

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

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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, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 6, St Paul Miki and his Companions

8:00 a.m. +Edna Switzler
6:30 p.m. +Lewis and Clara Yeckley

Tuesday, February 7, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Jackie Kirsch

Wednesday, February 8, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Maude Sutton

Thursday, February 9, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Ronald Bearer

Friday, February 10, St. Scholastica

8:00 a.m. +Nancy McCoy (Anniversary)

Saturday, February 11, Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Robert J. Gray Family

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Fr. David Cronauer
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

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

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

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

M. Lieb

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

M.C. Hoover

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

SBS Children's Mass

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

M. Farabaugh

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

M. Farabaugh P.J. Stevens
E. Farabaugh P. Kelly

S. Cronan

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

E. Cunningham K. Schall
S. Cunningham B. Westrick
S. Cunningham

J. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

Gavin Farabaugh R. Boland
A. Groer L. Bridgman
H. Shaffer

B. Fox

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Rodney Harbrige, husband of our Parishioner Jean. 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.

School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its Annual Dinner/Live Auction on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The evening includes a pasta buffet, appetizers, dessert & refreshments. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and a live Auction conducted by **Templeton Auctioneers** will begin at 6:30 p.m. **\$25.00 per person (*paddle included). Only 200 tickets available.** Donations are welcome: new items, homemade items, wood crafts, art, household items, gift baskets, gift certificates, antiques, sports items, passes and/or tickets to local attractions, even gently used items. Please no used clothing or electronics. Donations will be accepted on January 29th and February 5th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Saint Benedict Church Hall, or can be dropped off at the school during regular school office hours.

Spiritual Revision of Life

According to the text by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D. from his book on Kindness: Kind Deeds - "Have I prayed for others, especially when I am tempted to angry thoughts and feelings?"

Oblates of Saint Benedict

The Oblates of Saint Benedict will meet Monday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Boniface Wimmer Room.

Bible Study

Father Michael will continue his Bible Study on the Book of Daniel. Sessions will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please bring your own Bible.

Blessing of Throats

We will have blessing of throats in honor of Saint Blaise this weekend, after all the Masses. Saint Blaise was a doctor as well as a bishop in Armenia during the fourth century. It is believed that Blaise once healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of that, he is the patron of the sick, especially people with illnesses of the throat. It is an ancient custom to pray for good health with a blessing of throats on his feast day.



Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Holtz Service Station LLC, 814-344-8831**, 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.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Theodore Tucker
From Gerrie, Cindy and Theresa*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Donna Bridgman
From Roger and Lois*



Pastor's Reflection

Jesus says that we are to be the salt of the earth. Being the light of the world doesn't mean being successful by the world's standards. Isaiah says that our light shines when we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

February 5, 2023: (Matthew 5:13-16)

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds." ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward. Note, too, that the instructions from the prophet Isaiah require action; to share, to shelter, to clothe, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones.

The Gospel passage from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale. Light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. This is the stewardship way of life. The more we give ourselves away, the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of His grace in our lives and more of His joy and His peace in our hearts. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2023/1/2)

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Saint Benedict Home School Association is kicking off our Easter Candy Fundraiser with all-time favorite: Gardners Candies. Sales begin: Wednesday, February 1st; Orders and payments due: Monday, February 27th; Product delivery: Monday, March 27th. Saint Benedict School will receive 35% profit from every brochure sale.

Family and Friends may also use online ordering. The school will receive 25% profit for every purchase made online. To order online go to: <https://www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com/MasterSheetLogin.aspx> Group ID # 10-0452 Please follow instructions on the order form. Make all checks payable to: **Saint Benedict Home School Association. DO NOT SEND IN CASH.** If you have any questions please contact Lara Kammerer call/text 814-242-9862; email enedy16@aol.com; call the school at 814-344-6512; or email Michele at mforsythe@benedictpride.org.

Saint Benedict School Registration

Saint Benedict School will accept registrations for the 2023-2024 academic year the week of February 5th. Children may be enrolled for the Pre-kindergarten 3 and Pre-kindergarten 4 programs, which include religious education and a curriculum that readies pupils for success in Kindergarten. The PK3 program offers classes on Tuesday and Thursday, while the PK4 program offers 3 different options for scheduling. Children may also be enrolled for all-day kindergarten and grades 1 through 8.

Children must be three or four years old, respectively, for pre-kindergarten, five years old for kindergarten, and six years old for first grade by August 31, 2023. Children being enrolled in kindergarten should accompany their parent to Saint Benedict School on the day of registration. A birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, Baptismal certificate, and a \$40 non-refundable fee must be provided at the time of registration. Please contact the School Office at 814-344-6512 to obtain enrollment forms and to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Good Beginnings Last A Lifetime!



Quality Education

Our Parish supports Catholic Education. We encourage our students and families to consider Saint Benedict School and Bishop Carroll High School as their school of choice for quality education for life. We pray for all those who are committed to our schools, especially our teachers and staff, and we support these schools with financial assistance. Why? Because we believe in the Faith formation that is available all week long, in every classroom.

Care Packages for College Students

Our Evangelization Committee will be sending a free care package to the members of our Parish who are away at college. If you would like to have a package sent to your child at college, complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday, February 21**.

Please indicate your child's Spring Break _____

Name of student _____

College address _____

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, Sabbath Beach, Michael Behe, Michelle Burnette, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Margo Cymbor, Mary Dumm, Maddox Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Tom Hoover, Chuck Horn, Michael Horvath, Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Mike Kovall, Alayna Jo Kuzio, Cindy Ladika, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Norman Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Dennis Richter, Sandy Shank, Special Intentions (3), Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Benedicta Veneskey, Reagan Walker, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, and Theresa Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Throats after all Masses
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg, Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

- St. Benedict School Registration
- Scrip sold 8-10 am, Church Hall
- St. Benedict School Council meeting 6:30 p.m.
- H.S.A. meeting 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- St. Benedict School Registration
- 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

- St. Benedict School Registration
- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Bible Study 7 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

- St. Benedict School Registration
- SBS Children's Liturgy 8:15 a.m.
- Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

- St. Benedict School Registration
- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall

SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m., Church

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- RCIA Mtg, Boniface Wimmer Room

Church Support - January 28 & 29 2023

Offertory	7546.87
School Support	312.50
Church Improvement	115.00
Tower Project	110.00
First Offering	94.00
Adopt A Student	90.00
Christmas	40.00
Ash Wednesday	35.00
Maintenance Fund	35.00
Black and Indian Mission	10.00
Mandeville Diocese	10.00
Tree of Life	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

Bingo on Tuesday

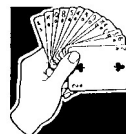
Doors Open @ 5 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow



- Admissions \$16 (18 cards) • \$13 (12 Cards)
- Kitty — \$0+ • Full Card — 55 numbers \$625
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - \$130+
- 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.

Card Party Thursday February 9, 2023



Mrs. Ann Bilko, M/M Chris Bills, Ms. Cindy Bills,
M/M Richard Bills, M/M Rick Bills, M/M Terry Bills,
M/M Bernard Bogus, M/M Jim Bogus, M/M Richard
Bogus, M/M Ron Boland, Mrs. Patricia Bollinger,
Mrs. Linda Bonfanti, Mr. Fred Boslet, M/M Paul Boslet,
M/M Tom Boyle

From other parishes and organizations...

Trivia Night: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Saturday February 18. All tickets must be pre-reserved. \$30 if paid in advance; \$35 at the door. Fee includes dinner, drinks, snacks, and the game. Must be 21 or older. Teams may be as large or small as you would like. The winning team will be able to make a donation towards the charity of their choice. Baskets, raffles, 50/50s. Catering by Island Barbeque. For questions or registration, email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org or call 814-472-7500 ext 105. Registration deadline: February 13.

Fat Tuesday - Italian Fest: Queen of Peace Parish Center, 600 Palmer Ave, Patton, Tuesday, February 21 from 4-7 p.m. (no pre-orders). Eat-in (upper level), or take-out (lower level). Menu includes wedding soup, salad, homemade bread, lasagna, meatballs & dessert. Prices: Adults (ages 13 +) \$15; Children (ages 5-12) \$7; Children under 5 - free.