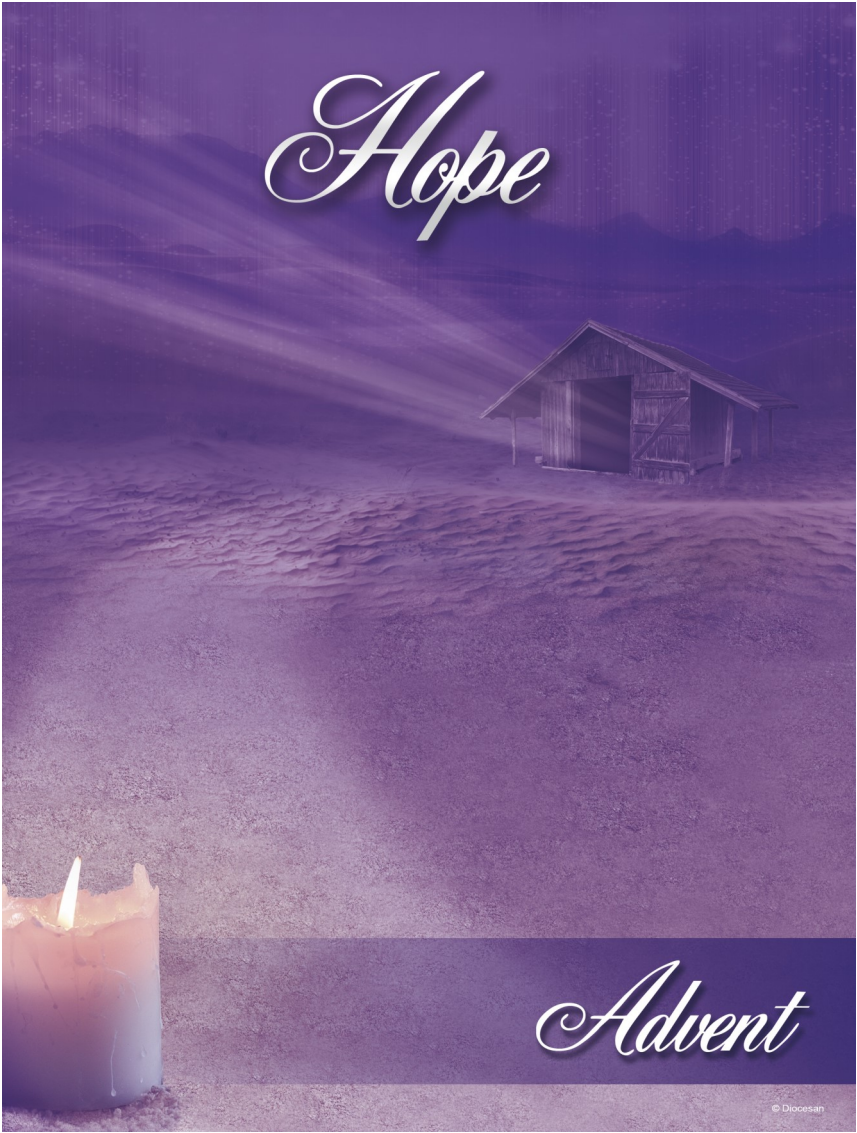


# Saint Benedict Church

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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, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Yunk  
and Rose Dindios Family  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family  
2:00 p.m. Anointing Mass

### Monday, November 29, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Hilda Haines  
6:30 p.m. Private Intention

### Tuesday, November 30, St. Andrew

8:00 a.m. +Frank and Mary Grace Hipps

### Wednesday, December 1, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Paul Smychynsky

### Thursday, December 2, Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Bernice Mondt

### Friday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

### Saturday, December 4, Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Betty Lou Crilly

### Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

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



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

### Monday, November 29, 8:00 a.m.

C.L. Bills

### 6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

### Tuesday, November 30 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

### Wednesday, December 1, 8:00 a.m.

K. Sherry

### Thursday, December 2, 8:15 a.m.

### Friday, December 3, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

### Saturday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.

L. Behe

S. Boyle

B.A. Bensor

R. Kirsch

P.J. Stevens

### Sunday, December 5, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cunningham

B. Westrick

J. Yahner

E. Cunningham

M.M Koehle

### 10:00 a.m.

M. Wholaver

L. Bridgman

F. Sutton

M. Eckenrode

R. Springer



## In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Garry (Charlie) Lallemand, brother of our Parishioner Brenda Feighner. 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.

## Advent Giving Tree

To enhance our celebration of the Advent Season, the Advent Giving Tree has been placed near the Sanctuary. We are asking for gift cards only. Parishioners are invited to purchase a Christmas gift card for a nursing home resident, home bound parishioner, child or a family in need. Those who are interested in participating in this project are asked to: (1) select a tag from the tree; (2) purchase a \$25 gift card from Walmart, Giant Eagle or Bi-Lo for the individual/family as designated on the tag; (3) place the gift card with the tag in one of the collection boxes or drop off at the Parish Office by **Sunday, December 12**. Reminder: Gift cards are also available for purchase from the Scrip Table.

## Christmas Flower Donations



Each Christmas many visitors and friends come to celebrate Mass and see the beautiful decorations at Saint Benedict's. This year will be no exception. To enhance the beauty of our Church, we are now accepting donations for the purchase



of poinsettias. An envelope is available in your collection packet.

## Advent Reflections



The four weeks of Advent prepare us to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation; God became human to bring us out of the darkness into His eternal light. During Advent, liturgy stresses not only penance, but also hope, light, joy, and surrender.

### 1st Sunday of Advent—HOPE

Jesus is our hope. Hope believes that the best is yet to come. *"Christ is in you, the hope of glory. It is He whom we proclaim."* (Colossians 1:27-28) As Saint Clement of Alexandria wrote, "If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes."

## Anointing Mass This Sunday

Many Catholics are uncomfortable with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The old "Last Rites" name conveyed a fearful tone. The name change was intended to help us to see the healing nature of this Sacrament. We are urged to use it when in need of healing of both soul and body. As the Church prepares to celebrate the Birth of our Lord, our Parish will offer an Anointing Mass in the Church this Sunday at 2 p.m. If you, or someone you care about is sick, dealing with the problems that come with aging, facing surgery, or struggling with mental or emotional problems, please come and share with us the Lord's healing and strength. A reception will follow in the Church hall.

## Birthday Wishes

Leona Dowey will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 30th. Cards would be greatly appreciated and may be sent to: Leona Dowey Embassy of Hillsdale Park; 383 Mountain View Dr. Hillsdale, PA 15746. Many thanks from the Dowey family.



*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of  
Bert and Rose Sharbaugh  
From the Family*

### Pastor's Reflection

Tradition teaches that there are three 'comings' of Jesus Christ: his first 2000 years ago, his final coming at the end of time, and in the Eucharist at every mass. The readings every 1st Sunday of Advent bid us to prepare for each coming. A good way to prepare is by practicing the religious virtues of reverence at every mass.

Peace,  
Father Michael



### Families and the Gospel

**November 28, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36;** At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others. (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

### Stewardship Reflections

Advent is a steward's season! The readings from the First Week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these times of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" Luke warns us, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to be tempted by. To avoid these traps, we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us."

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy, time and talents and treasures to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I living for the moment for the coming of the Lord? This may be the perfect week to set goals for yourself and your family to "make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all..." (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 11/2/2021)

### Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings for Christmas

In preparation for the holidays, the Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious **Nut, Poppy Seed & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings**. The cost is \$9 each. Last day to order is on Sunday, December 5. The rolls can be picked-up in the Church Hall on Saturday, December 11, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nut \_\_\_\_\_; Poppy Seed \_\_\_\_\_; Apricot \_\_\_\_\_; Tea Rings \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

*Flowers Adorning the Altar  
this weekend  
In Loving Memory of  
Gerald and Grace Sherry  
Wedding Anniversary  
From the Sherry Family*



### *Patris Corde 7. A Father in the Shadows*

Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that the child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father who is in heaven," (Mt. 23:9)

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son. **St. Joseph, A Father in the Shadows, Respector of Freedom, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic letter *Patris corde*, 7. Dec. 8, 2020) 2021 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church* Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

### Sealed Bid

Sealed bid proposals for a GMC Truck. Bids must be received no later than November 30, 2021. Bids should be mailed to St. Benedict Church, P.O. Box 447, Carrolltown, PA 15722. Note "Truck Bid" on the outside of the envelope. The Church has the right to reject any and all bids at their sole discretion. Should you have any questions about the truck, please contact Jim Mohler at 814-241-8233. All transfer fees and taxes are the responsibility of the bidder. As is where is.

**Specifications:** 2004 GMC 2500HD Truck, Vin 1GTHK24G24E104773, Current inspection; 75,000 miles, Reg Cab, SLE Trim Package, Heavy Duty Trailing Equipment, 8.1L V8 Engine, 5 Speed Auto Transmission, Allison; 4WD, P.S., P.B., 8 foot Bed, Locking Rear Differential, Western 8 foot V Plow, Western Salt Spreader.

### From other parishes and organizations...

The local Salvation Army will be starting their Christmas Kettle Drive soon. Any individual or group that would be interested in manning a kettle can schedule a date and time by calling Ron Boland 814-247-8882 for the Patton area; and Anna Marie Minemyer 814-948-8400 for the Northern Cambria Area. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas by helping those who are in need.

### Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Cambria Collision, 814-344-6000** 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 Rick Cortez at 412-292-0132.



## 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.** Our prayers have been requested for the following: Denise Bailey, James Campbell, Tim Caretti, David Ceschini, Joan Contorchick, John Contorchick, Mary Corio, Dominic Croyle, Millie Cunningham, Dave Cymbor, Ed Dospoy, Ethan John Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Katrina Emerick, Clare Falconi, Conner Farabaugh, Emalin Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Neale Fiasco, Clara Fitzpatrick, Karen Fogel, Jan Franceschini, Tony Franceschini, Beth Ann Gormish, Andy Haycisak, Irene Haycisak, Kim Hicks, Kim Hoover, Tom Hoover, Richard Karlheim, Scott Kirsch, Ava Koehle, Cindy Ladika, Scott Lane, Bob Lapenna, Charlotte Lechene, Mark Letavish, Charles Lutak, Joni Milchak, Theresa Moore, Dylan Newby, Dave Owens, Joe Owens, Maddox Raptosh, Barb Richter, Jim and Donna Ropp, Michael and Michelle Rosmus, Becky SanGregorio, Marcus SanGregorio, Special Intentions (7), Jodi Stevens, Pat (Mutt) Stevens, Sandy Stevens, Richard Stewart, Michael Veneskey, Reagan Walker, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, Jim Weir, Wayne Wholaver, Richard Yarko, and Theresa Yeckley.

## The Week Ahead

### **SUNDAY First Sunday of Advent**

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- Anointing Mass, 2 p.m.

### **MONDAY**

- SBS No School

### **TUESDAY**

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass
- 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., School

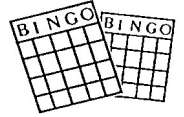
### **SATURDAY**

- Confessions, 2:00 p.m.
- Mass: 4:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Advent**

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses

## Bingo on Tuesday

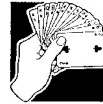


Doors Open @ 5 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.  
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow

- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
- Kitty — \$?+ • Circle 7 — ? numbers for \$?
- Jackpot - Straight line only • Full Card — ? numbers \$?
- Instant tickets • All Nighter - \$?+
- \$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 December 2 All Volunteer Card Party



**If you would like to help with the lunch or donate a small gift, please call Pat Kelly at 814-948-7656**

**This week is The First Sunday of Advent, beginning a new Church year, and a "new" Gospel is opened for our reflection during the coming year.** The Catholic liturgy provides a three-year cycle of readings for the major feasts and seasons of the year.

The Sunday Gospels are generally taken from Matthew during year A, from Mark during year B, and from Luke during year C. Portions of the Gospel of John are read each year (especially during year B, because Mark's gospel is so short). In our daily prayer we should try to follow the Sunday readings as well as the spirit of the changing seasons.



**One of the strongest symbols of Advent** is an evergreen wreath holding four candles. The circular wreath is a sign of God's loving care, which has no ending. The evergreen branches suggest the faithfulness of God, which is always alive and fresh.

During the first week of Advent, a single candle is lighted during daily prayers. Two candles are lighted during the second week, then three, and finally four. In this way the light gradually increases as we move toward the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world.

According to tradition, three candles are purple, while the candle for the third Sunday is a bright rose color. It is meant to lift our spirits, just as the liturgy for that day tells us to rejoice (*gaudete* in Latin)!

The wreath should be somewhat large and placed in a prominent place. It can be decorated with ribbons or symbols, but it should retain its simplicity and beauty. It might even be hung by wide ribbons from the ceiling, calling to mind a royal crown, or a victory wreath, or even the wheel of time.

The use of candles during the darkest and coldest days of the year is an ancient custom adopted in the sixth century by European Christians. The Jewish people have a similar tradition. Even as we light candles on our Advent wreath, they will be lighting the candles on their menorahs in celebration of Hanukkah, the festival of lights.



**One Faith Youth Group** is a Catholic Youth Group new to our Parish. Please join us for a fun night in the Church Hall this Sunday, November 28th from 6-8 p.m. There will be food, games and prayer.