for curing the sick.

<http://archive.osb.org/gen/maurus/blessing.html>

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner James Hoover, brother of our Parishioners Elaine Vescovi, Leroy, Thomas and Robert Hoover; and the soul of Bernetta Long, sister of our Parishioner Germaine Lanzendorfer. 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.

Saint Maur Blessing

Saint Maur, a disciple of Saint Benedict, has been called the miracle-worker since he has miraculously freed many persons from their bodily afflictions through the Sign of the Cross and the Relic of the True Cross of Christ. The Maur Blessing will follow after the 8 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Religious Education Notes

CCD Assignments Pick-Up

The third quarter CCD Assignments will be available for pick-up in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 16th after the 4 p.m. mass and Sunday, January 17th after the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Derek Cook
From Mary Ann Cook*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Derek Cook
From Mary Ann Cook*



Pastor's Reflection

Today Jesus is Baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Jesus going into water transforms the water into a life giving gift that will allow us to grow in holiness. We pray that we fulfill the vows of our own Baptism transforming us into a holy person and becoming a source of healing in our modern day world.



Peace,
Father Jude

Families and the Gospel

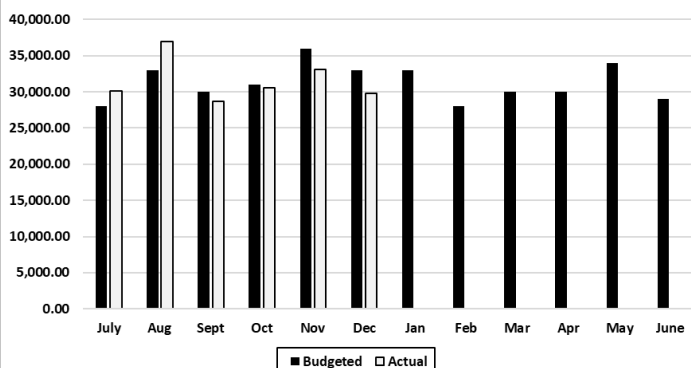
January 10, The Baptism of the Lord; Mark 1:7-11 The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased"). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER. (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops' stewardship pastoral letter reminds us about "a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism: that the people place their gifts, their resources, and themselves at God's service in and through the Church...by proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, USCCB, 1992)

Can you say that you are fulfilling the obligation to be a servant king in your baptismal role as Jesus did?

Budgeted Monthly Collections



Dare to be Different

Helen Lowrie Marshall

"Dare to be different; life is so full
Of people who follow the same push and pull.
Poor, plodding people who, other than name,
Try to pretend they're exactly the same.

God made us different; there never will be,
A replica soul of you or me.
The charm, the glory of all creation
Rests on this very deviation.

Your charm, your own glory, too.
Lies in being uniquely you-
Lies in being true to your best,
That part of you different than all the rest.

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Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.

Farewell Address...

President George Washington (1732-1799)

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a Happy Nation. Amen"

www.mountvernon.org The Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union

"Prayer adapted from Washington's Circular Letter to the States, which he wrote on June 8, 1783 as the commander in chief, at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York. This circular was directed to the governors and states of the new nation. His reference to them has been replaced by the words "the United States." Otherwise, the words and the spelling are those of General George Washington of the Continental Army.

Sponsor of the Week

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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:

Mary Lou Anderson, Judy Bender, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, James Connors, John Contorchick, Kelly Cunningham, Millie Cunningham, Oliver Cunningham, Dave Cymbor, Justin Donnelly, Ethan John Eckenrode, Jim Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Emalin Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Tom Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barb Fasoli, Kimberly Fleming, Joe and Denise Fox, Tony Franceschini, Gitta Gagne, Thom Gagne, Beth Ann Gormish, Jane Graffius, Constance Griak, Bethany Hauliska, Hannah Hauliska, Andy Haycisak, Irene Haycisak, Tom Hoover, Lizzy Kirsch, Ava Koehle, Cindy Ladika, Connie Sue Lee, Charles Lutak, Dick and Pauline Maurer, Barb McCann, Chucky Mitchell, Theresa Moore, Betty Perry, Dulcie Perry, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Barbara Ann Richter, Donna Ropp, Jim Ropp, Becky and Marcus SanGregorio, Tim Semelsberger, Marilyn Schirf, Patty Sliko, Special Intentions (26), Jodi Stevens, Kevin Stock, Matt Summerfield, John Thurman, Michael Veneskey, Esther Warner, Dean Weber, Dennis Weber, Sara Weber, Cliff Wolf, and Brenda Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Holy Hour after Mass

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Maur Blessing after 8 a.m. Mass

SATURDAY

-Confessions 2:00 p.m.
-Mass: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

-SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



... and now let us believe in the new year
that is given us -
new, untouched,
full
of things that have never been.

-rilke-



Prayer Requests

Prayer List/Special Intentions List

We will be updating the Prayer Chain list and the Special Intentions list. If you would like to keep a name or a special intention on the list, call the office by January 18th.

Beginning Sunday, January 24th, unless you have contacted the office, all names and intentions will be removed. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we update our Prayer Chain.

Church Support December 25 & 27, 2020

Christmas	10563.00
Offertory	6528.15
St. Vincent de Paul	880.00
Adopt A Student	400.00
Church Improvements	350.00
Christmas Flowers	235.00
First Offering	226.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	80.00
School Support	35.00
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00
Tree of Life	10.00
Maintenance Fund	10.00

Church Support — January 1 & 3, 2021

Offertory	6709.75
Solemnity of Mary	1491.50
Church Improvements	940.00
First Offering	851.00
Christmas	485.00
St. Vincent de Paul	70.00
School Support	65.00
Adopt A Student	25.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	20.00
Tree of Life	10.00

From other parishes and organizations...

Saint Vincent's 175th Anniversary (Nov 2020 thru Nov 2021)

Saint Vincent Archabbey, College and Seminary are celebrating 175 years! As part of this celebration, there will be a series of weekly reflection emails, written by members of the Saint Vincent monastic and college, seminary and parish communities, as well as alumni and friends. These reflections pay tribute to our founder, Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B. and our history, and to look to our future in hope. To sign up to receive these emails or to learn more about 175 years of Saint Vincent, please visit www.stvincent.edu.

