

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
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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



Sunday, January 5, Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Altar Rosary Society
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John, Ethel, and Jim Emerick

Tuesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Helen Kirkpatrick

Wednesday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Stephanie Tucker

Thursday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mario Ceschini

Friday, January 10, Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. Harry and Nancy Vargo (50th
Anniversary)

Saturday, January 11, Christmas Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Derek Cook

Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Holy Name Society
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, January 6, 8:00 a.m.

Emma Farabaugh R. Cunningham
Ricky Kirsch

C.L. Bills

Tuesday, January 7, 8:00 a.m.

Macy Johnston J. Farabaugh
Lauren Behe

M. Lieb

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

Miley Hoover R. Hoover
Sean Fisanick

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, January 9, 8:00 a.m.

Eli Cunningham C. Farabaugh
Cameron Drahnak

P. Kelly

Friday, January 10, 8:15 a.m.

Seth Hilyer
Seth Cunningham
Sophia Hoover

Saturday, January 11, 4:00 p.m.

S. Fisanick P. Kelly
E. Farabaugh P.J. Stevens
R. Kirsch B.A. Bensor

F. Sutton
S. Gray

C.L. Bills
K. Farabaugh

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham K. Lallemand
S. Cunningham G. Shoemaker
E. Cunningham T. Lallemand

Sa. Cunningham
M. Drahnak

E. Cunningham
Br. Michael

10:00 a.m.

M. Hayes C. Farabaugh
E. Hayes R. Boland
K. Duman L. Bridgman
R. Hoover

B. Fox
R. Springer

M.C. Hoover
M. Farabaugh

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Catherine Lallemand, mother of our Parishioner Brenda Feighner; and the soul of our Parishioner, Mary Jane Sutton, mother of our Parishioners Fred and Clifford. 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.

Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Benjamin James Wolfe, son of Matthew and Emily. We extend our love and best wishes to Benjamin James and his parents.



Maur Blessing

Saint Maur, a disciple of Saint Benedict, has been called the miracle-worker since he has miraculously freed many persons from their bodily afflictions through the Sign of the Cross and the relic of the True Cross of Christ. The Maur Blessing will follow after the 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, January 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Un-Decorating"

The Christmas trees, wreaths, manger, and other Christmas decorations need to be taken down and packed away. If you can lend a hand, please join us next Sunday, January 12th at 11 a.m. We appreciate your assistance as we transition out of the Christmas season and back into Ordinary Time.



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 are invited to attend four training sessions which will be held in the Church from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, starting February 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. The servers will be inducted at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1st.

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is the Christian festival marking the visit of the Magi to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. It was the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Until recent years the Epiphany always fell on January 6. The feast was changed to the Sunday following New Year's Day due to its importance. It marks the end of the Christmas Season and the Church wanted to celebrate it in a special way. Rather than make it a Holy Day that would often fall on a weekday, it was given a fixed Sunday so all people could celebrate the feast. Celebrating the Epiphany in a special manner helps us remember that Christmas is a "season" and not just a day.

The word epiphany has been used in various other ways in recent years so just what does it really mean?

It is a sudden realization or a leap of understanding through an ordinary occurrence. Or an illuminating discovery, a revealing scene or moment.

Jesus' birth was all of the above. And so are many other moments in our lives. Look for them and celebrate them. (Adapted and reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "HOLIDAY SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME—Thanksgiving to Epiphany".





*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
For the Living and Deceased
Members of the John and
Ethel Emerick Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Today we celebrate the Lord's gift and presence to the Gentiles. We know that Jesus has come into the world to redeem all peoples, Jews and Gentiles alike. We give praise and thanksgiving to the Triune God!

Peace,

Father Jude



Families and the Gospel

January 5, Epiphany, Matthew 2:1-12 Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful! (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Epiphany of the Lord

Many Christian disciples have experienced conversion, and life-shaping changes of mind and heart. They commit their very selves as a mature person of faith to the Lord.

Just as the magi who traveled afar, Christian stewards make an extra effort to return gifts of time, abilities, and wages to God by sharing them in gratitude with others in need. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10) (Parish Life Office, 2019)

Upcoming Parish Events

Unplanned

On Saturday, January 11th at 5:00 p.m., our parish will host a free showing of the film **Unplanned** in the Church Hall. All parishioners and guests are invited to attend. The video is Rated R and the run time is 109 minutes.

New Video Series

SYMBOLON: "The Catholic Faith Explained", is a video series to bring together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic Faith. These videos will be shown in the Church Hall after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses beginning January 5th with "The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & the God who is Love." The video for next week, January 12th is "Divine Revelation: God seeking us & The Compass for Our Lives. All are invited to participate.

A New Year

By William Arthur Ward

Another fresh new year is here... another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear, to love and laugh and give!
This bright new year is given me to live each day with zest...

To daily grow and try to be my highest and my best!

I have the opportunity once more to right some wrongs,

To pray for peace, to plant a tree, and sing more joyful songs!

Reprinted with permission from: "Apple Seeds" Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Wayne Quist
From Charlene Quist*



A Very Special Place



Saint Benedict School is a very special place. There may be other elementary schools with a rich history and heritage, but there are none that have a deeper commitment to its mission than Saint Benedict's. Saint Benedict School is the first Catholic elementary school in the United States established by the Benedictine Order. Since 1870, Saint Benedict's has been consistently and inflexibly dedicated to its role as a Catholic school of the highest quality. These are the characteristics that define us and these are the characteristics that continue to attract an increasing number of students year after year. When choosing a school for your child, consider Saint Benedict School.

Family Ritual

New Years Resolutions...many have stopped making them because we're used to breaking them. But some resolutions are important to make and keep, as well as to improve on. Too often, we've become too busy to focus on what matters most. One such resolution is to spend more time with your family. Resolve to give each child in your family at least ten minutes of uninterrupted, focused, one-on-one time every day. Also, try to have at least one "Family Night" a month, if not every week. At mealtimes, put away all electronics and look each other in the eye as you talk about your day. And pray as a family at least once every day. These little resolutions will go a long way toward a stronger family. Happy New Year.

Andre McCarville

Director of Family Life and Missions

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

March For Life

On Friday, January 24th, 2020, a bus will be leaving from St. Benedict Church in Carrolltown to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Please prayerfully consider attending this year's March for Life and taking a stand to protect our most innocent and vulnerable brothers and sisters. For reservations or additional information, please contact Bill and Patti Frederick at 344-6521. Also, Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL) and the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations during the Yellow Ribbon Campaign before and after all Masses on January 11th and 12th. Half of your donation goes to CCHL and half goes towards the cost of the bus to Washington D.C. Please give as generously as you can.



School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its 8th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Donations are welcome, from craft and handmade items, new or gently used, antique and one of a kind items. Items can be dropped off at the school during regular school hours. More information will be provided soon.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Hite Equipment and Rental, (814) 344-2625** 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.



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 6th. **Beginning Sunday, January 12, 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.



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, Judy Bender, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, Jim Chirdon, Nixon Cicero, James Connors, Dave Contorchick, Joan Contorchick, John Contorchick, Millie Cunningham, Oliver Cunningham, Ethan John Eckenrode, Jim Eckenrode, Harry & Neta Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Barb Fasoli, Denise Fox, Gitta Gagne, Thom Gagne, Mae Gallagher, Beth Ann Gormish, Shaw Graffius, Shirl Gray, Constance Griak, Cory Hall, Irene Haycisak, Marci Hite, Jim Kline, Joanne Link, Charles Lutak, John Martella, Dick and Pauline Maurer, Mary Miller, Chucky Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Theresa Moore, George Penrod, Betty Perry, Dulcie Perry, Jacob, Olivia, & Amber Peterson, Connie Polisky, Kevin Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Michelle Romagna, Jim Ropp, Marcus SanGregorio, Lisa Schrif, Matthew Sclesky, Tim Semelsberger, Patricia Sever, Patti Sliko, Nick & Mercy Smith, Special Intentions (20), Ronald Stevens, Richard Ulery, Esther Warner, Denny Weakland, Dean Weber, Dennis Weber, Sara Weber, Judy Westover, Edna Westrick, Pat Wojno, Cliff Wolf, and Brenda Yeckley.

Church Support — December 22, 2019

Offertory	6798.00
St. Vincent de Paul	766.25
Retirement for Religious	46.00
Adopt A Student	33.00
School Support	30.00
Catholic Charities	25.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Tree of Life	15.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00
First Offering	5.00
Church Improvements	5.00

Church Support — December 25, 2019

Christmas Offering	11657.00
Christmas Flowers	268.31
Offertory	221.00
Church Improvements	105.00
First Offering	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	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



- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
 - Kitty — \$?+ • Circle 7 — ? numbers for \$?
 - Jackpot - Straight line only • Full Card — ? numbers \$?
 - Instant tickets • All Nighter - \$?+
 - \$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

- SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes, School

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 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

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Blood Drive 1-6:30 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

- SBS Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes, School



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

Card Party Thursday January 9

M/M Lonny Lallemand, M/M John LaMark, Jr., M/M Christopher Lamb, Mr. Francis Lamont, Ms. Kathy Lamont, Mrs. Juliana Lane, M/M William Lane, Miss Donna Lansberry, M/M Donald Lantzy, M/M Ken Lantzy, M/M Alfred Lantzy, M/M Travis Lantzy, Mrs. Germaine Lanzendorfer, Mrs. Bernardine Lauer, Miss Nancy Lauer, M/M Paul J. Lauer, Mr. Ron Lauer, Mr. Tom Lauer

From other parishes and organizations...

Immaculate Conception Church Jewelry Raffle, Saturday January 18 at New Germany Hall, 1635 New Germany Rd, Summerhill. Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert and Drinks. Doors open at 5 p.m., 1st drawing at 6 p.m. Need not be present to win. Grand Prize: \$1,000 Jewelry Shopping Spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Only 500 tickets sold. \$25 Donation: No Guests. For tickets contact (814) 254-9997.

Square Dances: New Germany Grove, Summerhill on January 25, February 15 and 29, March 21 and April 4. Music by Klassic Kountry from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$10 which includes dancing, soft drinks and a light meal. Benefits ProLife.