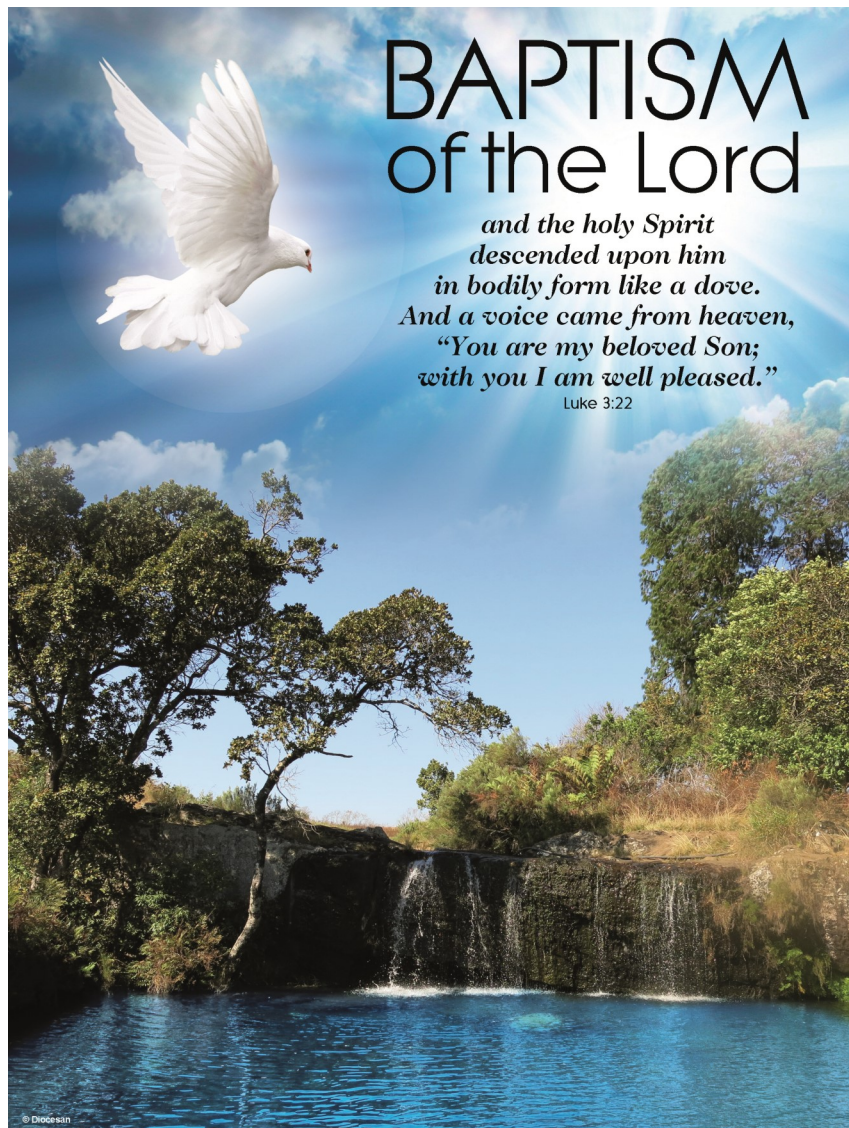


Saint Benedict Church

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BAPTISM of the Lord

*and the holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22

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
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Pastoral Staff

Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B..... Pastor
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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, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +Derek Cook (Birthday)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, January 12, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John Sutton
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, January 13, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ron and Barb Lewis

Wednesday, January 14, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Rachel Gregory

Thursday, January 15, Saints Maur and Placid

8:15 a.m. +Barbara Rickard

Friday, January 16, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Joan Contorchick

Saturday, January 17, Saint Anthony

4:00 p.m. +Florence Rizzo

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Esther Sclesky
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, January 12, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, January 13, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, January 14, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

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

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, January 16, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 17, 4:00 p.m.

E. Farabaugh P.J. Stevens
M. Farabaugh R. Boland

K. Farabaugh

Sunday, January 18, 8:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer C. Schall L. Huber
K. Shaffer K. Schall
Z. Shaffer

10:00 a.m.

Gav. Farabaugh B. Fox F. Sutton
O. Farabaugh R. Hoover
A. Farabaugh R. Bridgman

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Joan Contorchick, mother of our Parishioners Leo, John, and Donald Contorchick, and Cheryl Barrett. 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 Maur, 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 8:15 a.m. Mass on Thursday, January 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bible Study

Fr. Michael will be having Bible Study on Monday evenings following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. This year we will be studying 1 & 2 Timothy. There is no cost or requirement to attend every class.

'Un-Decorating'

The Christmas trees, wreaths, manger, etc. need to be taken down and packed away. If you can lend a hand, please join us this Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Epiphany Water

Epiphany Water is available in the Church, Annex and Narthex. Please bring your own Holy Water Containers.

Yellow Ribbon Campaign

C.C.H.L. will be holding their annual yellow ribbon campaign the weekend of January 17th and 18th. There will be people accepting donations before and after all weekend Masses. The money raised from the yellow ribbon campaign is used to help defray the cost of the bus to the March for Life in Washington D.C. and to support C.C.H.L.'s ongoing educational activities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

March For Life

Why March for Life in our nation's capital?

The end of Roe doesn't mean the end of our national pro-life efforts. Radicals in Congress are pushing extreme pro-abortion legislation, such as H.R. 12- Women's Health Protection Act of 2025, that would codify abortion rights into federal law (more info at [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)). This would eliminate virtually all pro-life laws both federally and in the states. Therefore, we must continue our efforts to fight abortion on the national level, and encourage our elected officials to pass life-affirming laws.

In the words of the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel "Even when we do not choose evil, we choose good so half heartedly and with so many qualifications, that mediocrity becomes our canonized status quo."

Citizens Concerned for Human Life is sponsoring a bus to Washington, D.C. on January 23rd, 2026 to attend the annual March for Life. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Please contact Bill or Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521 for more information or to make reservations. For more information on the March for Life and many Pro-Life events, news and resources you can visit marchforlife.org and prolifecambriasomerset.org.



*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*

Pastor's Reflection

Jesus would never ask us to do something He was unwilling to do. His command to the Church is to baptize the nations. This is how we become God's children. The Church knows of no other way than baptism to become God's adopted children.



Peace,

Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

January 11, 2026: Baptism of the Lord (Matthew 3:13-17)

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Jesus's baptism is a story we've heard before, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is - that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord, in all His perfection, waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father. Who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens and sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased!" Wow!

Pierogies for Lent

The Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious potato and cheese pierogies for Lent. The cost is \$11 a dozen. Orders are due by Monday January 19. Pick-up is in the Church Hall on Friday, February 13, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ dozen at \$11 Total cost _____

(Return this order form to the Parish Office or drop in collection by Monday, January 19) Late orders will not be accepted. If there are any extra pierogies, they will be sold after all orders are filled.

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



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 19th. **Beginning Sunday, January 25, 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.

Grief Share

Fr. Patrick Corrigan, TOR, will be hosting the "Grief Share" program beginning on **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. The "Grief Share" program is a 12-week bereavement workshop for those who have experienced a significant loss, and to assist in understanding and processing emotions. A workbook and resources will be provided for use throughout the program. For questions regarding the program or to enroll, please call 814-695-3802. You may also contact Fr. Patrick via email at pcorrigan@dioceseaj.org.

From other parishes and organizations...

Catholic Family Movie Night - "Love God's Will": Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is sponsoring a free Catholic family movie night on Thursday, January 15 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Catholic documentary, "Love God's Will," based on the life and work of Father Ryan Stawaisz, will have an exclusive showing. Two of the creators of the film are scheduled to attend and answer questions. Cost of admission is free and ALL are welcome. Refreshments will be available for purchase to benefit the BC Student Evangelizers. Please call (814) 472-7500 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org for more information.

Second Annual Bishop Carroll Cash Bash: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will be hosting the Second Annual Cash Bash on Saturday, January 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$25 and includes the meal, beverages, snacks and the chance to win several cash prizes. \$500 will be given away every 10 minutes from 7 - 9 p.m. and walkaround chances will be sold. Winners do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets, or for more information, please contact the school at 814-472-7500 or email sfreidhof@bishopcarroll.org.

Christmas Trees: The Beagle Club is accepting discarded real Christmas trees at the club. They are great habitats for our rabbits. They can be dropped in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse. 297 Dutch Rd, Carrolltown.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Himmel Trucking, Inc., 814-242-4257**, 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 Michelle Stehman at 717-774-8833.

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: Denny Abrams, Dorothy Anna, Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Lyn Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burke, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Peggy Cavallo, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Tim Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Suzanne Ferrence, Frannie and Bill Findley, Jr. Gailey, Mary Kay Gallagher, Jane Graffius, Fred Gresco, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Jeanine Hite, Richard Hnatkovich, Charles Holder, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Kendra Karabinos, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Stephen Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Robert Letavish, Theodora McConnell, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Denny O'Shea, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Tim Semelsberger, Special Intentions (31), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Jodi Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Sarah Wilson, and Brenda Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- 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; Adoration until 4 p.m.
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Grief Support Group, 6 - 8 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

- SBS Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
- Maurus Blessing after Mass
- Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall
- OCIA Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- SoulCore 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Church Support - December 24, 25, 27 & 28, 2025

Christmas	16,891.50
Offertory	4994.75
Church Improvement	2111.00
Altar Fund	590.00
Organ Project	225.00
Adopt a Student	210.00
Christmas Flowers	175.00
Solemnity of Mary	163.00
First Offering	46.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
School Support	5.00

Church Support - January 1, 3 & 4, 2026

Offertory	8335.75
Solemnity of Mary	2859.00
First Offering	1276.00
Church Improvement	1072.65
Christmas	575.00
School Support	200.00
Adopt a Student	105.00
Organ Project	86.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Altar Fund	5.00

Bingo on Tuesday



Join us every Tuesday for a fun night of Bingo
Doors Open @ 4 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5 p.m.
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow

- Admissions \$16 20 Regular Games
- 5 Specials • Early Bird
- Fast Bingo
- \$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 January 15, 2026



M/M David Weber, M/M Donald Weber, M/M Harold Weber, M/M Irvin Weber, M/M Joseph & Ann Weber, M/M Joseph & Rose Weber, Lynda Weber, Mr. William Weber, M/M Bryan Weiland, Mr. John Weiland III, Mr. John Weiland, M/M Joseph Wentz, Marianne Wentz, Alisa Waugh, Mrs. Cathy Weakland, Mr. Ron Weakland, M/M Ronald Weakland

From other parishes and organizations...

Jewelry Raffle: Saturday, January 17, Immaculate Conception Church, 1635 New Germany Rd, Summerhill. Door ticket includes Admission, Meal, Dessert and Drinks. Over \$7500 in Jewelry and Accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. Grand Prize: \$1,000 jewelry shopping spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Doors open at 5. Only 500 tickets sold. \$30 Donation. *No Guests.* Contact Becky at 814-495-9594. For more details visit www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle.