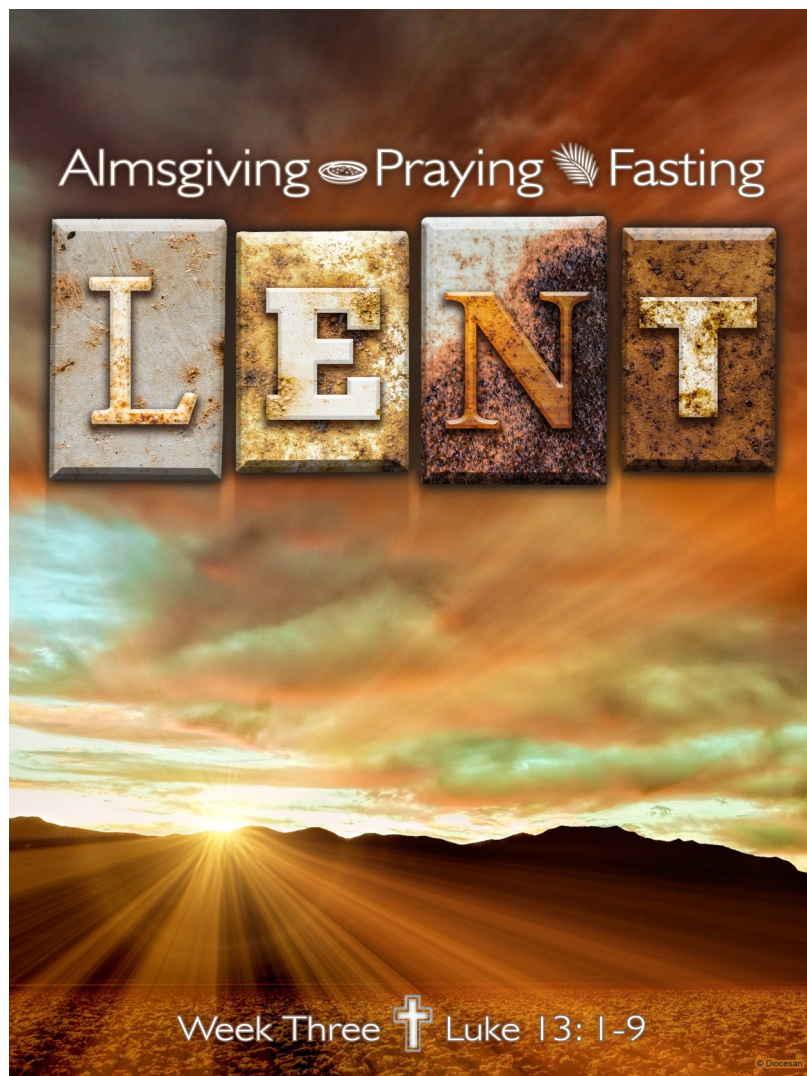


Saint Benedict Church

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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

Parish Office344-6548
Parish Fax344-8656
School Office344-6512
School Fax344-8530
Church Hall344-8770

Pastoral Staff

Father Jude W. Brady, O.S.B...... *Pastor*
Father Alfred Patterson, O.S.B. 814-421-6607 *Hospital Ministry*
Lois Bridgman..... *Secretary*
Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B.
Brother Conrad Wald, O.S.B. *Deacon*
Suzanne M. Bills..... *Director of Religious Education and*
Christian Initiation
Jeannine M. Cymbor *Business Manager*
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Jim Mohler..... *Maintenance*
Jeffrey Maucieri..... *Principal*

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

Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 24, 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. +Joey Bearer
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +Tom Westrick
1:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross (School Children)

Tuesday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mark Sharbaugh

Wednesday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Ben and Mary Etta Yeckley Family

Thursday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Helen Papson (Anniversary)

Friday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Wayne Quist
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Russ and Jean (Hite) Driskell

Sunday, March 31, 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. +Donald Luther
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, March 25, 8:00 a.m.

Eli Cunningham R. Cunningham
Ricky Kirsch

C.L. Bills

Stations, 1:45 p.m.

Cameron Drahnak
Seth Hilyer
Lauren Behe

Tuesday, March 26, 8:00 a.m.

Lauren Behe J. Farabaugh
Emma Farabaugh

M. Lieb

Wednesday, March 27, 8:00 a.m.

Macy Johnston R. Hoover
Dustin Farabaugh

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, March 28, 8:00 a.m.

Garrett Farabaugh S. Cronan
Cameron Drahnak

M. Ryan

Friday, March 29, 8:15 a.m.

Sophia Hoover
Leah Behe
Ella Lamb

Stations, 7:00 p.m.

E. Farabaugh
O. Farabaugh
H. Farabaugh

Saturday, March 30, 4:00 p.m.

L. Behe S. Boyle
L. Behe O. Cronan
E. Farabaugh

S. Cronan
K. Farabaugh

Sunday, March 31, 8:00 a.m.

E. Farabaugh G. Yeckley
O. Farabaugh K. Colberg
H. Farabaugh

E. Cunningham
Br. Michael

10:00 a.m.

M. Johnston C. Farabaugh
Brett Eckenrode F. Sutton
M. Wholaver R. Springer

M. Ryan
P. Kelly

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive - **Be A Good Shepherd. Give Help. Build Hope. Change Lives.** Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org. All contributions received beyond our parish target will be returned to the parish. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

The Annunciation of the Lord

March 25

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God has chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.

The feast of the Annunciation began to be celebrated on this day during the fourth and fifth centuries, soon after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many of the Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love God has for us. Some of the Church fathers who wrote on this were St. Athanasius, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Augustine.



Parish Breakfast This Sunday

The Parish breakfast is this 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 cost is \$8 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

October 16 -24, 2019: There are a few seats available on the fall trip to the Holy Land. Join Fr. Jude and others on this incredible journey as we walk in the footsteps of our Lord. Please call 344-8706 for full itinerary or questions. We have one lady in need of a room mate if anyone is interested.

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. Fr. Jonathan St. Andre, TOR, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.





*This week the votive candle will burn
in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Joey Bearer
From the Ken Bearer II Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Jesus experienced all life except sin. His mercy is boundless and always invites us to participate in His forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. We pray that we always ask for His mercy and try to amend our ways and grow in His love.



God's Mercy,
Father Jude

Families and the Gospel

Mar 24, Luke 13:1-9, The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Stewardship Reflections

May this Lenten season symbolize a harvest during which we recognize our sinfulness in order to bear the fruit of a Christ-centered life. Parish Life Office, 2019

Spring into Light

On the first day of Spring, the northern world officially moves from the season of darkness into the season of light. We are called to be "children of light." Like the Spring, we are called to be people of hope, new life and warmth. The warmer sun is a key element in the appearance now of flowers, green grass, blossoms and all the preparations for crops.

Not many years ago, the first week of Spring contained three days of fast and abstinence. They were called Ember Days. In many rural areas, the farm fields were blessed on these days so that the crops would be plentiful. The Fast was to remind us all of the value of food—the gift of food that had sustained us through the long winter months—and the value of the labors that would bring more crops later in the year. Something of these old traditions can easily be celebrated in our homes today.

If you have a garden, this would be a good day to bless it with a prayer that might also be used as a meal prayer.

God our Creator, maker of all things, help us grow in our appreciation for the good earth You have given us. We thank You for all the gifts of food You have given from the garden to the table. Today, we ask You to bless it still with many new and vibrant forms of life in food that will sustain us. Grant this through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Adapted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "A CHANGE OF HEART—Lent and Easter at Home."



Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Carrolltown Family Vision, 814-344-2005**, 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 Rick Cortez at 412-292-0132.

From other parishes and organizations...

St. John the Beloved Young Adult Group: Come and join the newly formed St. John the Beloved Young Adult Group (Ages 20-40) for Adoration and fellowship every second and fourth Thursday of the month. **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 28th.** Adoration will start at 7 p.m. in St. Benedict Church (Johnstown), followed by Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction at 7:45. Pizza and fellowship to follow at the St. John Paul II Center on the St. Benedict Parish Campus. For more info reach out to Fr. Peter Crowe (Phone: 814-266-9781 ext. 507, Email: pcrowe@dioceseaj.org) or Patrick Roy (Phone: 814-270-4191, Email: proyjmj@gmail.com). St. Benedict Parish is located on 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown, PA 15904.

Lenten Mission, 3rd Annual Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto, March 31 - April 5 at Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto. Rev. Fr. Michael Caridi - Homilist.

Sunday, March 31: 7:00 p.m. - Mission Prayers/Benediction (Bishop Mark Barchak presiding). Followed by Confessions

Monday thru Friday April 1 through 5: Reconciliation - 6 p.m.; Eucharistic Adoration - 6 to 7 p.m.; Mass with Mission Prayers - 7 p.m.

Prayer intentions may be sent to: Very Rev. Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector; PO Box 10; Loretto, PA 15940.

Parish Mission, St. Benedict Parish (2310 Bedford St. Johnstown) March 31 through April 2 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Featuring Inspirational Speaker Dr. John Bergsma. **Sunday, March 31**, "How the Bible Made Me Catholic: A Protestant Pastor Converts" **Monday, April 1**, "How the Bible Leads to the Eucharist: A Journey through Scripture" **Tuesday, April 2**, "How a Catholic Understands the New Testament" Tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. All are welcome! For more information please contact Deacon Michael Russo, telephone: (814) 288-3036 or Email: michael.russo@atlanticbb.net

Lenten Mission, Tuesday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. at Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Revloc and Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception - St. Mary's, Northern Cambria. Father Ananias Buccicone, O.S.B., from Queen of Peace Church will be the guest speaker, followed by a fellowship in the Church Hall. Confessions available before, during, and after the mission. All are welcome to attend.

Bridal Resale Event, Attention all recent brides and brides-to-be! The Bishop Carroll Lady Huskies soccer team is sponsoring a bridal resale event on Sunday, April 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at the BC School cafeteria. Sell your new or like-new wedding decorations and supplies like centerpieces, fabric, ribbon, lights, vases, candles, flowers, dresses, shoes, table numbers and coverings, cookie trays, etc. or buy your decorations and supplies at a fraction of the cost of new! Sellers can reserve a space for \$20 which includes a 12 x 10 area with a table and 2 chairs. The admission for shoppers is \$5. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Carol at kcschallfam@yahoo.com.

Basket Social, The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will hold this event on March 31. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances. Desserts and beverages will be served. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the raffle starting promptly at 2 p.m. and concluding at 4 p.m.

Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings for Easter
In preparation for the holidays, the Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot rolls and Tea Rings. The cost is \$8 per roll. Last day to order is on Sunday, March 31. Orders may be put in the collection basket.

Name _____

Phone _____

Nut _____; Poppy Seed _____; Apricot _____; Tea Rings _____

Total cost \$ _____

Pick-up date - Friday, April 12, 4 to 6 p.m., Church hall
(Return this order by March 31)



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:

Denise Bailey, Barry Barrett Sr., Tom Bender, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Geschini, Nixon Cicero, James Connors, Dave Contorchick, Millie Cunningham, Harry & Neta Elder, Clare Falconi, Norma Jeanne Frederick, Gitta Gagne, Thom Gagne, Mary Kay Gallagher, Beth Ann Gormish, Shaw Graffius, Janice Gray, Shirl Gray, Constance Griak, Charlotte Gwizdak, Cory Hall, Irene Haycisak, Charles Lutak, Kady Manifest, Paula Mitchell, George Penrod, Betty Perry, Dulcie Perry, Jere Perry, Jacob & Olivia Peterson, Kevin Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Michelle Romagna, Franz Romanic, Jim Ropp, Marcus SanGregorio, Lisa Schrift, Matthew Sclesky, Patricia Sever, Special Intentions (15), Ronald Stevens, Dorothy Strittmatter, Esther Warner, Denny Weakland, Dean Weber, Sara Weber, and Cliff Wolf.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-CCD Classes, School
-Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall

MONDAY

-SBS Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-SBS Children's Living Stations of the Cross, 1:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

-SBS Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, Holy Hour 10:30 a.m.
-Bingo, early birds, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

-SBS Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Card Party, 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

-Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
-SBS Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

-Confessions, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

-Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-CCD Classes, School
-Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls and Tea Ring orders due (put in Collection)

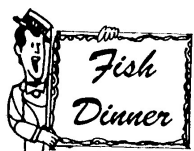


Lenten Fish Dinners

-Immaculate Conception Parish in New Germany, from 4-7 p.m. at the Grove Hall, every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children 3 and under are free. Take-outs available until 6 p.m. Call 495-4298 to place orders.

-Queen of Peace Parish Center, Patton, from 4-7 p.m. Friday during Lent, thru and including Good Friday. Eat in dinners in the upper level of the Parish Center. Adults \$10, children 5-12, \$5, under 5-free. Take-out dinners available in the lower level of the Parish Center.

-Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave, Portage, on Friday's, March 29, and April 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Orders for take-outs will be taken starting at 1 p.m., but will not be ready until 4 p.m. or later. Call 736-3146 to place orders. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 & under are free.



Church Support — March 17, 2019

Offertory	7174.00
Church Improvements	679.00
Black and Indian Mission	63.00
Mandeville Diocese	57.00
Ash Wednesday	37.00
Catholic Register	23.00
Tree of Life	15.00
Catholic Relief Services	13.00

Bingo on Tuesday

Doors Open @ 5 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow



- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
 - Kitty—\$45+
 - Jackpot - Straight line only
 - Instant tickets
 - Circle 7 – 28 numbers for \$190
 - Full Card – 50 numbers \$500
 - All Nighter - \$0+
 - \$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 March 28th



M/M Ken Schall, M/M Jonathan Schall, M/M Josh Schall, M/M Joseph Koehle, M/M Mason Koehle, M/M Joseph Schirf, M/M Lucas Schirf, Mrs. Marilyn Schirf, Mr. Albert Schrenkel, Jr., M/M Donald Sell, Mrs. George Scott, Ms. Janet Gaul, Mr. Bill Serafin, Ms. Carol Serafin, M/M James Serafin, M/M John Serafin, M/M Don Sewalish, M/M Don Sewalish, M/M John Shoemaker, Ms. Janice Silverstein

From other parishes and organizations...

Hastings Wine Festival, Saturday, March 30 at Hastings Memorial Building (280 Beaver St). VIP hour begins at 3 p.m. and includes early entry to wine fest, wine tote, Hors d'oeuvres, door prizes. General Admission is 4-8 p.m. (first 100 in the door receive a wine tote.) 8 wineries & coal country brewing plus many vendors. Photo booth, food, wine check, basket auction and music by the EverGreens. VIP tickets \$30, Pre-sale general admission, \$20, at the door \$25, designated driver tickets at the door, \$5. Tickets available at the Hastings Borough Office, Top Shop, online at www.eventbrite.com or call/text 814-935-0578. Proceeds benefit Hastings Park and Recreation.

Hastings Spring Craft Show, Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hastings Memorial Building. Over 80 vendor tables, large basket auction, food, visits with the Easter Bunny. Basket donations can be dropped off at the Hastings Borough Office. All proceeds benefit Hastings Park and Recreation.

Roast Beef Dinner, Sunday April 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Joan of Arc church hall, Frugality. Cost: Adults - \$10; Children ages 5-12 - \$5; under 5 - free. Take outs available, call for take outs @ (814) 941-3340. There will also be a basket raffle, 50/50 and a bake sale.

Spring Basket Auction, Sunday April 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 719 Chestnut Ave, Northern Cambria; sponsored by GCU Lodge 93. There will be a complimentary light lunch and refreshments with the basket tickets. This auction benefits: St. John's replacement of the retaining wall; The Good Samaritan Food Pantry; and Northern Cambria Library.