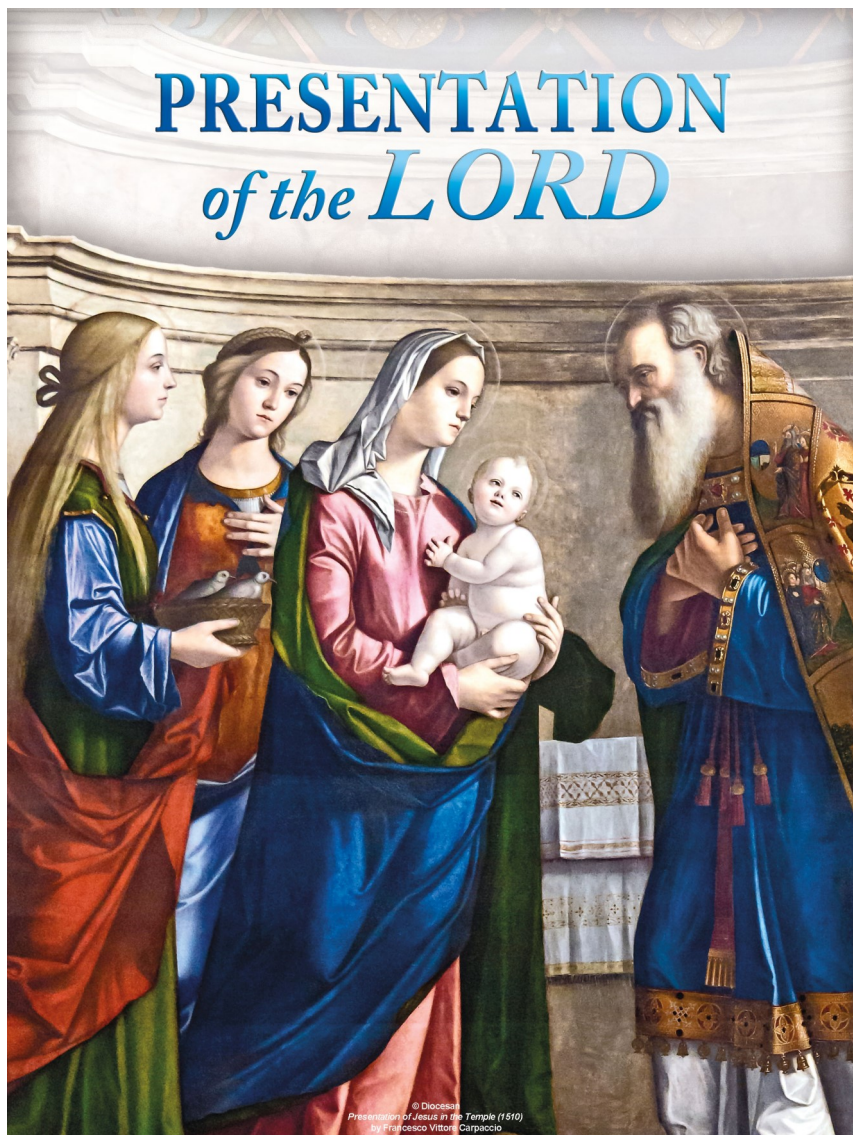


Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm
Office closed on 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

Feast of the Presentation



Sunday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

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

Monday, February 3, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mike Shingle
6:30 p.m. +Theodore Tucker (Birthday)

Tuesday, February 4, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Dolores Gwizdak

Wednesday, February 5, Saint Agatha

8:00 a.m. +Edna Switzler

Thursday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and his Companions

8:15 a.m. +Maude Sutton

Friday, February 7, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, February 8, Weekday

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

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Blessing of Throats

We will have blessing of throats in honor of Saint Blaise after all Masses this weekend and after the Monday morning Mass. Saint Blaise was a doctor as well as a bishop in Armenia during the fourth century. It is believed that Blaise once healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of that, he is the patron of the sick, especially people with illnesses of the throat. It is an ancient custom to pray for good health with a blessing of throats on his feast day.



Blessing of Candles/Candlemas

On Sunday, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast occurs 40 days after Christmas. Simeon recognized Christ as the Messiah and referred to Him as the "Light of revelation to the nations." On the Feast of the Presentation, candles are traditionally blessed for use in the Church and in the home. The blessed candles will be available for purchase for those who are interested. The donation for a box of two 8 inch candles is \$4; Votive candles (all colors) are \$3. Parishioners are also invited to bring candles from home to be blessed.

Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate Thaddeus Lallemand and Jordyn Wood, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Saint Benedict Church on January 25th. 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.



Monday, February 3, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, February 4, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, February 5, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, February 6, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, February 7, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.

E. Lamb S. Gray
M. Farabaugh J. Kline
E.L. Farabaugh

S. Cronan

Sunday, February 9, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham K. Schall
S. Cunningham C. Schall
L. Baker

L. Huber

10:00 a.m.

R. Eckenrode C. Farabaugh
M. Eckenrode R. Hoover
E. Eckenrode R. McGowan

M. Ryan

Bible Study

St. Benedict parish will continue our Bible study 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.

Annual Dinner & Live Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting their 13th Annual Benefit Auction, Saturday, February 8th in the Church Hall.

Admission: \$25 per person with a chance to win Instant Lottery Tickets. Call Saint Benedict School at 814-344-6512 or Parish Office at 814-344-6548. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Adults 18 and older. Cost includes Appetizers, Pasta dinner buffet, Drinks, Dessert and One paddle for bidding.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m., Live Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

We will be accepting donations of new, unique, or gently used items. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 814-344-6512.

Proceeds benefit the Saint Benedict School Home School Association.

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.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Joann Behe From her Children

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend For the Living and Deceased Members of the N.A. Malloy Family



Pastor's Reflection

This Sunday's feast is all about purification; of a new couple with a baby, of the Church, and of our souls. We should always remember that our God is a god of purity and He wants us to be pure as well. Practice this virtue and its accompanying virtue of modesty and you will become more like God.



Peace,
Father Michael

Saint Benedict School Registration

Saint Benedict School will accept registrations for the 2025-2026 academic year on February 4th and 5th.



Children may be enrolled for the Pre-kindergarten 3 and Pre-kindergarten 4 programs, which include religious education and a curriculum that readies pupils for success in Kindergarten. The PK3 program offers classes on Tuesday and Thursday, while the PK4 program offers 3 different options for scheduling. Children may also be enrolled for all-day kindergarten and grades 1 through 8.

Children must be three or four years old, respectively, for pre-kindergarten, five years old for kindergarten, and six years old for first grade by August 31, 2025. Children being enrolled in kindergarten should accompany their parent to Saint Benedict School on the day of registration. A birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, Baptismal certificate, and a \$40 non-refundable fee must be provided at the time of registration. Please contact the School Office at 814-344-6512 to obtain enrollment forms and to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Good Beginnings Last A Lifetime!

Quality Education

Our Parish supports Catholic Education. We encourage our students and families to consider Saint Benedict School and Bishop Carroll High School as their school of choice for quality education for life. We pray for all those who are committed to our schools, especially our teachers and staff, and we support these schools with financial assistance. Why? Because we believe in the Faith formation that is available all week long, in every classroom.

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.

Families and the Gospel

February 2, 2025; (Luke 2:22-40)

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience of the laws of their Jewish faith. Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day, bringing Him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord." The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience of the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, students, etc. - we have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

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.

Sponsor of the Week

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