

Saint Benedict Church

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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

THE JOURNEY WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent



Monday, March 3, 8:00 a.m.		S. Gregory
6:30 p.m.		B. Fox
Tuesday, March 4, 8:00 a.m.		S. Cronan
Wednesday, March 5, 8:15 a.m.	SBS Students (3)	SBS (2)
12:00 p.m.	C. Serafin	C. Farabaugh F. Sutton
6:30 p.m.	H. Shaffer K. Shaffer J. Hoover	R. Yahner B. Yahner L. Bridgman
Thursday, March 6, 8:15 a.m.	SBS Children's Mass	
Friday, March 7, 8:00 a.m.		M. Farabaugh
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.	R. Kirsch R. Deckard J. Deckard	
Saturday, March 8, 4:00 p.m.	E. Lamb S. Fisanick	S. Gray S. Cronan J. Kline
Sunday, March 9, 8:00 a.m.	E. Cunningham S. Cunningham	C. Schall K. Schall
10:00 a.m.	M. Eckenrode R. Eckenrode E. Eckenrode	C. Farabaugh R. Boland F. Sutton
1:00 p.m.	R. Deckard A. Groer J. Deckard R. Kirsch	R. Hoover M.C. Hoover

Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary and Holy Name Societies
	10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, March 3, Weekday	8:00 a.m.	+Richard Bender
	6:30 p.m.	+Helen Malloy
Tuesday, March 4, Weekday	8:00 a.m.	+John Serafin, Sr. (Anniversary)
Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Josephine Hite
	12:00 p.m.	+Joseph Padavich
	6:30 p.m.	For our Parish Family
Thursday, March 6, Lenten Weekday	8:15 a.m.	+Evelyn Coleman
Friday, March 7, Lenten Weekday	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart League
Saturday, March 8, Lenten Weekday	4:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Cyril and Elizabeth Stevens Family
Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent	8:00 a.m.	+Donald McNulty
	10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
	1:00 p.m.	Anointing Mass

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Michael Kovall, husband of our Parishioner Alberta; and the soul of our Parishioner Francis Holtz, husband of our Parishioner Audrey. 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, Olivia Rose McKee, daughter of Logan and Maria. We extend our love and best wishes to Olivia Rose and her parents.

Empowered by the Spirit Series

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting "Empowered by the Spirit Series" on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 18th, at St. Michael Activity Center & Church, Hollidaysburg. The prayer experience begins at 7 p.m. and includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise & worship, small group discussions and more! Refreshments and fellowship will begin in the Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the series is to explore and equip the faithful for evangelization through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but registration is required: holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series.

Distribution & Display of Ashes



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On that day many Christians receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This powerful sign has been used by God's people for hundreds of years. The cross of ashes tells friends and neighbors that we know we are not perfect. We do not always love God as we should, and we do not always act with love and care toward those around us. On Ash Wednesday we own up to that and begin a six-week period of prayer, reflections, and almsgiving. The cross is a sign of suffering, but suffering that can strengthen and redeem. Ashes are a sign of death, the event that will someday bring each of us face to face with our loving and forgiving God.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Leo Karlheim From the Family

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Vines Malloy From the Family



Pastor's Reflection

Our readings today are concerned about the practice of the virtues. We can know a man by the words he speaks or the company he keeps. It's so important to keep watch over our actions because they will become part of us. The more we practice a virtue the more we will resemble that virtue.



Peace,
Father Michael

Fish Fry

Our Saint Benedict School will have a Take-out only Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, March 5th in the Church Hall, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. or until sold out. The menu is fried or baked fish, french fries, mac n cheese, haluski, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, and dessert. Price is \$15. If you have any questions, please call the school at 814-344-6512.

Men's Conference

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sunday, March 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. *Registration closes March 21st.* Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Families and the Gospel

March 2, 2025; (Luke 6:39-45)

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves - mind and heart - in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication - email, text, Twitter, Facebook, etc. What comes forth from our mouths, and our phones and keyboards, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

The more intentionally and frequently we look to Jesus as our mentor in these interactions, the more we will become like Him, our Teacher and our Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and Tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

Fasting and Abstinence

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs or milk products. The Easter fast must be kept sacred and should be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, and where possible should be prolonged throughout Holy Saturday so that the faithful may attain the joys of Easter Sunday.

Veiling of the Cross

The cross which hangs in our Church is a crucifix which depicts Christ's suffering and death. As a result it will be veiled from Ash Wednesday until the end of morning prayer on Holy Thursday. The liturgical documents, then, call for the crucifix to be unveiled and venerated during the Good Friday liturgy.

Stations of the Cross



For nearly 2,000 years, the shrines in and around Jerusalem have drawn pilgrims inspired by the life and death of the Lord. Not everyone, however, is able to travel to the Holy Land. As a result, ever since the Middle

Ages, Churches began erecting images developed to various aspects of the passion. By the 15th century, the Franciscans developed a devotion called "stations." It took awhile to fix the number and the names of the stations, but in 1731, Pope Clement XII established the 14 we know today. This hallowed tradition reminds us of the outpouring of Christ's love as He accepted death on a cross. In keeping with this tradition, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Saint Benedict's on Fridays at 1:45 p.m., with the School children, and at 6:30 p.m. for the Parish, throughout Lent.

No Alleluia, Gloria or Flowers

As we prepare for the penitential Season of Lent, the Church teaches us that our liturgies are to be simple. As a result, decorations are to be minimal and flowers may not be used around the Altar. In addition, musical instruments are used only as necessary to accompany singing, and the Gloria and Alleluia are omitted.

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