

# Saint Benedict Church

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**"We'll always honor  
the heroes of 9/11.  
And here at this hallowed place,  
we pledge that  
we will never forget  
their sacrifice."**

President George W. Bush 2008

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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

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School Office ..... 814-344-6512  
School Fax ..... 814-344-8530  
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## Pastoral Staff

*Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.*..... *Pastor*  
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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, September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Ted and Annette Farabaugh (50th Wedding Anniversary)  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

**Monday, September 9, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Albert Sharbaugh, Sr.  
6:30 p.m. +Mary Springer

**Tuesday, September 10, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the John F. Kelly Family

**Wednesday, September 11, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Richard Yarko

**Thursday, September 12, Weekday**

8:15 a.m. +Margaret Dominick

**Friday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom**

8:00 a.m. +Mary Louise Gobert

**Saturday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

4:00 p.m. +Derek Cook

**Sunday, September 15, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. +Harvey Sutton  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



**Altar Servers      Eucharistic Ministers      Lectors**

**Monday, September 9, 8:00 a.m.**

S. Gregory

**6:30 p.m.**

B. Fox

**Tuesday, September 10, 8:00 a.m.**

M. Lieb

**Wednesday, September 11, 8:00 a.m.**

M.C. Hoover

**Thursday, September 12, 8:15 a.m.**

SBS Children's Mass

**Friday, September 13, 8:00 a.m.**

M. Farabaugh

**Saturday, September 14, 4:00 p.m.**

S. Fisanick	P.J. Stevens	K. Farabaugh
E.L. Farabaugh	R. Boland	
M. Farabaugh	S. Gray	

**Sunday, September 15, 8:00 a.m.**

E. Cunningham	C. Schall	S. Gregory
S. Cunningham	K. Schall	

**10:00 a.m.**

R. Eckenrode	R. McGowan	M. Farabaugh
H. Shaffer	F. Sutton	
M. Eckenrode	L. Bridgman	

**In Sympathy**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Kevin Hite, father of our Parishioner Kevin and brother of our Parishioners Leonard and Maurus; and the soul of Daniel C. Farabaugh, brother of our Parishioners Thelma McNulty and Cathy O'Leary. 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.



**Wedding Congratulations**

We congratulate Gabriel Yahner and Zoe Panaro, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Saint Benedict Church on August 31st. We pray that the Lord will bless them with the courage and strength it takes to remain in His love, and that, in love, they will find happiness grow deeper each day.



**Baptized in Christ**

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Paisley May Shoemaker, daughter of Greg and Jacqui. We extend our love and best wishes to Paisley May and her parents.



**Sponsor of the Week**

We wish to thank **Vantage Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation 814-472-4921**, 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.

**PA March for Life**

Our work is not done! With the overturn of Roe vs Wade, the power to protect the unborn was given back to you - the American people - through your elected officials. Our state capitol is now a critical battleground for protecting Life. That is why we need you to march at the Capitol building to be a voice for the voiceless. Together, we march to empower women to choose life, and to defend the dignity of the unborn. Join us as we march for both mom and baby!

C.C.H.L. will be sponsoring a bus to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, September 23, 2024. For more information and to make reservations, please call Bill & Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521.

**A Women's Day of Reflection**

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Award Winning Author and Speaker, **Liz Kelly** for A Women's Day of Reflection, "**Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn About Healing, Freedom & Joy from the Women of the New Testament.**" This one-day event will be held from **8:30 AM to 4 PM September 28**. The day will start off with taking a fresh look at the encounters that women had with Jesus while you grow in confidence and skill praying with Scripture and making the Gospel your own. The day will include Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**This event is Free and open to all.** A Lunch and Refreshments will be served so an **RSVP is required.** For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at 814-266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at [Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net). A love offering will be taken.



*This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Celebration of Ted and Annette Farabaugh's 50th Wedding Anniversary*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Celebration of Ted and Annette Farabaugh's 50th Wedding Anniversary*



### Pastor's Reflection

The message of Isaiah is a message for our time as well: fear not. If we trust too much in ourselves we will eventually have fear because we are fallible. Keep your sights on God. Everything He has promised He will make good.



Peace,  
Father Michael

### Flower and Candle Memorials

**Flower Memorials** are available for the near future dates: September 21, 28, October 5, 19, November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 21



**Saint Joseph Candle Memorials** are available for October 19, November 2, 9, and December 21.



The cost for Flowers is \$70 and the cost for Saint Joseph Candle is \$10. Please call the Parish Office for requests. Thank you.

### Families and the Gospel

**September 8, 2024, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 7:31-37)**

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again") in parents ("It's just a stage") and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

### Stewardship Reflections

"Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" Our readings today offer us a message of hope - God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper - our souls.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

### Fatima Devotions

Please join us for Fatima Devotions along with the dedication and blessing of the new Stations of the Cross and Garden Benches on Friday September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunken Gardens, Loretto. (In case of inclement weather everything will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Francis University.) The Homilist will be Fr. Joseph Lehman, T.O.R., Minister Provincial.

### St. Vincent de Paul Basket Auction

St. Vincent de Paul - Carrolltown Store only, 5th Annual Fall Basket Auction. Ticket sales will start on September 16 and run through October 14. Drawing for the baskets will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 10 a.m.

All money raised will go towards our heating system upgrade, as well as expenses incurred from the unexpected flood a few weeks ago.

Anyone wanting to donate a basket is asked to please drop them off at the store by September 16th by 2 p.m. **Please do not leave them on the porch.** Basket donations are greatly appreciated and will help us to reach our goal. If you need to make arrangements for drop-off, please call 814-615-8025.

### October Gun Raffle Ticket

Saint Benedict Home School Association is sponsoring an October Gun Raffle, from October 1 thru October 31, 2024. The winning numbers will be determined by The First 7:00 p.m. Pick 4 PA Daily Lottery Number. Tickets can be obtained from Saint Benedict School, Parish Office, or Scrip table. The donation is \$20. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Home School Association.

### A Few Parenting Pointers

If your kids are of school age, September can be a hectic time. Some folk are naturally organized. Others need the help of a daily/weekly calendar, a check list, a bedtime review, etc. Ask your child what might help them even if it's you getting out of the way.

Are you tired of repeating yourself over and over to your kids?

Step 1 - Get at eye-level with your child, then start to speak.

Step 2 - Ask for an "Echo". Let your child repeat what you've said.

If your child is old enough to read, writing them a special letter can sometimes be more powerful than speech. Include 2 things - that you love them for who they are; then praise them for a couple of their unique abilities.

Susan Vogt [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

523 E. Southern Ave., Covington, KY 41015 USA

### Anniversary Mass

Father Anthony Joseph Grossi, O.S.B., cordially invites you to the **Anniversary Mass and Celebration of his 25 years in the Priesthood** at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 29, 2024 at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica, Latrobe, PA.

Reception and Dinner to follow at 4:00 p.m. at the Fred Rogers Center on the Saint Vincent Campus.

**Please R.S.V.P. by September 15, 2024** by calling Saint Vincent Archabbey at 724-539-9761.



## 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, Russel Bard, Sabbath Beach, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Noah Donahue, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan 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., Richard Karlheim, Cheryl Keith, Larry Kibler, Patty Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Bob Miller, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck 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, Esther Sclesky, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (18), Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Richard Zaliznock.

## Church Support - August 31 & September 1, 2024

Offertory	8531.18
Benedictine Annual Appeal	3482.00
Cemetery Maintenance	834.50
School Support	645.00
Organ Project	215.00
Church Improvement	210.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	65.00
Catholic University	50.00
Assumption	30.00

## 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 - \$146+      • Full Card - 58 numbers \$700
- Jackpot - Straight line only      • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$246+
- Instant tickets
- \$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.
- CCD Signups after Masses, Church Hall

### MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Oblate Meeting 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

### TUESDAY

- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- SBS Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
- 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.

### SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes: Grades 7-11 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.  
Grades K-6 from 11 a.m. to noon

## Card Party Thursday September 12



M/M Martin Parrish, Mrs. Dorothy Penrod, Mr. Michael Penrod, Ms. Fran Phillips, M/M Robert Pierce, M/M Kevin Plazek, Kristen Plazek, Mrs. Robert Plouse, M/M Barry Porter, Mrs. Rose Prevost, Mrs. Charlene Quist, M/M Anthony Rematt, Mr. Christopher Ramsey, M/M Kyle Reasbeck

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Pray the Rosary** every Thursday, weather permitting, at 7 p.m. at the Wayside Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Rt. 553, Ridge Road, between Carrolltown and Nicktown. Bring a lawn chair. Rosary and Litany will be said; and will continue until September 26th.

**40 Hours Devotion** at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly (608 Main St.) All are invited to 40 Hours Devotion in Lilly on the following days: Sunday, September 8th to Tuesday, September 10th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with a Devotional Service each evening at 7 p.m. Fr. Timothy Harris, T.O.R. will be the guest Presider and Homilist each evening. Confessions will be offered at the end of each Devotional Service. All are welcome!

**Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg:** Parish Mission, September 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. with Fr. Dan Reehil from the Diocese of Nashville. He was a former Wall Street banker who had an amazing reversion experience back to the Catholic Church. He is now an exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville.

**Month of Miracles:** at St. Francis University, running now through October 4th in celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Stigmata and the Feast of St. Francis. For a full list of events, visit: <https://events.francis.edu/event/month-of-miracles-at-saint-francis-university>.