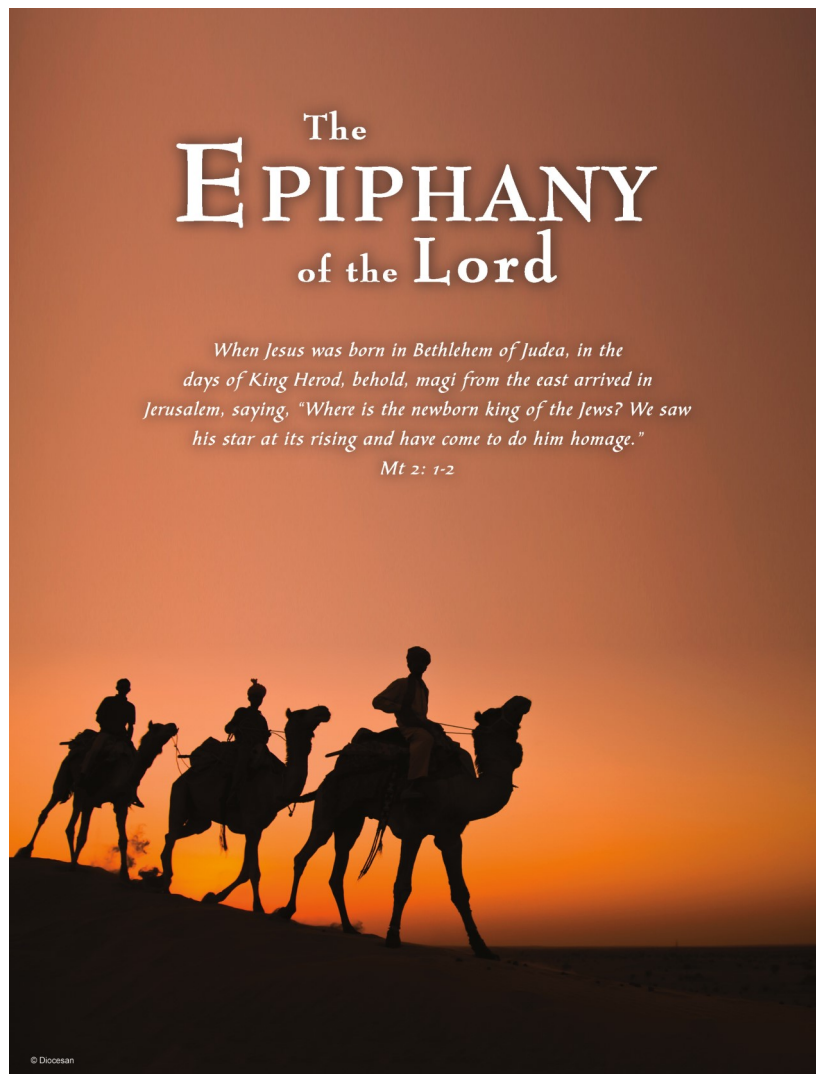


Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm
Office closed on Thursday

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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 6, Epiphany

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

Monday, January 7, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Switzler and
Airhart Families

Tuesday, January 8, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John Sutton

Wednesday, January 9, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John and Evelyn Papson

Thursday, January 10, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Christine Buckman

Friday, January 11, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Mary Louise Gobert

Saturday, January 12, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Derek Cook

Sunday, January 13, 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 7, 8:00 a.m.

Cameron Drahnak R. Cunningham
Marshall Farabaugh

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

Garrett Farabaugh J. Farabaugh
Leah Behe

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

Eli Cunningham R. Hoover
Sean Fisanick

Thursday, January 10, 8:00 a.m.

Miley Hoover C. Farabaugh
Lauren Behe

Friday, January 11, 8:15 a.m.

Seth Hilyer
Seth Cunningham
Sophia Hoover

Saturday, January 12, 4:00 p.m.

E. Behe	P.J. Stevens	L. Stephens	B.A. Bensor
E. Behe	O. Cronan	S. Gray	M. Lieb
R. Kirsch	S. Cronan		

Sunday, January 13, 8:00 a.m.

E. Farabaugh	M. Drahnak	M.A. Schall	E. Cunningham
A. Farabaugh	G. Shoemaker	J.R. Schall	E. Shoemaker
C. Drahnak	Br. Michael		

10:00 a.m.

L. Wholaver	L. Bridgman	R. McGowan	B. Fox
M. Wholaver	R. Boland	D. Fox	M.C. Hoover
M. Johnston	R. Hoover		
	F. Sutton		



Children's Liturgy Brother Michael

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Grace Jackson, wife of our Parishioner John Thomas Jackson. 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.



Maur Blessing

The Maur Blessing has been changed to Wednesday, January 9th, after the 8 a.m. Mass. 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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 9th, 16th, 23rd, March 2nd. The servers will be inducted at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 10th.



Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2018 *Catholic Ministries Drive*. 173 of our families have generously donated/pledged \$39,004.01 toward the Parish goal of \$40,711.00. We are short \$1706.99 to reach our goal. 100% of your gift supports 14 ministries.



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".

'Un-Decorating'

The Christmas trees, wreaths, manger, etc. need to be taken down and packed away. If you can lend a hand, please join us next Sunday, January 13, after the 10:00 a.m. mass.



*This week the votive candle will burn
in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of Donald McNulty
From the George McNulty Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Today we celebrate Jesus as the light to all nations! Jesus is inviting us to participate in His Light by our lives of compassion, mercy and forgiveness. We are called to evangelize the Light of Christ by our very lives.



Christmas Peace,
Father Jude

Families and the Gospel

Jan 6 Mt. 2:1-12, After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year. It's time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

Liturgical Reflection

Today we join the three men from the east who have come to acknowledge the presence of divinity on this earth. The infant child is indeed the Eternal Word of God. And this divine gift is just not for God's holy people Israel. The Savior has arrived on this earth for the redemption of all peoples. These foreign travelers stand for all of us who are not members of God's chosen people Israel. Nonetheless, God has sent his Savior Child for the redemption of all people. 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office

Stewardship Reflections

The Magi were led to the Savior by the light of the star. May we, as baptized Catholics, lead others to Jesus by the light of our Faith. (Parish Life Office.)

"GRASP" Priority Time

It's a New Year and you need to plan a variety of activities that you and your partner can look forward to for the rest of the year! Focus on being together.

G is for games. Each partner chooses one or more games to play—old favorites or new! Be creative and play games.

R is for romance. Each partner writes a scenario for what they consider a romantic evening. Plan two separate evenings—one for each scenario or combine both scenarios to meet the desires of both partners in one evening.

A is for academic. Take a course together or go to the library and research a new topic that interests both of you.

S is for spiritual. Plan to attend a retreat or a spiritual lecture together; attend church services together. Meditate together or hold hands and say a short prayer together to start your day. *"Divine Spirit, grant us this day's portion of grace. Bring us closer to You and closer to each other. Amen"*

P is for physical. Join a gym or fitness center and work out together as often as possible. Take a yoga class together and practice the postures together several times a week. Learn a new sport together!

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



Yellow Ribbon Campaign

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 12th and 13th. Half of your donation goes to CCHL and half goes towards the cost of the bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life 2019. Please give as generously as you can.



March for Life

Please mark your calendars and prayerfully consider joining us as we March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 18, 2019. The theme for this year's March for Life is: Unique from Day One. You can visit the March for Life website at www.marchforlife.org.

For information on attending the March for Life and to make reservations, please call Bill and Patti Frederick at 344-6521.

School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its 7th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Doors open at 4:30, Buffet dinners starts at 5:30, followed by Silent Auction and Live Auction. Advanced reservations are \$20 per person and includes dinner, drinks, dessert, and one paddle. Space limited to the first 200 reservations. Tickets at the door are \$25 and only if space is available. Adults only. For further information or reservations, Contact Saint Benedict School at (814) 344-6512. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict School. 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.

From Sinners to Saints

No one is too far gone for God. Regardless of how many poor choices you've made, how many people you've hurt or how you've broken the laws of God and man, God is still willing to welcome you back with open arms if you sincerely ask His forgiveness and try to change your ways. Don't believe it? Take the saints for example.

A conversion experience is not magic; it is only the first step in a lifetime of striving to grow in virtue and conform one's unruly, rebellious will to the will of God. Our world is full of sinners who turned their lives around to become saints officially canonized by the Church—and people who, with the help of God's grace, managed to climb out of the downward spiral toward which their lives and souls were heading.

There's St. Paul, who was responsible for the murder of many early Christians before his dramatic conversion experience on the road to Damascus. And St. Augustine of Hippo led a life of arrogant pride and sexual immorality before offering his mind, heart and soul to God.

There are many dramatic stories that give powerful witness to a person's ability to change.

Christopher News Notes, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Moriconi Funeral Home, 814-948-8050**, 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 are updating the Prayer Chain list and the Special Intentions list. If you would like to keep or add a name or a special intention to the list, contact the office. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we try to update the information.



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: Tom Bender, James Campbell, Pastor Marty Cartmell, Nixon Cicero, James Connors, Harry Elder, Norma Jeanne Frederick, May Kay Gallagher, Kady Manifest, Jacob & Olivia Peterson, Kevin Polites, Franz Romanic, Mark Sharbaugh, Special Intentions (12), Ronald Stevens, Sara Weber, Cliff Wolf.



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-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

-SBS Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-St. Maur Blessing after Mass
-Blood Drive, 1-6:30 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

-SBS Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-K of C Rosary 6 p.m., Church/ meeting 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
-Card Party, 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

-Confessions, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

-Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
-CCD Classes, School
-Parish, School, Finance Council meetings 11 a.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Church Support — December 23, 2018

Offerstory	7557.50
Christmas Offering	775.00
St. Vincent de Paul	723.25
Christmas Flowers	215.50
Solemnity of Mary	40.00
Church Improvements	28.50
Retirement for Religious	20.50
Adopt a Student	20.00
Tree of Life	15.00
Immaculate Conception	13.50

Church Support — December 24-25, 2018

Christmas Offering	12,152.00
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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—\$97+
 - Circle 7 — 34 numbers for \$250
 - Jackpot - Straight line only
 - Full Card — 59 numbers \$725
 - Instant tickets
 - All Nighter - \$170+
 - \$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 January 10th

M/M Brian Johnson, M/M Ron Johnson, Mrs. Melissa Kane,
Miss Audrey Karlheim, M/M Dan Karlheim, Ms. Paige Karlheim,
M/M Richard Karlheim, Mr. Michael Kaschak, M/M Raymond Keith,
M/M Brad Kelly, M/M James Kelly, Mrs. Anna Mae Kelly, M/M Dan Kelly, Mr. Kenneth J. Kerchenske, Mr. Ken Kerchenske, Mr. Lee Kerchenske, M/M Douglas Kieffer, Ms. Pam Horton, M/M Dan Kinney, Anna Marie Selfridge



Mount Aloysius College December and January Private Tours. Jan 21 MLK Jr. Day Open House. Visit the beautiful Mount Aloysius Campus during this holiday season or for our MLK Jr. Day open house and receive a \$1,000 scholarship for your visit! The College will be closed on December 21 and will reopen on January 2. **The Admissions Office will be open for appointments only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. RSVP today 814-886-6383, 888-823-2220, admissions@mtaloy.edu/mtaloy.edu/future-students/visit.

Immaculate Conception Church Jewelry Raffle, Saturday January 19 at New Germany Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Door tickets include Admission, meal, dessert and drinks. Over \$7,500 in jewelry and accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. Grand prize: \$1,000 jewelry shopping spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Doors open at 5 p.m., first drawing at 5:30 p.m. Only 500 tickets sold. \$25 donation. For tickets, contact Becky 724-357-8384.

St. Nicholas Parish Breakfast, Sunday January 20 from 6:30 a.m. till 12 noon (or until sold out), in the Church Hall, 203 St. Henry Street, Nicktown. Price: Adults-\$8, children 5 to 12-\$4, children under 4-free.