

Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

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 Intentions

Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Ben
and Mary Etta Yeckley Family
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, April 22, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Fred Owens
6:30 p.m. +Gary Biller

Tuesday, April 23, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ben Farabaugh

Wednesday, April 24, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Carmella Terizzi

Thursday, April 25, St. Mark

8:15 a.m. +Bernadine Kelly

Friday, April 26, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Harry
and Mary Lansberry Family

Saturday, April 27, Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Joyce Mondì

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Rosemary Maurer (Anniversary)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, April 23, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, April 25, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.

M. Farabaugh	P. Kelly	K. Farabaugh
S. Fisanick	S. Gray	
E. Farabaugh	P.J. Stevens	

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cunningham	K. Schall	L. Huber
E. Cunningham	K. Colberg	

10:00 a.m.

M. Greene	R. Hoover	M.C. Hoover
H. Shaffer	B. Fox	
C. Greene	R. Boland	



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Lori Krug, sister of our Parishioner Lynne Link; and the soul of Richard Prevost, Jr. son of our Parishioner Rose Prevost. 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, Scarlett Frances Coates, daughter of Clyde and Abigail. We extend our love and best wishes to Scarlett Frances and her parents.



Masses Sent to Saint Vincent

The following Masses were sent to the Archabbey to be satisfied at the conventual Masses of the Benedictine Monastic Community: +Joan Yeckley (10), +Jean Lantz (10), and +Leonard Eckenrode (4).

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 \$10; \$4 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$10.



Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following Parishioners who will be strengthened in Faith, anointed with Oil of Sacred Chrism, and blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

<i>Landen Joseph Baker</i>	<i>Jaxxon Dominíc Kline</i>
<i>Ellie Joan Bender</i>	<i>Maelyn María Goretti Kutruff</i>
<i>Cameron James Drahnak</i>	<i>Ian John Nagel</i>
<i>Kaitlin Elizabeth Duman</i>	<i>Mackenzie Judith Rezk</i>
<i>Marshall John Eckenrode</i>	<i>Isabell Teresa Terza</i>
<i>Marshall Maximilian Farabaugh</i>	<i>Trey Sebastian Trybus</i>
<i>Leah Peregrine Frederick</i>	<i>Evelyn Catherine Warner</i>
<i>Garrett Sebastian Jasper</i>	<i>Tristan Ronald Weakland</i>
<i>Richard Joseph Kirsch</i>	<i>Meghan Catherine Wholaver</i>
<i>Thomas Hubert Kitchen</i>	



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Harry and Mary Lansberry
From the Joe and Monica Farabaugh Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Shepherds usually do not sacrifice themselves for the sheep. You can always get more sheep but there's only one shepherd. But our God is different; he sacrifices Himself for the very creatures He created. There is no grace God will withhold from us that we might be with Him forever.

Peace,
Father Michael



*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Celebration of
Rick and Theresa Morealli's
50th Wedding Anniversary*



Job Opening

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Directory of Faith & Family Ministries to manage the execution of religious education, youth ministry, OCIA, Scouting and family life programs. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Priest Care Coordinator to serve as an advocate and care manager for resident priests of St. Leonard's Retirement Home while managing day-to-day operations. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

Families and the Gospel

April 21, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter (John 10:11-18)

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice." ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. In Jesus' time, a shepherd was someone who protected and guided his sheep. Jesus does this for us and so much more. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. This message calls us to reflect inward - do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us, brought us forth into the world, and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary so that we might be saved. He is our Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. Whether we accept His care, protection, and guidance or not, He is our Good Shepherd.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected and ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again. Remember that we are His and He is ready for us to come home, as He says, "I know mine, and mine know me."

Catholic Home Missions

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Cemetery Association

The Cemetery Association is looking for at least two more volunteers to help weed eat a section of the St. Benedict Church cemetery. If you can spare a few hours a month and are interested in helping, please contact the Parish Office. As a reminder to everyone, please follow all cemetery rules posted on the signs.

Healing Patch Children's Grief Program

The Healing Patch Children's Grief Program is recruiting new volunteers to work with grieving children and their families at centers in Altoona and Ebensburg. The Healing Patch is a free peer support program for children and their families who have suffered the death of a significant person, and volunteers are the heart of the Healing Patch. While volunteers must understand they cannot "fix" what has happened, they can facilitate activities to help children and adults connect and share in a safe and welcoming environment. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers.

For more information or to apply as a volunteer, visit homenursingagency.com or contact Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist Shalen Steinbugl at 814-947-7140 or steinbuglsm@upmc.edu.

Flower Memorials

Flower Memorials are available for the near future dates: June 1, 15, 29, July 13, and 20. The cost for flowers is \$70. Please contact the Parish Office for requests. Thank you.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Smith Coal & Oil, 814-948-4708**, 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.

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, Edgar Link, 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 (13), Mary Springer, Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Pat and Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
-11th Grade Confirmation Class Rite of Sending, 10 a.m. Mass

MONDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-11th Grade Confirmation Practice, 6 p.m., Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
-SBS Council Meeting, 6 p.m. HSA Meeting 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.
-11th Grade Confirmation, 7 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-SBS Spring Music and Art Show, 6 p.m.

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.
-Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall

Church Support - April 13 & 14, 2024

Offertory	6,663.25
Church Improvement	1322.50
Tower Project	1115.00
Easter	375.00
Catholic Home Mission	65.00
School Support	30.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	15.00
Easter Flowers	15.00

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 — \$257+
- Full Card — 52 numbers \$550
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2 \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$500 #4 \$298+
- \$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 April 25



M/M John Fees, M/M Jordan Fees, Mrs. Mary L. Fees, Ms. Annette Feighner, Mr. Paul Feighner, M/M Tom Feighner, M/M Steve Fisanick, M/M Lee Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dave Flora, M/M Paul Flora, M/M Ron Flora, M/M Guy Forsythe, Mr. Ty Forsythe

From other parishes and organizations...

Bingo for Birthright! Support our pro life work in Johnstown by joining us Saturday, May 4 at The Willow. Doors open at 4:30, Dinner at 5 and games at 6 p.m. Admission includes dinner and 15 bingo cards. Additional cards available. Purses and Prizes - a Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright! Seating is limited. Price: \$50. Purchase tickets at www.birthrightofjohnstown.org or by calling 814-535-8231.

Annual Spring Basket Auction: Saturday, April 27 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday April 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, 719 Chestnut Ave., Northern Cambria. We will also have a pie raffle and a Special \$1000 Cash Raffle. Take out food is also available for purchase. Proceeds benefit The Development Fund at St. John's.

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. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome.