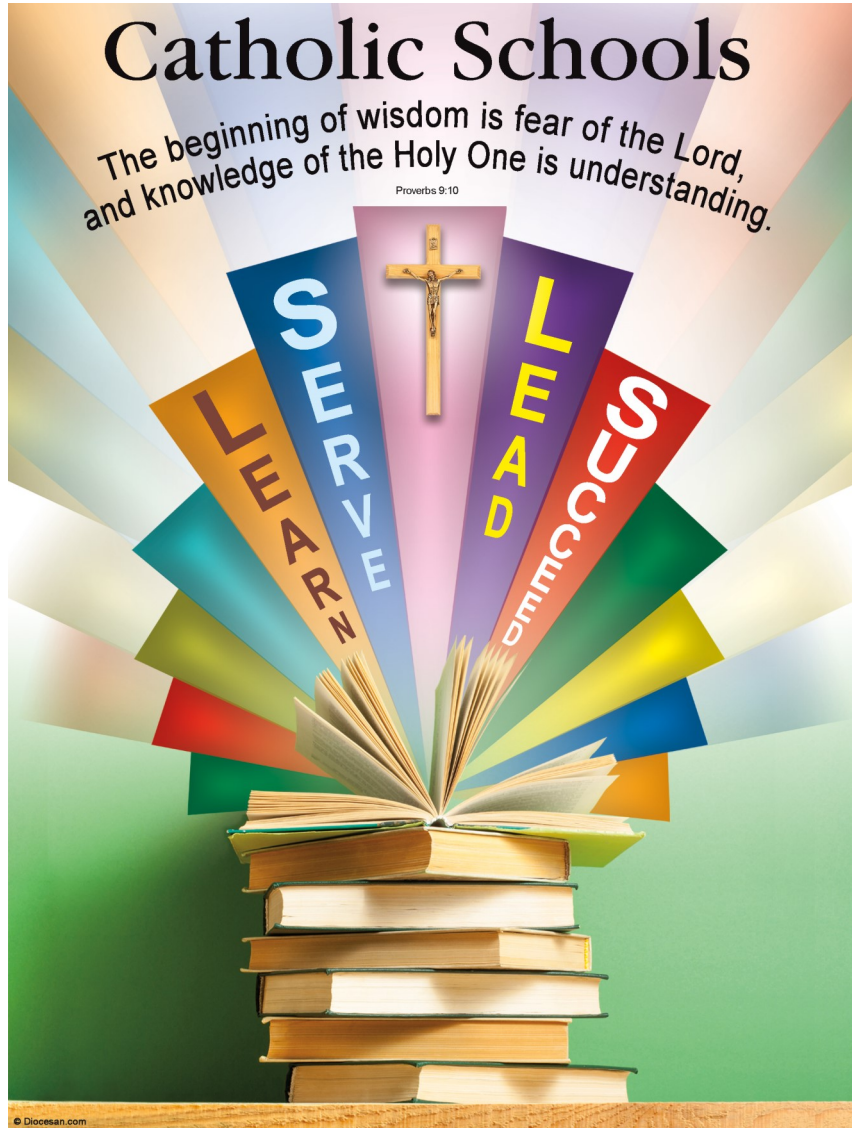


Saint Benedict Church

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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
Parish Fax 814-344-8656
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

Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	+John and Anna Sasway
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, January 27, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Kathryn and George Masko
6:30 p.m.	+Odessa Morris
Tuesday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas	
8:00 a.m.	+William Frederick, Sr.
Wednesday, January 29, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Virginia Hoover
Thursday, January 30, Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	+George Sutton
Friday, January 31, Saint John Bosco	
8:00 a.m.	+Leonard and Corrine Cymbor
Saturday, February 1, Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	+James Farabaugh
Sunday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

	Altar Servers		Eucharistic Ministers		Lectors
Monday, January 27, 8:00 a.m.					
S. Gregory					
6:30 p.m.					
B. Fox					
Tuesday, January 28, 8:00 a.m.					
S. Cronan					
Wednesday, January 29, 8:00 a.m.					
M.C. Hoover					
Thursday, January 30, 8:15 a.m.					
SBS Children's Mass					
Friday, January 31, 8:00 a.m.					
M. Farabaugh					
Saturday, February 1, 4:00 p.m.					
R. Kirsch	S. Cronan	B.A. Bensor			
S. Fisanick	P.J. Stevens				
Sunday, February 2, 8:00 a.m.					
R. Deckard	B. Yahner	J. Yahner			
J. Deckard	K. Lallemand				
P. Cornelius	R. Yahner				
10:00 a.m.					
M. Greene	L. Bridgman	M.C. Hoover			
A. Groer	F. Sutton				
C. Greene	R. Hoover				

Parish Breakfast This Sunday

The Parish breakfast is this 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.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

From the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown: Pilgrims' Passport: To be on Pilgrimage during a Jubilee Year is a special time to gain special graces called Plenary Indulgences. As many people cannot travel to Rome the Pope has named Holy Door Churches, (in the U.S. the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. has been named.) Every Bishop has been given permission to name Holy Sites in their own diocese to travel to. **Pilgrims' Passport** booklet includes the 13 Holy Site Churches named by Bishop Mark as well as EVERY Church in our Diocese. All special prayers are included. A special incentive for individual and families to win two overnight packages and special gift cards are part of the "Pilgrims' Passport." QR codes are printed in the booklet for easy access to information for directions, Mass and Confession schedules. All the information is on the inside cover. The booklets will be stamped at the HOLY SITE churches as part of the gift opportunity. Pilgrim's Passports booklets are located at the entrances to the Church. Individuals of all ages and families are invited to use the **Pilgrims' Passport from now to September 8, 2025**

Bible Study

St. Benedict parish will continue our Bible study on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.. The Bible study will be on the first eleven chapters of Genesis; from the Creation to the Tower of Babel. There is no cost or requirement to attend every class.

Annual Dinner & Live Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting their 13th Annual Benefit Auction, Saturday, February 8th in the Church Hall.

Admission: \$25 per person with a chance to win Instant Lottery Tickets. Call Saint Benedict School at 814-344-6512 or Parish Office at 814-344-6548. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Adults 18 and older. Cost includes Appetizers, Pasta dinner buffet, Drinks, Dessert and One paddle for bidding.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m., Live Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

We will be accepting donations of new, unique, or gently used items. Donations may be dropped off on Saturday, February 1st at the Church Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 814-344-6512.

Proceeds benefit the Saint Benedict School Home School Association.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive. 13% of our families generously donated \$20,515.00 toward the Parish goal of \$41,132.00.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Gery Holtz From Marilyn Sears

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend For the Living and Deceased Members of the Gregory Buck Family



Pastor's Reflection

According to St. Paul, all human beings may be created with equal dignity, but not all are created with equal abilities. God wants us to complement our gifts with each other. This allows us to sacrifice for the least among us.



Peace,
Father Michael

Saint Vincent College

Do you want to know more about Saint Vincent College? Come to a Saturday Information Session:

- * February 1, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- * April 26, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- * May 17, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- * July 19, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call to register: 724-805-2500

Bishop Carroll Open House

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will hold an Open House for parents and students on Wednesday, January 29th from 6 to 8 p.m. Students, faculty, and staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide demonstrations. A financial aid and registration meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria with the Open House to follow. All new students will be eligible for a drawing for a \$250 scholarship. Parents can fill out a ticket at the door and the drawing will be held at the end of the financial aid meeting. You must be present to win. Representatives from local colleges will also be on hand to explain the financial and educational advantages for attending Bishop Carroll and continuing to one of these institutions. For more information, please call the school at (814) 472-7500 extension 105 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.

Families and the Gospel

January 26, 2025; (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21)

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's Second Reading, from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, picks up where we left off last week and continues with a similar theme. The message is that we are each unique in the gifts and talents God has given to us, and therefore, we all have different tasks to fulfill as members of the Body of Christ.

And just what are we, as Christian stewards, aiming to achieve by sharing our gifts and talents? We are aiming to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, furthering with His grace the mission He began 2,000 years ago. What a noble purpose! What great dignity has been bestowed upon us, modern-day disciples, that we are called to this same task.

In the week ahead, let's take this mission to heart, examining the way we can use our gifts and talents for this mission and asking ourselves what it looks like in our unique circumstances to 'bring glad tidings to the poor', 'liberty to captives', 'sight to the blind', and 'freedom to the oppressed.' It might feel uncomfortable at first, but the good news is you don't have to do it alone. Do your part and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

A Special Thank You

Merle Miller would like to send a Special Thank You to all who stopped in to wish him a Happy 103rd Birthday. He thoroughly enjoyed meeting with everyone and being able to catch up on old times.

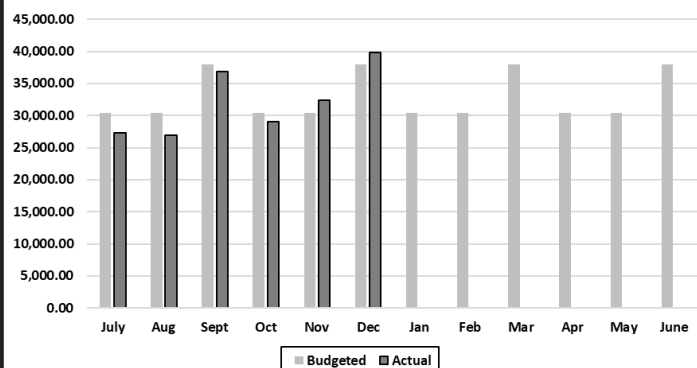
Sponsor of the Week

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Men's Conference

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sunday, March 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. *Registration closes March 21st.* Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

2024-2025 Budgeted Monthly Collections



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: Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Fred Burgeson, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Mary Dumm, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Frannie and Bill Findley, Ida Gahagan, Jane Graffius, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Rob Kuzio, Bob Lapenna, Bob Miller, Brother Michael Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Special Intentions (19), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Richard Zalznock, and Eugene Zernick.

Church Support - January 18 & 19, 2025

Offertory	5387.05
Church Improvement	881.50
School Support	50.00
Organ Project	30.00
First Offering	27.00
Christmas	20.00

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 - \$156+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - 56 numbers \$650
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500 #3: \$406+

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.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to noon, Church Hall
- CCD Classes, School

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Bible Study 7 p.m., Church Hall

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.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 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, School



Card Party, Thursday January 30, 2025



M/M Nathan Bearer, Mrs. Patricia Bearer, M/M Tom Bearer, M/M Tim Behe, Mrs. Bobby Jo Bender, M/M Chris Bender, M/M James Bender, M/M Jeff Bender, M/M Justin Bender, M/M Larry Bender, M/M Leroy Bender, M/M Mark Bender, M/M Matthew Bender, Mrs. Pauline Bender, M/M Robert Bender, Mrs. Theresa Bender, M/M Tom Bender

From other parishes and organizations...

Journeys of St. Paul in Greece Pilgrimage: May 12-19, 2025. Join Fr. Jozef and Deacon Jack as we travel along the paths that St. Paul traveled. There is still plenty of room to join us. If interested, please sign up on the Good Shepherd Website: <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/> or contact Deacon Jack at jorlandi@dioceseaj.org.

Young Adult Group (18-39): Along with the Altoona group we are hosting "New Life in Christ", a young adult retreat on March 8th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Saint Francis University, Immaculate Conception Chapel. \$10 Registration Fee - Pre-register by March 1 - \$10. Day of Registration - \$20. Cash or checks payable to ST. Therese. Questions? Contact Andrew Potopa (Altoona) at apotopa98@gamil.com or Geoffrey Stumpo (Johnstown) at geoffstumps@gmail.com

Theology on Tap continues at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. on January 29th with Fr. Mark Begly speaking on Prayer and Intimacy with Christ; February 26th with Fr. Dave Peles on The Jubilee Year of Hope: Lent & the Sacred Triduum; March 26th with Bishop Waltersheid; April 30th with Mike Aquilina; May 28th with Br. Isaiah Klena OCD; June 25th TBD; and July 23rd with Fr. Basil Cole O.P. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! We are also seeking sponsors. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Square Dances: Saturday, February 1 and Saturday, February 15 at 7 p.m. at New Germany Grove Hall, Summerhill. Admission is \$10. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life.