

# 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

**Pastoral Staff**

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*Christian Initiation*  
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*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 INTENTIONS



## Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Geraldine Cunningham  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

## Monday, January 16, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Julie Ager  
6:30 p.m. +Severin Mario Ceschini

## Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony

8:00 a.m. +Clair Dumm (Anniversary)

## Wednesday, January 18, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Simon  
and Edna Kontorchik Family

## Thursday, January 19, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +John, Rhea and Jim Emerick

## Friday, January 20, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Thomas Bender

## Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes

4:00 p.m. +James Farabaugh (Birthday)

## Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Howard Baker  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

## Monday, January 16, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

## 6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

## Tuesday, January 17, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

## Wednesday, January 18, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

## Thursday, January 19, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

## Friday, January 20, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

## Saturday, January 21, 4:00 p.m.

E. Farabaugh J. Kline  
M. Farabaugh S. Gray

K. Farabaugh

## Sunday, January 22, 8:00 a.m.

J. Deckard K. Lallemand  
R. Deckard K. Schall  
C. Weiland

E. Woomer

## 10:00 a.m.

M. Eckenrode R. Boland  
R. Eckenrode B. Fox  
B. Eckenrode

M. Farabaugh

## In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Ann Marie Ranck, wife of our Parishioner Miles Ranck. 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.

## Maurus Blessing

Saint Maurus, 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. The Maurus Blessing will follow after the 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 16. All are 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, Fr. Michael will have a training session on February 4th at 10 a.m. in the Church.



## Thank You

The Altar Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who has supported the weekly card parties for so many years. As we begin another round we appreciate any help you can give us in the way of monetary donations to help cover the cost of the light lunch, small gifts to chance off, or your time.

## Baptized in Christ



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Leroy James Sclesky, son of Joseph and Ellen. We extend our love and best wishes to Leroy James and his parents.



## Papal Memorial Prayer In Memory of His Holiness BENEDICT XVI Pope Emeritus

Almighty and Loving God, we remember with great joy and thanksgiving Your beloved son, Pope Benedict XVI, an outstanding spiritual Pope for seven years, who then made history by resigning and becoming "His Holiness Benedict XVI, Roman Pontiff Emeritus". Welcome him into Your kingdom with open arms as You welcome all Your "good and faithful servants." As a scholar, teacher and an ambassador of compassion and justice, Pope Benedict proclaimed Your abiding love for all Your children and especially the poor and marginalized throughout the world. May we learn from his example - and in his memory - to deepen our faith, to dedicate ourselves more fully to the works of the Church, and to love and serve You as faithfully and profoundly as he did.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light of Your love shine upon him always. Amen.*





*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of Derek Cook  
From Mary Ann Cook*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar  
this weekend  
In Loving Memory of  
Derek Cook  
From Mary Ann Cook*



## Pastor's Reflection

From the womb Isaiah was formed by God to be a prophet. Everyone has a mission from God. No one else can do it.

Peace,

Father Michael



## 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.

## Prayer List/Special Intentions List



We will be updating the Prayer Chain list and the Special Intentions list. If you would like to keep a name or a special intention on the list, call the office by January 23th.

**Beginning Sunday, January 29, unless you have contacted the office, all names and intentions will be removed.** Thank you for your understanding and patience as we update our Prayer Chain.

## Flower and Candle Memorials



**Flower Memorials** are available for the near future dates: For February 4 and 11.

**Saint Joseph Candle Memorials** are available for March 11 and 18. The cost for Flowers is \$70 and the cost for the Saint Joseph Candle is \$10. Please call the Parish Office for requests. More dates are available throughout the year. Thank you.



## March for Life

Please mark your calendars and prayerfully consider joining us as we March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 20, 2023. We will have a bus scheduled to leave the church parking lot at 7 a.m. For information on attending the March for Life and to make reservations, please call Bill and Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521.

## Families and the Gospel

**January 15, 2023: (John 1:29-34)**

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

## Stewardship Reflections

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person at the Jordan River. What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? These are questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards. What will our response be? (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/12/14)

## Spiritual Revision of Life

According to the text by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D. from his book on Kindness: Kind Deeds - "Have I hurt others by my emotional reactions of anger and impatience?"

## School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its 11th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, February 18, 2023. 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. More information will be provided soon.

## Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Dr. Mary Petrunyak, 814-948-8600**, 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.

## 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 — \$43+ • Full Card — 52 numbers \$550
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$250+
- 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.

## 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: Shawn Baker, Vickie Baran, Michael Behe, Michelle Burnette, Joe Caretti, Evan Cicero, Jack Dominick, Mary Dumm, Maddox Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Connor Farabaugh, Nathan G. Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Clara Fitzpatrick, Jan Franceschini, Bill Frederick, Anne Gray, Anthony Gwizdak, Rodney Harbrige, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Tom Hoover, Chuck Horn, Michael Horvath, Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Scott Kirsch, Ava Koehle, Mike Kovall, McKenzie Kuzio, Cindy Ladika, Bob Lapenna, Charlotte Lechene, John Lechene, Theresa Leonard, Judi Lesko, Charles Lutak, Barb Mitchell, Michael Mondy, Odessa Morris, Will Mortensen, Norman Polites, Pauline A. Polites, Renee Poutrain, Maddox Raptosh, Dennis Richter, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Mike & Michelle Rosmus, Lindsey Sammarco, Becky SanGregorio, Marcus SanGregorio, Betty Ann Sclesky, Sandy Shank, Special Intentions (12), Renee Smith, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Sandy Stevens, Aniyah Theys, Benedicta Veneskey, Reagan Walker, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, Jeffrey Wheeler, and Theresa Yeckley.

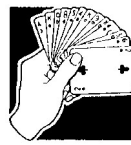
## Church Support - December 31 & January 1

Offertory	7997.75
Christmas	1915.00
Solemnity of Mary	1833.00
Tower Project	1641.00
Church Improvement	1040.00
First Offering	818.00
Adopt A Student	270.00
School Support	60.00
Christmas Flowers	40.00
Immaculate Conception	40.00

## Church Support - January 7 & 8 2023

Offertory	7899.48
Christmas	1035.00
School Support	647.00
First Offering	337.00
Church Improvement	152.00
Adopt A Student	105.00
St. Vincent de Paul	100.00
Solemnity of Mary	95.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	80.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Tower Project	10.00

## Card Party Thursday January 19, 2023



Mrs. Dorothy Bearer, M/M Ken Bearer, M/M Nathan Bearer, Mrs. Patty Bearer, M/M Tom Bearer, M/M Tim Behe, Ms. Bobby Jo Bender, Mrs. Bonnie Jean Bender, M/M Chris Bender, M/M James Bender, M/M Jeff Bender, Mrs. Judy Bender, M/M Justin Bender, Mr. Ken Bender, Mrs. Lawrence Bender

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY

-Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
-CCD Classes, School  
-RCIA Mtg 7:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

### MONDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 am, Church Hall  
-Maurus Blessing after the 8 a.m. Mass

### 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  
-Bible Study (Book of Daniel), 7 p.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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
-Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon  
-CCD Classes, School  
-RCIA Mtg 7:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Jewelry Raffle:** Saturday January 21, at Immaculate Conception Church, 1635 New Germany Rd, Summerhill. Over \$7,500 in jewelry and accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. doors open at 5 p.m., 1st drawing at 6 p.m. Prizes from Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique, Mini Mall, Ebensburg. Only 500 tickets sold, \$25 donation, no guests. Door ticket includes Admission, Meal, Dessert, and Drinks. For tickets contact Becky 814-495-9594.

**Trivia Night:** Saturday, February 4, St. Nicholas Church Hall, 203 St. Henry Street, Nicktown. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Trivia 7:30 p.m. Teams of 6-8, 21 and older only. Must register by January 17th - stnicholasholyname@gmail.com; 814-322-2213. \$30 pre-paid tickets; \$35 ticket paid at the door. Ticket price includes roast beef and chicken dinner (catered by Island BBQ), beer and soda provided. Bring your own wine and liquor. 1st and 2nd place prize money donated to charity of winners choice. Limited seating.

**Pittsburgh Pirates Neil Walker** will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on Saturday, February 4th from 12 to 2 p.m. He will be giving a talk about his Catholic Faith and will be available for a meet and greet. No registration or tickets. No cost to attend. Donations will be taken to help support Holy Name School. All are welcome to attend.

**Open House:** Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, February 1, 6-7:30 p.m., followed by financial aid and registration meeting in the cafeteria. New students eligible for a drawing for \$250 scholarship. For more information, call 814-472-7500 ext 105; email: [jnagy@bishopcarroll.org](mailto:jnagy@bishopcarroll.org).