

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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Pastoral Staff

Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B...... *Pastor*
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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

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| Sunday, November 17, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Sonny Cronauer |
| 10:00 a.m. | For our Parish Family |
| Monday, November 18, Weekday | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Living and Deceased Members of the Gregory Buck Family |
| 6:30 p.m. | +Thomas Murphy |
| Tuesday, November 19, Weekday | |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Michelle Sutton |
| Wednesday, November 20, Weekday | |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Dorothy Stevens |
| Thursday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| 8:15 a.m. | +Charles and Alice Farabaugh |
| Friday, November 22, Saint Cecilia | |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Ivan Baum |
| Saturday, November 23, Weekday | |
| 4:00 p.m. | +Felix and Eleanor Cymbor |
| Sunday, November 24, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Donna Shero |
| 10:00 a.m. | For our Parish Family |



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| Monday, November 18, 8:00 a.m. | S. Gregory | | |
| 6:30 p.m. | B. Fox | | |
| Tuesday, November 19, 8:00 a.m. | M. Lieb | | |
| Wednesday, November 20, 8:00 a.m. | M.C. Hoover | | |
| Thursday, November 21, 8:15 a.m. | SBS Children's Mass | | |
| Friday, November 22, 8:00 a.m. | M. Farabaugh | | |
| Saturday, November 23, 4:00 p.m. | E. Lamb R. Kirsch | J. Kline S. Gray | S. Cronan |
| Sunday, November 24, 8:00 a.m. | J. Deckard R. Deckard | B. Westrick K. Lallemand | L. Huber |
| 10:00 a.m. | M. Eckenrode R. Eckenrode E. Eckenrode | L. Bridgman R. Boland R. McGowan | M. Ryan |

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Saint Benedict Church is sponsoring a Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28th. Dinner will be **dine-in or take-out** in St. Benedict Church Hall in Carrolltown from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delivery to shut-ins in the Carrolltown, St. Benedict and Bakerton areas. For more information or to pre-order, please call 814-420-8420. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner, to set-up, serve, or clean-up. Please call the number above if you are able to help. Food and monetary donations toward the dinner are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the parish office; or call the number above for drop off information. Thank you.



Parish Breakfast Next Sunday



The Parish breakfast is next Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Church Hall. The menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, pancakes or toast, french toast, juice, and coffee. The price of the breakfast for adults is \$11; \$5 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$11.

Scrip Give-Away

Saint Benedict School will once again be running our November Scrip Give-Away. For every order totaling \$400 or more your name will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following:

- (1) \$50.00 Card
- (2) \$25.00 Cards
- (2) \$10.00 Cards
- (1) \$5.00 Card

We thank you for your support to our program. Please remember to shop early for the Holidays.

Catholic Ministries Drive

New Giving Societies for Catholic Ministries Drive: **Loretto Mission Society**. More than 200 years ago, Rev. Prince Gallitzin came to the Allegheny Mountains, bringing Catholicism to settlers living in what is now Cambria County. A Russian prince, priest, and missionary, he abandoned royal life to live one of prayer, perseverance, and suffering. Known as the Apostle of the Alleghenies, Rev. Gallitzin was a shining example of a faithful steward. Rev. Gallitzin is credited as the pioneer who led the expansion of Catholicism westward, along with descendants from his beloved Loretto Mission.

Beginning with our *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive*, we are instituting the new Loretto Mission Society to recognize donors who generously give \$500 or more in the calendar year.

Donor levels will be as follows (for the total of all calendar year gifts):

- + \$500 - \$999 - Prince Circle
- + \$2,500 - \$4,999 - Missionary Circle
- + \$1,000 - \$2,499 - Priest Circle
- + \$5,000 + - Apostle Circle

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive "Encountering Christ" Campaign. The Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our Diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons.

96 of our families have generously donated \$18,235 toward the Parish goal of \$41,132.00. Leaving a balance of \$22,897.





This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Dan Anna From Dorothy and Family

Pastor's Reflection

Liturgically, every church faces east in anticipation of Christ's Second Coming. This encourages us to examine the signs of the times. No matter what is happening in the world each person can decide to do God's will and will have nothing to fear, even when the worst happens.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

November 17, 2024, (Mark 13:24-32)

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel the people we love grow and change. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

When we have firmly established for ourselves as individuals, as a family, and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, the warnings we read in the Scriptures today need not cause us alarm. In fact, we can receive them as an encouragement to "Keep calm and steward on", no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is this: In challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces, or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing that we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in proper order. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

Journey to Bethlehem

Friday, December 6th - 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. at Saint Francis University, Loretto (start at the SFU Science Center).

Four performances of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. This new SFU tradition will be performed by members of the SFU community. This is a mix of indoor and outdoor prayer service with live animals, prayer and music. Donations of canned foods and goodwill offerings will be collected for the Dorothy Day Center.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Morchesky Auto - Truck & Trailer Sales, 814-344-8448**, 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.

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend For the Living and Deceased Members of the Thomas and Olene Rieg Family



Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets

Thanksgiving tickets have been sent to our Parishioners to benefit our Church Improvement Fund. This \$20 lottery ticket is based on the first PA 7 pm Pick 3 daily lottery number beginning Sunday November 24th and running through Thursday November 28th, \$9,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. If you do not want to purchase your tickets, please drop them off at the Church Office or in the collection basket, as we have a waiting list for tickets. Your support is appreciated.



Needed for Up-coming Rolls Sale

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a Nut, Poppy Seed & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings sale. We are making an appeal to our Parishioners for Gold Medal, Robin Hood or Pillsbury Flour. These items may be left at the exits of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A November Feeling

November is the season to settle down before the fireplace and look back, to remember and to be grateful. Also, it can be seen as the in-between season, the lull period — post harvest and pre-Christmas. It is the month when the leaves have fallen, and the weather turns gray. November is a time for saints, for poor souls, for veterans and for giving thanks.

The lectionary readings have a "November" feeling to them, and "end time" feel, but filled with hope. This is a time to remember and look back on our life — What kinds of memories are there from this past year? What direction is your life now heading? Ask yourself, where am I now, and where should I be? The real question is to be asked in November is not if there is life after death, but is there life before death.

As John H. Rhoads wrote: "Do more than exist, live. Do more than touch, feel. Do more than look, observe. Do more than read, absorb. Do more than hear, listen. Do more than think, ponder. Do more than talk, say something."

It is written, "God is not a God of the dead but of the living." Are you among the living? Are you alive for God? — "Apple Seeds"

Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings for Christmas

In preparation for the holidays, the Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious **Nut, Poppy Seed & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings. The cost is \$12 each. Last day to order is on Monday, November 18. Pick-up in the Church Hall on Friday, December 6, from 4-6 p.m.** Late orders will be filled if there are extras.

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Nut _____ ; Poppy Seed _____ ; Apricot _____ ; Tea Rings _____
 Total Cost _____

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, Judy Bender, Dan Bilko, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Jr. Gailey, Jane Gruffius, 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, Larry Lamont, 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, Special Intentions (23), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zalznock.

Church Support - November 9 & 10, 2024

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| Offertory | 7671.75 |
| Maintenance Fund | 975.00 |
| Organ Project | 546.00 |
| Church Improvement | 300.00 |
| All Souls Day | 105.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 100.00 |
| Catholic Charities | 70.00 |
| School Support | 65.00 |
| All Saints Day | 45.00 |

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 - \$319+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - 59 numbers 725
- All Nighter - \$373+

The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- SBS HSA Meeting 7 p.m., School Computer Room
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- 2nd Grade First Penance 6:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

- Confessions, 2 p.m.
- Church; Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- CCD Classes

Card Party Thursday November 21



M/M George Scott, M/M Don Sell, M/M Tim Semelsberger, M/M Greg Shaffer, M/M Jake Shaffer, M/M Justin Shaner, Mrs. Anna Sheehan, M/M Joshua Shero, Mrs. Joan Shrenkle, Ms. Doris Shuss, Mr. Robert Sibert, Mrs. Bernadette Smith, M/M Dennis Smith, M/M Erik Smith, Ms. Betsy Snyder, M/M Eric Snyder

From other parishes and organizations...

Carrolltown "12 Days of Christmas" Basket Auction: St. Benedict Church, Carrolltown, November 23 and 24. Baskets/donations may be dropped off at Mike Springer's State Farm Insurance, Carrolltown from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Questions: call 814-344-8481.

Stuff the Truck and Food Drive: Saturday, December 7, at Lacue Chevrolet, 1003 4th Ave, Patton from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Local Cub Scouts will collect food donations for a local food pantry. All unwrapped toys and food donations can be dropped off at Lacue's now through December 7th. Hope Fire Company will distribute the toys December 14th. ** All residents in need are encouraged to contact Hope Fire Company.**

Turkey Bingo: Sunday, November 17, 1 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Portage. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. 25 turkeys will be given as prizes. Admission is \$7 a person which includes a door prize chance. 17 years old and younger are free. Bingo cards are 3 for 50 cents per game. Several Specials will be played at \$1 each, "Winner Taking Half." Food and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Salvation Army Kettle Drive: will run through the beginning of January. Any individual or group interested in manning the kettle can schedule a date through Ron Boland, 814-247-8882. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas, by helping those who are in need.