

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

Pastoral Staff

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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 INTENTIONS



Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Howard Baker
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, January 23, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Alfred and Dorothy Kline
6:30 p.m. +Art Deckard

Tuesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m. +Joseph Lysic

Wednesday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 a.m. +Richard Gaul (Anniversary)

Thursday, January 26, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Bob Mortenson

Friday, January 27, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Vivian Yannella

Saturday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas

4:00 p.m. +Gery Holtz (Birthday)

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +James Farabaugh (Anniversary)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, January 23, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

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

M. Lieb

Wednesday, January 25, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, January 26, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, January 27, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 28, 4:00 p.m.

L. Behe B.A. Bensor
S. Fisanick Br. Michael

S. Cronan

Sunday, January 29, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cunningham C. Schall
E. Cunningham K. Colberg
S. Cunningham

S. Gregory

10:00 a.m.

A. Groer C. Farabaugh
H. Shaffer B. Fox
Gavin Eckenrode

M. Ryan

Altar Server Training

Children of our Parish who are in the 4th grade and up are invited to minister as Altar Servers. Servers function at Mass, Stations of the Cross and other Liturgies. Those who are interested in this ministry, Fr. Michael will have a training session on February 4th at 10 a.m. in the Church.



Baptized in Christ



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Bellamee Lou Kauffman, daughter of Brock and Alyssa. We extend our love and best wishes to Bellamee Lou and her parents.

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 price of the breakfast for adults is \$10; \$4 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$10.

School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its Annual Dinner/Live Auction on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The evening includes a pasta buffet, appetizers, dessert & refreshments. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and a live Auction conducted by **Templeton Auctioneers** will begin at 6:30 p.m. **\$25.00 per person (*paddle included). Only 200 tickets available.** Donations are welcome: new items, homemade items, wood crafts, art, household items, gift baskets, gift certificates, antiques, sports items, passes and/or tickets to local attractions, even gently used items. Please no used clothing or electronics. Donations will be accepted on January 22nd, 29th, and February 5th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Saint Benedict Church Hall, or can be dropped off at the school during regular school office hours.

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 23th.

Beginning Sunday, January 29, 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.



Catholic Schools Mass

One of our favorite times of the year is coming up: our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. Saint Benedict School will begin our annual celebration of Catholic School Week with an opening liturgy to be celebrated on Saturday, January 28, at 4 p.m.

Bible Study

Father Michael will continue his Bible Study on the Book of Daniel. Sessions will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please bring your own Bible.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Birthday Remembrance of
Jim Farabaugh
From Marcy, Jeremy and Matthew*

Pastor's Reflection

James and John left all they had to follow Jesus. They recognized that nothing was greater than God and that there wasn't anything worth keeping if it meant losing Christ.

Peace,

Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

January 22, 2023: (Matthew 4:12-17)

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

We are reminded through the Gospel of Matthew that by virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet; in other words, to live as His good stewards.

There is a certain urgency that comes with this call. The very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. We must always be ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do, it's who we are. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/12/21)

Catholic Ministries Drive

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive has come to an end. Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the Drive - **FORWARD IN FAITH**. 119 of our families (15%) have generously donated \$35,923.50 (86%) toward the parish goal of \$41,587, under our goal by \$5,663.50.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Patton Pharmacy, 814-674-3693**, 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
In Loving Memory of
John, Rhea, and Jim Emerick
From Dan and Pat Kelly*



Spiritual Revision of Life

According to the text by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D. from his book on Kindness: Kind Deeds - "Am I readily sorry whenever I have given pain to others?"

St. Francis Gabriel Project

The St. Francis Gabriel Project wishes to thank your parish for the kind generosity you have shown us all year long with monetary and bassinet items. Special thanks for the two SUV loads of baby items and money given after your Prayer Chain for Life and Baby Shower in the fall; delivered by Bill and Patty Frederick.

Without this support we would not be able to continue our vital pro life ministry. Because of your help we were able to begin accepting new babies into the program once again, many of whom will be born from now until July. May God richly bless you for your kindness to the pro life mission. We are overwhelmed by the generous outpouring of the parishioners of St. Benedict in Carrolltown.

Some more good news...three more St. Francis parishioners have stepped forward to help with the day to day operations (Becky, Chris, and Elaine) and several members of other parishes have volunteered to help with the never ending sorting and inventorying of the baby items we have available. As we are an all volunteer staff, all volunteers are greatly appreciated and we will soon schedule a work day at St. Francis in late January.

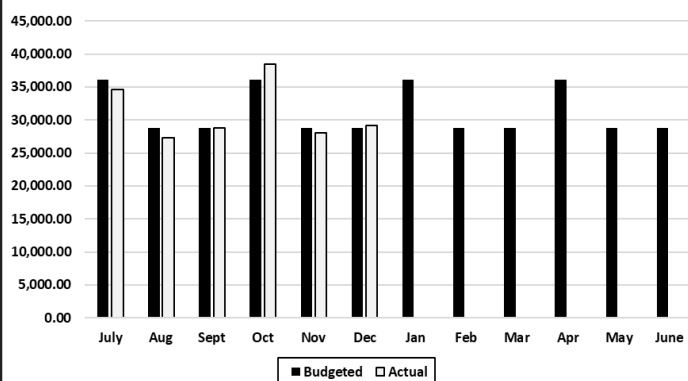
Please contact me with any questions or concerns (Gale 814-539-0155). Again, thank you so very much parish family of St. Benedict. May God grant you His richest blessings in this new year.

Gale Bala (Volunteer Coordinator)

Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Upcoming Zoom classes: **Sacraments** taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (8 weeks) beginning February 7th. **Christian Prayer and Spirituality** taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (10 weeks) beginning January 26th. For registration visit www.dioceseaj.org/layecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica at 814-361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

2022-2023 Budgeted Monthly Collections



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: Shawn Baker, Vickie Baran, Michael Behe, Michelle Burnette, Joe Caretti, Evan Cicero, Margo Cymbor, Jack Dominick, Mary Dumm, Maddox Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Nathan G. Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Clara Fitzpatrick, Jan Franceschini, Bill Frederick, Anne Gray, Anthony Gwizdak, Rodney Harbrige, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Tom Hoover, Chuck Horn, Michael Horvath, Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Scott Kirsch, Ava Koehle, Mike Kovall, McKenzie Kuzio, Cindy Ladika, Bob Lapenna, Charlotte Lechene, John Lechene, Theresa Leonard, Judi Lesko, Charles Lutak, Barb Mitchell, Michael Mondy, Odessa Morris, Will Mortensen, Norman Polites, Pauline A. Polites, Renee Poutrain, Maddox Raptosh, Dennis Richter, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Mike & Michelle Rosmus, Lindsey Sammarco, Becky SanGregorio, Marcus SanGregorio, Betty Ann Sclesky, Sandy Shank, Special Intentions (12), Renee Smith, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Sandy Stevens, Aniyah Theys, Benedicta Veneskey, Reagan Walker, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, Jeffrey Wheeler, and Theresa Yeckley.

Church Support - January 14 & 15 2023

Offertory	6338.86
Church Improvement	823.00
Tower Project	125.00
First Offering	113.00
School Support	111.00
Adopt A Student	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	45.00
Christmas	5.00

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) • \$13 (12 Cards)
- Kitty — \$89+ • Full Card — 53 numbers \$575
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$341+
- Instant tickets
- \$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.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg 7:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 am, Church Hall

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- Bingo, Early Birds, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Bible Study (Book of Daniel), 7 p.m., Church Hall

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
- Catholic Schools Week Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg 7:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Card Party Thursday January 26, 2023



M/M Leroy Bender, M/M Mark Bender, M/M Matthew Bender, Mrs. Pauline Bender, M/M Robert Bender, Mrs. Theresa Bender, M/M Thomas N. Bender, M/M Tom Bender, Miss Betty Ann Bensor, M/M Bill Bertram, M/M Earl Berzonsky, M/M Brian Besong, M/M Richard Bishop, Mr. Adam Biter, Ms. Danielle Biter

From other parishes and organizations...

Pittsburgh Pirates Neil Walker will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on Saturday, February 4th from 12 to 2 p.m. He will be giving a talk about his Catholic Faith and will be available for a meet and greet. No registration or tickets. No cost to attend. Donations will be taken to help support Holy Name School. All are welcome to attend.

Open House: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, February 1, 6-7:30 p.m., followed by financial aid and registration meeting in the cafeteria. New students eligible for a drawing for \$250 scholarship. For more information, call 814-472-7500 ext 105; email: jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.

Breakfast Fundraiser: Prince of Peace Parish Social Hall, 811 Chestnut Ave, Northern Cambria, Sunday January 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10; Children (5-12) \$5; Children under 5 Free.

Free Soup & Sandwich: Anna's Community Table, St. Nicholas Church Hall, Nicktown, Sunday January 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Choice of two soups, sandwiches, and dessert. All are welcome to come for food, warmth, company and conversation. The purpose of our program is to provide both a meal and fellowship to all who come.