

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

Pastoral Staff

Father Jude W. Brady, O.S.B...... *Pastor*
Lois Bridgman..... *Secretary*
Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B.
Suzanne M. Bills..... *Director of Religious Education and*
Christian Initiation
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Church Hall **344-8770**

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 Intentions

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 18, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Beth Darnell

Tuesday, January 19, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ben Bearer

Wednesday, January 20, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Fred Marks

Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes

8:00 a.m. +Jean Crowell

Friday, January 22, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Teresa Polisky

Saturday, January 23, Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Charles Feigh Family

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Marie Weaver
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, January 18, 8:00 a.m.

C.L. Bills

Tuesday, January 19, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, January 20, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, January 21, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Friday, January 22, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 23, 4:00 p.m.

S. Boyle

S. Cronan

Sunday, January 24, 8:00 a.m.

M.N. Schall

Br. Michael

10:00 a.m.

R. McGowan

M. Ryan



Our Parish is grateful for the monetary gifts which we received in loving memory of Edna Westrick, John Frontino, Teresa Polisky, Phyllis Tonelli, Shirley Valeria, and Ben Bearer. We thank the donors for their thoughtfulness.



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Tom Farabaugh, husband of our Parishioner Mary, father of our Parishioner Jessica Bradley, and brother of our Parishioner Daniel. 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.

Religious Education Notes

CCD Assignments Pick-Up

The third quarter Gospel Weekly lessons for students in grades 1 and 3 through 8, will be available for pick-up in the Church Hall after all masses this weekend.

Parish Census Update

Help us keep our Parish records up-to-date. Our records will be kept accurate if changes of any kind are reported to the Parish Office. Please call the Parish Office if your address changes, you move in or out of the Parish, your telephone number changes, adult children move away, singles marry, you have a baby, you separate or divorce, or you need envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Saint Benedict School Registration



Saint Benedict School will accept registrations for the 2021-2022 academic year on Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. 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 2 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, 2021. 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 344-6512 to obtain enrollment forms and to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Good Beginnings Last A Lifetime!



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
Birthday Remembrance
For Tim Farabaugh
From his sister Cecelia and his brother Ted*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
For the Living and Deceased
Members of the John and Ethel
Emerick Family
From Pat Kelly*



Pastor's Reflection

Today we hear the summoning of Peter and his brother Andrew. As we begin the new church year, the Lord will be choosing those people who will journey with Him during His public ministry. He has called each one of us and is asking that with every day of our lives, we draw closer to Him and become His Divine Will for all in our lives.

Peace,
Father Jude

Families and the Gospel

January 17, John 1:35-42 Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom. (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. The story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder to us.

Our calling is to be missionary disciples- to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! The first role of a steward of the Good News is to share it with others. Let us begin Ordinary time in the Year of Grace 2021 with this in mind. May we respond as Samuel did, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will!" (2021, January 17, *Stewardship Bulletin Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Evans, Georgia)

Sponsor of the Week

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On Kindness

Is being **kind** just for weak and defenseless people who have few other choices? That's not what Adam Phillips and Barbara Taylor, the authors of *On Kindness*, concluded after researching how kindness has been viewed over the centuries.

The world's religions see *kindness and charity as values*. There are people, however, who believe human beings are - and must only be - self-interested, unless they're saints. But mere mortals know the rewards of kindness, too.

The authors quote a wealthy stockbroker after he started volunteering. He said, "Helping kids just makes me so happy. I feel like a different person."

The lesson? Be kind - despite the pressures of living in a competitive society. Be kind - despite the realities of cruelty and aggression in the world. Be kind - despite the temptation to act in only selfish ways. Be kind - and you will be both sharing and receiving a taste of the divine.

**Whoever pursues righteousness and
kindness will find life and honor.
(Proverbs 21:20)**

Grant us the wisdom, Holy Spirit, to appreciate the value of kindness.
Christopher News Notes
12 East 48th St
New York, NY 10017

Healing From Grief

1. Be open to the pain of your broken heart. God enters through its brokenness.
2. Remain open to the hurt. You may think it's easier to suppress the pain or avoid it with distractions and busyness. But eventually your emotions will surface; grief will demand your attention.
3. Forgive yourself for being angry or disappointed with others, including the one who died and left you. Forgive yourself for being powerless to everything you wish you had or hadn't done.
4. In a letter, a poem, a drawing, a journal entry, or an imaginary conversation with the one you have lost, pour out the feelings you never had a chance to express. This will foster healing.
5. Anniversaries and holidays - times that used to mean joy and celebration - can be among the toughest now. Observe them with care and simple ceremony to ease the pain.
6. Let yourself feel good again, laugh with friends, have fun. Living your life to the full is not betrayal of a memory but fulfillment of a promise to someone who would want only the best for you.
7. Your grieving is among the most sacred and the most human things you will ever do. It will plummet you into the mystery of life...and death...and resurrection. Honor it.

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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, 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.

Prayer List/Special Intentions List



Prayer Requests

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 — January 10, 2021

Offertory	9053.20
School Support	1577.00
Christmas	1005.00
First Offering	249.00
Solemnity of Mary	203.00
Church Improvements	90.00
Adopt A Student	50.00
Maintenance	25.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Tree of Life	10.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00

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
-Bingo, Early Birds, 6:30 p.m.



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

SATURDAY

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

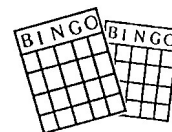


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Bingo on Tuesday



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 —\$46+ • Circle 7 – 23 numbers for \$140
- Jackpot - Straight line only • Full Card – 60 numbers \$750
- Instant tickets • All Nighter: 309
- \$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.

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.

