

# 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

Parish Office ..... 814-344-6548  
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School Office ..... 814-344-6512  
School Fax ..... 814-344-8530  
Church Hall ..... 814-344-8770

## Pastoral Staff

*Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.* ..... *Pastor*  
*Lois Bridgman* ..... *Secretary*  
*Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B.*  
*Annette Kelly* ..... *Director of Religious Education and  
Christian Initiation*  
*Jeannine M. Cymbor* ..... *Business Manager*  
*Adam Orosz* ..... *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



**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday, October 20, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Thomas and Elnora Zemrose
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
<b>Monday, October 21, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Mary Jane Westrick
6:30 p.m.	+Theresa Yeckley
<b>Tuesday, October 22, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Doris Lacue
<b>Wednesday, October 23, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Joseph Weber
<b>Thursday, October 24, Weekday</b>	
8:15 a.m.	+Steve Morealli
<b>Friday, October 25, Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Bob Illig
<b>Saturday, October 26, Weekday</b>	
4:00 p.m.	+Donna Bridgman
<b>Sunday, October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Catherine Murphy
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

		
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
<b>Monday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		S. Gregory
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>		
		B. Fox
<b>Tuesday, October 22, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		M. Lieb
<b>Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		M.C. Hoover
<b>Thursday, October 24, 8:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Friday, October 25, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
		M. Farabaugh
<b>Saturday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.</b>		
R. Kirsch	J. Kline	B.A. Bensor
E. Lamb	S. Gray	
<b>Sunday, October 27, 8:00 a.m.</b>		
E. Cunningham	K. Lallemand	L. Huber
S. Cunningham	B. Westrick	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		
M. Eckenrode	R. Boland	M. Ryan
R. Eckenrode	B. Fox	
H. Shaffer	R. Hoover	

### Parish Breakfast Next Sunday



The Parish breakfast is next 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 \$11; \$5 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$11.

### Special Memorial Mass

A special Memorial Mass for our Parishioners who have been buried from Saint Benedict within the past 12 months will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at 8 a.m. All Parishioners and friends are invited to join in this beautiful act of remembrance on behalf of the family members and friends of the deceased.

### White Ribbons

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas local chapter #722 Our Lady of Victory are sponsoring our annual WRAP Campaign. We will be in all the churches in the area on the weekend of October 26th and 27th. We will have Daughters at the doors giving our ribbons and taking donations.

The 21st annual White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) campaign is a weeklong initiative calling for awareness of the harm done by exposure to pornography. The monies the Catholic Daughters of the Americas collect go to the National Center of Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) that exists to build a world where people can live and love without sexual abuse and exploitation. NCOSE defends human dignity by Opposing Sexual Exploitation by mobilizing legal, corporate, and legislative action to build a world free from sexual abuse and exploitation. They expose the Connections striking deep at the roots of the systems which support and sustain sexual abuse and exploitation. We hope you support this endeavor.

### Special Collection - Hurricane Relief

We will take up a second collection this weekend to support those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Kindly continue to remember these storm victims in your prayers. May the One who calms the storm bring peace to those whose lives have been so devastated. Many thanks for your help.

### Are You Registered?

Do you receive Parish mailings? If not, you probably are not a registered member of the Parish. Parish registration becomes important when you make plans for Baptism, Marriage and Funerals, or if you plan to act as a sponsor for someone being Baptized or Confirmed. If you are not registered, consider registering now! Stop or call the Parish Office at 344-6548, Ext. 1.

### Mass of Remembrance

Bishop Carroll's 20th Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 4 p.m. The Mass will be held in the Bishop Carroll Chapel in honor of alumni and faculty who have gone to their eternal rest. A reception will follow in the Ursula Pawlowski Media Center. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (814) 472-7500 x 104. [www.bishopcarroll.com](http://www.bishopcarroll.com)

### Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Stevens Funeral Homes, Inc., 814-344-6561**, 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.



*This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Steven T. Buck From Cindy Sowers*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Barry Burkhart's 30 year Anniversary From Mary Ann Burkhart*



**Pastor's Reflection**

When we place our trust in God He gives us His mercy. The one who gave everything to us is completely trustworthy. He even died for us. Trust in God is not a matter of fables or superstition. Its not something our grand-parents did but we outgrew. It's a matter of eternal life.



Peace,  
Father Michael

**Families and the Gospel**

**October 20, 2024, (Mark 10:35-45)**

"Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today's gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

**Stewardship Reflections**

Our readings today convey how deeply God understands our weaknesses and sufferings, and how we are called to imitate Him through humility and service.

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects - as if that power, authority, and wealth should be goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling - a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

Today, let us recall that we have a loving God who completely understands us and sympathizes with us. He is waiting for us to call on Him for mercy and strength. Yet, let us also recall that our God challenges us to be imitators of Him by becoming humble servants for God and neighbor.

**Month of the Rosary**

October is month of the Rosary. Many graces and favors are obtained for those who recite it regularly. Rosary Packets are located at the entrances to the Church. Please feel free to take them.



**Public Square Rosary Crusade**

A Public Rosary in support of the election will be held on Saturday, October 26th at noon, across the street from St. Benedict Church in Carrolltown. All are welcome, please join us in praying for the election.

**Parish Missions**

**Prince of Peace Church:** 811 Chestnut Ave., Northern Cambria; join us on **October 21 and 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** for a Parish Mission - Confirmation Retreat. The format each night will be a one-hour talk given by Deacon Rick Messina followed by one hour of adoration. Confessions will be available during adoration.

Deacon Rick will talk about his personal journey in faith and his path to become a permanent Deacon in our Diocese. This mission-retreat is open to anyone interested and is a perfect opportunity for confirmation students to fulfill the requirement for retreats (discipleship events).

There will be a sign-in sheet available for all confirmation students and your pastor will be notified of your attendance.

**St. Benedict Parish (Johnstown):** 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Greg Bramlage for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, **"Built Upon the Rock"**. This three night event will be held at **7 p.m. on October 21, 22, and 23.** Each evening you will worship God in "Spirit and Truth" as you pray for God's healing in your lives. Open to adults and children in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036, email: [Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

**Law of the Garbage Truck**

A man hopped in a taxi, and took off for the airport. They were driving in the right lane when suddenly, a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of the taxi. The taxi driver slammed on the brakes, the car skidded, tires squealed, and at the very last moment the car stopped just one inch from the other car's back end...The driver of the other car...whipped his head around and he started yelling words...

The taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And, he was friendly. So, the passenger asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy could have killed us!" And this is when the taxi driver told me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained: "Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they look for a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. So when someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on."

So I started thinking, how often do I let garbage trucks run right over me? And how often do I take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the street? The bottom line is, "Don't let garbage trucks ruin your day." —

"Apple Seeds"

**Trust in the Lord, with all your heart,  
Never rely on what you think you know.  
Remember the Lord in everything you do,  
And He will show you the way. — Prov. 3:5,6**



