

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, September 26, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Charlotte Gwizdak (Anniversary)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 a.m. +Patty Eckenrode
6:30 p.m. +Joseph Toskey

Tuesday, September 28, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Eileen Dunlap

Wednesday, September 29, St. Michael and All Angels

8:00 a.m. +Mildred Bender (Birthday)

Thursday, September 30, St. Jerome

8:15 a.m. +Edna Schettig

Friday, October 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, October 2, Guardian Angels, Patron of Congregation

4:00 p.m. +J. Earl and Dorothy Strittmatter

Sunday, October 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, September 27, 8:00 a.m.

C.L. Bills

6:30 p.m.

S. Cronan

Tuesday, September 28, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, September 29, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, September 30, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, October 1, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, October 2, 4:00 p.m.

E.L. Farabaugh S. Gray
E. Lamb

K. Farabaugh

Sunday, October 3, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham J. Schall
S. Cunningham

S. Boyle

10:00 a.m.

A. Groer C. Farabaugh F. Sutton
G. Farabaugh

Respect



Respect Life Sunday

On October 3, Respect Life Sunday, our 10th grade CCD class will be participating in the National Life chain along Route 219, starting outside St. Benedict Church on Main Street.

The 10th graders will also be sponsoring a Baby Shower for the Gabriel Project. Please help them to collect lots of baby items. Diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, baby clothes, money or anything for babies that you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to make it to the Life Chain/Baby Shower, you can leave donations at the doors of the church marked "Baby Shower". Money donations can be left at the Rectory or dropped in the collection boxes inside the church. Please help our 10th grade class make their Baby Shower Project a success. Help them to help troubled moms in our area keep and care for their babies.

National Life Chain

Join us Sunday October 3 (Respect Life Sunday), National Life Chain through Carrolltown, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please come and stand with us at the Life Chain to show your support against abortion. Pick up signs in front of St. Benedict Church by the red light on Route 219. After the Carrolltown Life Chain, light refreshments will be served in the St. Benedict Church Hall, along with the 10th grade CCD Baby Shower.

A Life Chain will be held in Johnstown, Sunday, October 10th, on Broad Street from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Pick up signs on Broad Street in front of the former St. Columba Church.

www.LifeChain.net www.ProLifeCambriaSomerset.org



Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate Jordan Woomer and Ellie Yahner, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Saint Benedict Church on September 18th. We pray that the Lord will bless them with the courage and strength it takes to remain in His love, and that, in love, they will find happiness grow deeper each day.

Pennsylvania March for Life

We will be taking a bus from Cambria County to the Pennsylvania March for Life. The march will be held at the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, September 27th. The rally will be held at 11 a.m. and the march will begin at noon. Anyone wanting more information or to reserve a seat on the bus can contact Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521 or 814-330-1022.



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 cost is \$8 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available.





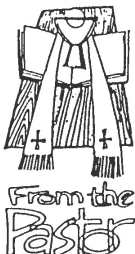
*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of Patty Eckenrode
From Her Family*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
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Pastor's Reflection

St. James says that wars and conflicts come from the passions. To control the passions you should practice the virtue of mortification. If you can give up things like sweets, TV, or coffee you will find it easier to give up the vices that cause wars and conflicts.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

September 26, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48; The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ." (Used with permission from "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Our Gospel passage and the Second Reading from the letter of St. James urge us to examine our lives for anything that is keeping us from loving God above all else. St. James warns that our possessions can cause us to detach ourselves from God. When we hold onto possessions too tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things can slowly and steadily lead to corruption, even as individuals.

If you have the spiritual discipline of tithing, (the stewardship of treasure) now may be the time to act on it. Stewardship of treasure leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach ourselves to God, relying on Him as our true source of security and happiness. We come to understand that all we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him. What a wonderful freedom there is in living this way! Set some time aside to think about how you can make a plan to live in this freedom. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2008/9/30)

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: It has come to our attention that some parishioners are receiving text or email messages claiming to be from Father Michael. These messages request the purchase of gift cards. This is a scam, please call the parish office for verification.

Cemetery Cleanup

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, all artificial flowers, decorations, etc. will be removed from Saint Benedict, Saint Joseph, and Sacred Heart Cemetery lots. Anything you wish to save should be removed prior to September 30th. Any items left will be thrown away. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Patris Corde 4. An Accepting Father, Head of the Holy Family

"The faith Christ has is what we see in St. Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." Many fathers today do not take seriously the responsibility that is placed on their shoulders. In many cases, fathers turn their backs on their wives and children in order to pursue their own interests. Even when they have not literally abandoned their children they have been spiritually absent, failing to provide the love, guidance, support and example that children need for their spiritual and personal development.

Joseph trusted in the angel's message and lovingly accepted Jesus as his own son. He provided a protective home for Mary and Jesus and accepted his call to be a husband to Mary and a father to the Son of God, even if he believed himself unworthy to do so. By following this example, fathers today have a perfect model to mirror.

St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic letter *Patris corde*, 4. 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

Year of Saint Joseph Celebrations

*Saint Joseph Mission Church,
Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown*

On **Saturday, October 9**, please come to celebrate mass at 4 p.m. with Bishop Mark for the 191st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin.

Altar Rosary Pie Sale

The Altar Rosary is sponsoring a fall pie (apple, peach, pumpkin, cherry and raisin) and homemade chicken noodle soup sale on October 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prices: large pies - \$9, small pies - \$7, apple dumplings - \$3, homemade chicken noodle soup - \$6/quart. No pre-orders, first come-first served. A snack bar is available with turkey salad sandwiches, meatball sandwiches, macaroni salad, and homemade chicken noodle soup.

We are making an appeal to our Parishioners for Gold Medal, Pillsbury, or Robin Hood Flour, Crisco shortening and canned cherry pie filling to help keep down the cost of the pies. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be left at the exits of the Church.

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 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, Jim Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Katrina Emerick, Clare Falconi, Conner Farabaugh, Emalin Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Neale Fiasco, Dave Fisanick, Clara Fitzpatrick, Karen Fogel, Jan Franceschini, Beth Ann Gormish, Andy Haycisak, Irene Haycisak, Kim Hicks, Kim Hoover, Tom Hoover, Richard Karlheim, Ava Koehle, Cindy Ladika, Clem and Donna Lanzendorfer, Bob Lapenna, Charlotte Lechene, Mark Letavish, Charles Lutak, Barb McCann, Joni Milchak, Jo-Anne Miller, Theresa Moore, Dylan Newby, Joe Owens, Maddox Raptosh, Barb Richter, Jim and Donna Ropp, Becky SanGregorio, Marcus SanGregorio, Special Intentions (5), Pat (Mutt) Stevens, Jude Joseph Thomas, John Thurman, Michael Veneskey, Esther Warner, Sara Weber, Jim Weir, Wayne Wholaver, Richard Yarko, and Theresa Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Scrip sold after all weekend Masses
- CCD Classes: Grades 7-11 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
Grades K-6 from 11 a.m. to Noon
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to 12 Noon
- SBS Basket Bingo 4 to 7 p.m., Church Hall

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall

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 Mass 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
- First Friday Communion Calls

SATURDAY

- First Saturday Mass and Devotions, 8:00 a.m.
- Confessions, 2:00 p.m.
- Mass: 4:00 p.m.

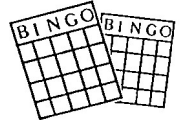
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Church Support — September 19, 2021

Offertory	5468.13
Haiti	2451.00
Church Improvement	683.50
Cemetery Maintenance	85.00
St. Vincent de Paul	85.00
School Support	45.00
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical	30.00
Catholic University	7.00
Adopt A Student	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

- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
- Kitty — \$38+
 - Circle 7 — 29 numbers for \$200
- Jackpot - Straight line only • Full Card — 57 numbers \$675
- Instant tickets
 - All Nighter - 1: \$500 2: \$47+
- \$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 September 30th



Mr. David Strittmatter, M/M Fred Strittmatter, Mr. Fred Sutton, Mrs. Martha Swarden, David Sybert, Brandalyn Fagan, M/M Adam Terza, Allen Thomas, Bryan Thomas, Christopher Thomas, M/M Drew Thomas, M/M Eric Thomas, M/M Joseph Thomas, Miss Melody Thomas, M/M Ken Trinkley, M/M Bill Turner

From other parishes and organizations...

Sweet Charity Farm Market open daily through October 31. Profits will benefit Haiti Mission Kindred Journey for the 33rd year, St. Vincent's Seminary and St. Gregory's Benedictine Monastery. Seasonal vegetables, mums, pumpkins, etc.

Carrolltown Farmer's Market: Every Wednesday thru October 27th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Carrolltown American Legion Park. Contact Kylee Farabaugh at 814-937-7393 or CarrolltownFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

St. Bernard Church Food Sale Take Out Only, October 2 and 3. Haluski \$3/serving; Pigs-In-Blanket \$4/serving (2 pigs); Unbaked Pepperoni Pizza \$16/whole pizza. **Sale is Pre-order only.** Orders due September 26. Orders can be placed by phone: 814-247-6558.

Feast of St. Francis - Day of Celebration, October 2nd, Friar's Nook Gift Shop Fall Sale, 10 a.m.; Rosary 3 p.m.; Pet Blessing 3:30 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m. Food and baked goods for sale. Bring lawn chair or blanket.

Annual Basket Auction: October 2nd from 5 to 7 p.m. & 3rd from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Ave, Northern Cambria. Coronavirus guidelines in place.

Cub Scout Recruiting: "Learn to Camp" Saturday, October 2nd, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Carrolltown American Legion Park. Grades K thru 5.