

Saint Benedict Church

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Monday thru Thursday:
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



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary and Holy Name Societies
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family
12:00 p.m. First Holy Communion

Monday, May 6, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Alfred and Dorothy Kline
6:30 p.m. +Leona Dowey

Tuesday, May 7, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Hilda and Larry Haines

Wednesday, May 8, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Gregg and Sarah Shank (Anniversary)
6:30 p.m. For our Parish Family

Thursday, May 9, The Ascension of the Lord

8:15 a.m. +Virginia Hoover
12:00 p.m. +Dolores Gwizdak

Friday, May 10, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Matthew Frederick

Saturday, May 11, Sts. Odo, Maiolus, Odilo, Hugh and Peter the Venerable

4:00 p.m. +Theresa Mano

Sunday, May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Private Intention
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

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

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

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

M. Lieb

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

M.C. Hoover

6:30 p.m.

H. Shaffer

R. McGowan

S. Gregory

R. Kirsch

B. Westrick

Thursday, May 9, 8:15 a.m.

O. Farabaugh

J. Kline

B.A. Bensor

A. Groer

R. Boland

G. Farabaugh

12:00 p.m.

C. Serafin

R. Hoover

M.C. Hoover

B. Fox

Friday, May 10, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

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

L. Behe

J. Kline

B.A. Bensor

S. Fisanick

S. Gray

R. Kirsch

P.J. Stevens

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

E. Cunningham

B. Westrick

L. Huber

S. Cunningham

G. Yeckley

10:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer

R. McGowan

F. Sutton

C. Greene

R. Hoover

M. Greene

R. Boland

Holy Hour and Adoration

Please note that Holy Hour and Adoration will be moved from Tuesday, May 7th to Monday May 6th.

First Holy Communion Class

Today Saint Benedict Parish rejoices as 18 young members celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 12 p.m. Mass:

Jeremy Farabaugh

Emma Nagle

Easton Fees

Austin Fitzpatrick

Paislee Paronish

Blaire Henry

Macy Schirf

Kendra Kelly

Freya Sekerak

Lance Lechene

Ella Snyder

Claire Luke

Cassidy Sprague

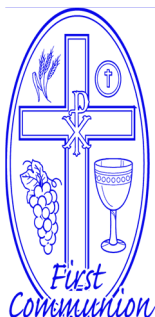
Alaina Mazurak

Lydia Taylor

Aslayna Nagle

Lydia Wilson

Marissa Winslow



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Gertrude Plouse, mother of our Parishioner Kathleen Heming; the soul of Ellen Wolanin, mother of our Parishioner George Wolanin, Jr.; the soul of our Parishioner David Wyland, husband of our Parishioner Barbara Wyland; and the soul of our Parishioner Edgar Link, Sr., husband of our Parishioner Joanne Link and father of our Parishioners Pamela Snedden, Patricia Frederick, Edgar Link, Jr., Rebecca Gabrielson, Angela Baker, Andrew Link, and Joanna Henry. 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.



Pieta Prayer Booklet

The Knights of Columbus, Queen of Angels Council, Patton, has donated the Pieta Prayer Booklets to the local churches. These prayer booklets are a great way to assist your spiritual life.

Parishioners may find the booklets at the entrances to the church.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Virginia Hoover
From Chad, Ashley and Jason Hoover*

Pastor's Reflection

Jesus asks us to remain in His love. We do this by obeying Him. Staying true to His commands, not compromising the faith in any way is what we are asked to do. God knows what is best for us, that's why we have been given His commands.

Peace,

Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

May 5, 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter (John 15:9-17)

Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. This request from our Lord is no small endeavor. It is something we must work at every day in every moment. When we put it at the forefront of our minds and hearts, and strive to live it out each day, it will transform our lives and impact others too.

As St. John tells us in our Second Reading, it is "not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." Recall that God loved us first, not because of what we do for him, but because He created us out of love. His love for us is pure and radical. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

Look at each moment and think, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" or "How can I lay down my life in this moment?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

May Celebrations

May is so full of Celebrations! Mother's Day, First Holy Communion, Graduations, Memorial Day. In addition, there are several Holy Day's and Feast Days like: Ascension Thursday, Pentecost, The Most Holy Trinity, St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st, as well as, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31st. Make it a point to reflect and pray each day for all the special occasions that have formed you into who you are today.

Pentecost Vespers

Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m., Queen of Peace Church, Patton. Exposition, Sung Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; a fitting way to close the Easter Season and to celebrate the Birthday of the Church. Please mark your calendar and join us for the Church's Evening Prayer. All are Welcome!

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Virginia Hoover
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Honor Mary in Your Home

Mary, the Mother of the Church, earns a month-long celebration. As a reminder of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin during the month of May, her statue might be placed somewhere special in the house. Family members could also take turns being sure that candles or fresh flowers are in front of the statue.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta ~

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Mother's Day. Mothers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the Church. If you are interested in honoring a special woman (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. Offering envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend. All offerings for the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Tower Project.

Festival Chair Persons

We are well on our way in planning this years annual Homecoming Parish Festival. We are in great need of volunteers to staff the Bake Sale/Grocery Basket Booth and Bingo. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. It is only through your support that the Festival will be successful.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** The last day to register is **Wednesday, May 22, 2024.** The event is sponsored by the Diocesan **Family Life Office** and the **Catholic Ministries Drive.**

Spring Fling Mother's Day Dinner & Basket Auction

Hosted by the Saint Benedict School Home School Association, Sunday May 12, Mother's Day, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Menu includes Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Cranberry Sauce and Dessert. \$15 for Adults and \$6 for children 6-12. Children under 5 are free. Takeouts available. Handicap accessible.

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:

Jackie Adams, Vickie Baran, Marleena and Mila Bartlebaugh, Sabbath Beach, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Todd Bonin, Michelle Burnette, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Ken Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Jr. Gailey, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Pauline Kane, Richard Karlheim, Larry Kibler, Patty Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Loretta McCoy, Brother Michael Miller, Charles Mitchell, Barb Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, Tom Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (12), Mary Springer, Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Pat and Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zalznock.

Church Support - April 27 & 28, 2024

Offertory	8879.50
Tower Project	1245.00
Catholic Home Mission	602.00
Church Improvement	585.00
School Support	373.00
Adopt A Student	285.00
Ascension Thursday	40.00
Tree of Life	10.00
Catholic Communications	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)
- Kitty — \$?+ • Full Card — ? numbers \$?
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$? #2 \$?
- Instant tickets #3: \$? #4 \$?
- \$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 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- 2nd Grade First Communion Mass, Noon

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- Oblate Meeting, 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Ascension of the Lord Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

- Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 8:15 and Noon
- 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
- Mass 4 p.m.; Followed by May Crowning

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Spring Fling Turkey Dinner, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Hall



HOLY COMMUNION

Card Party Thursday May 9



M/M Ken Farabaugh, Ms. Pam Farabaugh, Mr. Jeff Farabaugh, M/M Bernie Farabaugh, Mr. Brad Farabaugh, Ms. Cecilia Farabaugh, M/M Floyd Farabaugh, M/M Fred & Debra Farabaugh, M/M Girard Farabaugh, M/M Gordon Farabaugh, M/M James L. Farabaugh, Mrs. Kathryn Farabaugh, Mrs. Marci Farabaugh, M/M Matt Farabaugh, M/M Nathan Farabaugh, M/M Paul Farabaugh, M/M Regis Farabaugh, M/M Ted Farabaugh

From other parishes and organizations...

Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming: Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patton Fire Hall, 410 Magee Ave, Patton. Rabies shot - \$15, Distemper/Parvo - \$20, Grooming (Ears/Nails) - \$10. Cash only. Please bring previous registrations if available. Dogs/cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be 12 weeks old to receive a rabies shot.

Healing Mass: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generous support of the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. As a parish we raised \$792 to strengthen the Church at home.

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.