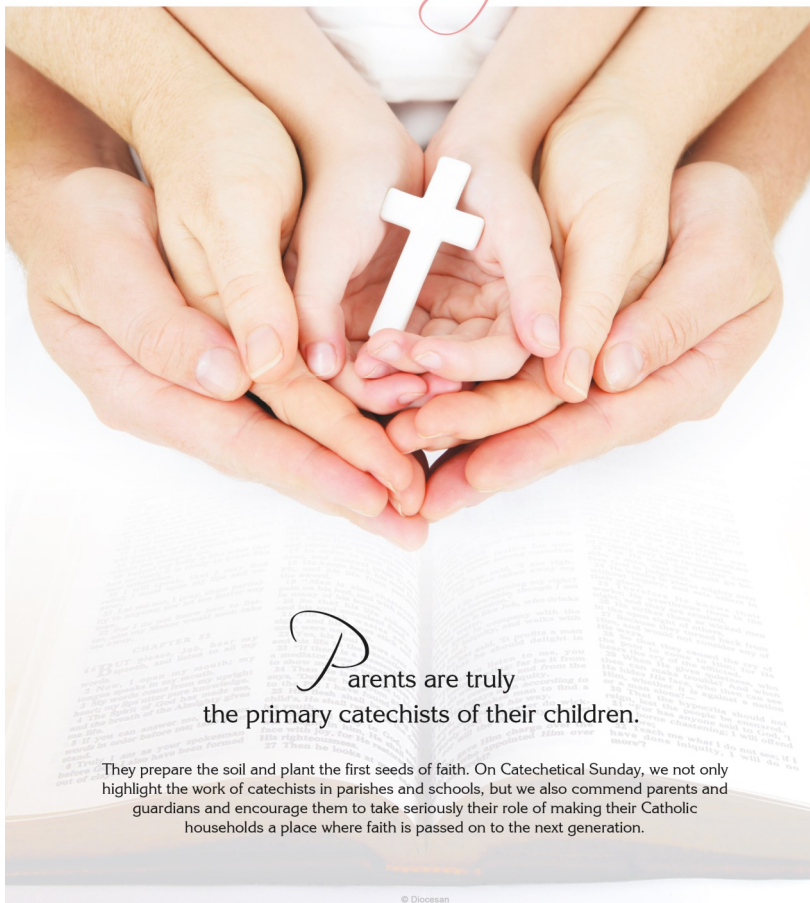


Saint Benedict Church

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With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves desire, and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in praising your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. Blessings

Catechetical Sunday



Parents are truly
the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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

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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, September 15, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Helen Bolgar
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, September 16, St. Cornelius

8:00 a.m. +Gervase Weber

Tuesday, September 17, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John and Mildred Lubert

Wednesday, September 18, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Dominick (Birthday)

Thursday, September 19, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ronald and Teresa Kline

Friday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions

8:15 a.m. +Mark Brawley

Saturday, September 21, St. Matthew

4:00 p.m. +Bob Shrenkle

Sunday, September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +James R. and Barbara Ertter
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, September 16, 8:00 a.m.

Emma Farabaugh R. Cunningham C.L. Bills
Sean Fisanick

Tuesday, September 17, 8:00 a.m.

Miley Hoover P. Kelly M. Lieb
Cameron Drahnak

Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 a.m.

Macy Johnston R. Hoover M.C. Hoover
Marshall Farabaugh

Thursday, September 19, 8:00 a.m.

Eli Cunningham C. Farabaugh M. Ryan
Leah Behe

Friday, September 20, 8:15 a.m.

Ella Lamb
Seth Hilyer
Sophia Hoover

Saturday, September 21, 4:00 p.m.

L. Behe J. Kline B. Shockley J. Busch
L. Behe B.A. Bensor S. Gray J. Stevens
R. Kirsch S. Boyle

Sunday, September 22, 8:00 a.m.

G. Farabaugh Sh. Cunningham G. Shoemaker J. Yahner
B.T. Farabaugh T. Cunningham M. Farabaugh M. Weiland
M. Farabaugh

10:00 a.m.

K. Duman C. Farabaugh R. Springer M. Farabaugh
M. Hayes F. Sutton R. McGowan B. Fox
E. Hayes R. Bridgman

Cemetery Cleanup

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, all artificial flowers, decorations, etc. will be removed from Saint Benedict, Saint Joseph, and Sacred Heart Cemetery lots. Anything you wish to save should be removed prior to September 30th. Any items left will be thrown away. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Arise Together in Christ



We will soon begin our fall Arise meetings. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of the Church and may be returned in the collection, at the sign up tables or to the Parish Office by September 22nd. Groups will consist of about eight people. Beginning in October they will meet once a week for six weeks, at a place, time and

date agreed upon by the group. Each group will have a diocesan trained discussion leader (from our Parish). Each group member will receive a short "faith-sharing book" to help with the session topic. The topic for Season Three will be "In The Footsteps of Christ".

Altar Rosary Society Meeting

The Altar Rosary Society will gather for their monthly meeting in the Church hall on Monday, September 16. The Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m., and the meeting will follow. The committee is Theresa Deckard, Pat Kelly, Agnes Gailey, Joanne Link, and Joyce Eckenrode.



CCD News

CCD Registration will be after all Masses this weekend, in the Boniface Wimmer Room.

CCD Classes begin Sunday September 29th in the school building Grades 7-11 will be from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and Grades K-6 will be from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.



Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate Serafina Bills and Oleg Gratwick, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Saint Benedict Church on September 7th; and Shannon Wyne and John Weiland III, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Saint Benedict Church on September 9th. 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.

2020 Parish Trip to Switzerland/Germany

The Parish trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and Switzerland, scheduled for August 4-12, 2020 has been cancelled. Thank you for your interest.

National Life Chain



On October 6, 2019, Respect Life Sunday, our 10th grade C.C.D. class will be participating in the National Life Chain along Route 219, starting outside St. Benedict Church on Main Street. The 10th graders will also be sponsoring a Baby Shower for the Gabriel Project. Please help them to collect lots of baby items. Diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, baby clothes, money or anything for babies that you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to make it to the Life Chain/Baby Shower, you can leave donations at the doors of the church marked "Baby Shower". Money donations can be left at the Rectory or dropped in the collection basket. Please help our 10th grade class gather a lot to help the moms and unborn babies in our area!

Life Chain: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Baby Shower: 3:00 p.m.

A Life Chain will also be held in Johnstown on Sunday, October 6th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Broad Street in front of the former St. Columba Church.

Questions??? Call Joanne and Edgar Link at 814-344-8371; Patti and Bill Frederick at 814-344-6521; or Ann and John Poole at 814-472-8584.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Derek Cook
From Mary Ann Cook*

Pastor's Reflection

The Gospel shows the radical mercy that God has for all of us. He wants all of us to grow in His love and be saved. We all need His forgiveness and He rejoices when we ask for that Mercy. I admonish all of us to make regular visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Peace,

Father Jude



Families and the Gospel

September 15, Lk 15: 1-32 Show me a family without a "lost relationship" and I'll show you a family that isn't cleaning the skeletons from the closet. Maybe that person hasn't run away or left home; they sort of "drifted" away. Conversations with them is superficial and forced. In today's gospel Jesus challenges us to bring that "lost sheep" back home. Like Jesus we have to "welcome sinners and eat with them." (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

In today's parable, we hear of a father who showers his once-lost child with abundant love even before he asks for forgiveness. The older, faithful son believed that he, and not his wasteful brother, was entitled to a great banquet. Do we relate to the son who displayed an attitude of deserving something extraordinarily special, or do we try to imitate our Father by reaching out with forgiveness and reconciliation?

The grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Jesus Christ. A life of Stewardship is a continual process of conversion and growth. As we embrace Stewardship we are freed to view life in a new way: a precious gift from a loving God.
Parish Life Office, 2019

Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. As of August 31, 2019, 115 of our families have generously donated \$25,882.50 toward the Parish goal of \$38,128.00, leaving a balance of \$12,245.50. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available at the Church entrances.

Saint Vincent de Paul

We need your help!!! St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is in need of volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for a few hours a day. We need to have volunteers in order to keep the thrift store open and to help those in need. Please contact Tammy or Marianne at (814) 615-8025 or leave a message. You can also message them on Facebook at St Vincent de Paul—Carrolltown.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



Folk Mass



Our monthly Folk Mass is Saturday, September 21st at 4 p.m. All are welcome to join in with the choir, whether you sing and/or play an instrument; or come and enjoy the music!

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
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Columbus Day Celebration

There will be a special celebration for Columbus Day in conjunction with a time of prayer on October 13 at the St. Michael Basilica in Loretto. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2 p.m. A dinner will be held in the Community Hall immediately following Mass. Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. The cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and under.

Reservations must be made in advance! No money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet.

Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check to:

William Stasko, CPA
8 Entrance Drive
Johnstown, PA 15905

In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly, rather than as Mr. and Mrs.

THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 28

The Catholic University of America

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's collection for The Catholic University of America! Your investment enables Catholic University to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both lay and religious, of our Church and nation.

Gun Raffle

Saint Benedict Home School Association is sponsoring an October Gun Bonanza, from October 1 thru October 31, 2019. The winning numbers will be determined by The First 7:00 p.m. Pick 4 PA Daily Lottery Number. Tickets can be obtained from Saint Benedict School, Parish Office, or Scrip table. The donation is \$20. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Home School Association.

A Sign to Others

Most of us will be quick to say that our marriage is not perfect. Our lives declare that perfection is not a requirement. Mother Teresa told us, "God does not expect us to be perfect; he calls us to be faithful." We can rely on God to fill up what is lacking in each of us, and we rely on our vows to one another. We work at being married, in the ordinary course of life. That is all that can be asked of any married couple. Take note of how people view you as a couple, of the sign that you can be to them. If some bad habits have crept into your ways of relating to one another—negative humor, taking one another for granted—look for ways to treat your spouse with more kindness and respect.

When we call Christian marriage a sacrament, we are not only talking about the grace the couple receives to live out their promises, we are saying our marriage is a sign of God's love.

What married couple has been a sign of God's love to you? Send them a note of appreciation. May God's love shine through you.

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Sponsor of the Week

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If interested in advertising in the bulletin call Rick Cortez at 412-292-0132.



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, Denise Bailey, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, Jim Chirdon, Nixon Cicero, James Connors, Dave Contorchick, John Contorchick, Millie Cunningham, Oliver Cunningham, Cheryl Davidson, Jim Eckenrode, Harry & Neta Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Barb Fasoli, Denise Fox, Gitta Gagne, Thom Gagne, Mary Kay Gallagher, Beth Ann Gormish, Shaw Graffius, Shirl Gray, Constance Griak, Charlotte Gwizdak, Cory Hall, Irene Haycisak, Marci Hite, Joanne Link, Charles Lutak, John Martella, Dick and Pauline Maurer, Mary Miller, Chucky Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, George Penrod, Betty Perry, Dulcie Perry, Jere Perry, Jacob, Olivia, & Amber Peterson, Connie Polisky, Kevin Polites, Norman & Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Michelle Romagna, Jim Ropp, Marcus SanGregorio, Lisa Schriff, Matthew Sclesky, Tim Semelsberger, Patricia Sever, Patti Sliko, Nick & Mercy Smith, Special Intentions (18), Ronald Stevens, Dorothy Strittmatter, Mary Jane Sutton, Richard Ulery, Esther Warner, Ken Warner, Denny Weakland, Dean Weber, Sara Weber, Judy Westover, Edna Westrick, Pat Wojno, and Cliff Wolf.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-CCD Registration after all Masses

MONDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Altar Rosary Society Meeting, 7 p.m., Church Hall

TUESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, Holy Hour 10:30 a.m.
-Mass at St. Benedict Manor, 10 a.m.
-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
-Card Party, Church Hall 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

-Children's Liturgy 8:15 a.m.
-SBS Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall

SATURDAY

-Confessions 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

-SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-Parish Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon

Fall Basket Auction: St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Ave., Northern Cambria; Saturday, October 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The drawing will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Church Hall.

Parish Basket Party: Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage; Sunday October 6 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at noon. No tickets will be sold after 2:15 p.m. Drawings start at 2:30 p.m. To purchase tickets in advance, call Barb at 736-3367.

Basket Raffle: Northern Cambria Senior Center, Tracy Drive, Northern Cambria; Saturday, October 12. Over 110 baskets. Doors open at 11 a.m., drawing at 3 p.m. Baskets are on display now and tickets can be purchased at Charlson's Furniture Store in Northern Cambria until October 11. Baskets and tickets will be back at the center for the Raffle on October 12. For more information call 948-6711.

Church Support — September 8, 2019

Offertory	7039.00
Catholic University	358.00
Church Improvements	144.00
Retired Diocesan Medical	82.00
School Support	28.00
Adopt A Student	27.00
St. Vincent de Paul	12.00

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—\$343+
 - Circle 7 – 27 numbers for \$180
 - Jackpot - Straight line only
 - Full Card – 54 numbers \$625
 - Instant tickets
 - All Nighter - \$394+
 - \$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 September 19



M/M Wayne Durbin, Mrs. Dan Duriez, M/M James Eckenrode, M/M John Eckenrode, M/M Ken Eckenrode, M/M Kevin Eckenrode, M/M Lance Eckenrode, M/M Leonard Eckenrode, M/M Mark Eckenrode, M/M Drew Frydrych, M/M Michael Eckenrode, M/M Michael Eckenrode, Sr., Mr. Scott Eckenrode, M/M George Elias, Vanessa English, M/M James Ertter

From other parishes and organizations...

Gun Raffle: Sunday, September 22, St. Augustine Church, 803 St. Augustine Road, Dysart, in the Church Hall. Doors open at 1 p.m. There will be a pulled pork dinner. Tickets are \$20. To purchase a ticket, contact Roy Holtz at 674-5414. All proceeds benefit the building fund and various ongoing projects.

Annual Solemn Novena in honor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, September 23—October 1. Sermon and Benediction at 4 p.m. Mass at 7 p.m. at Carmelite Monastery, Loretto.

From Queen of Peace Parish: Please join us in welcoming Concert Organist Brenda Lynne Leach on Sunday, September 29 at 7 p.m. at Queen of Peace Parish, 907 6th Ave, Patton. She will perform a recital on our recently restored 1910 Felgemaker Organ! Brenda has performed throughout the USA, Europe, Israel, and Russia. She has given recitals in renowned venues such as the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Westminster Cathedral in London, Washington National Cathedral, and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Ms. Leach holds a Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees from the Eastman School of Music. For more information, please visit www.BLLmusic.org. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar, Sunday, September 29 at St. Demetrius Parish in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: \$10; Children 6-12: \$6; Children aged 5 and under: free. Take-outs: \$10. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until—?

Rosary: Pray the Rosary at the Wayside Shrine of the Blessed Mother on Rte. 553, Ridge Rd. between Carrolltown and Nicktown every Thursday at 7 p.m. weather permitting; through September 26.