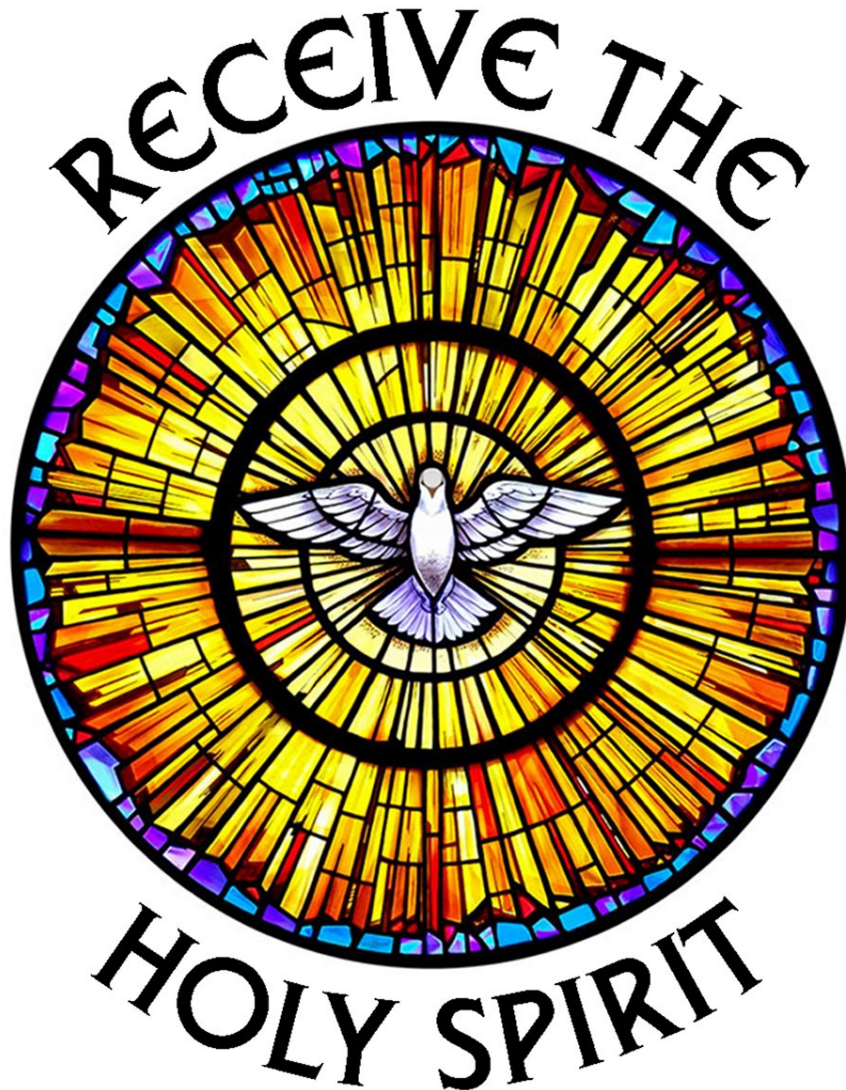


# Saint Benedict Church

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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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School Fax.....	814-344-8530
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## Pastoral Staff

<i>Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.</i> .....	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Lois Bridgman</i> .....	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B.</i>	
<i>Annette Kelly</i> .....	<i>Director of Religious Education and Christian Initiation</i>
<i>Jeannine M. Cymbor</i> .....	<i>Business Manager</i>
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<i>Jeffrey Maucieri</i> .....	<i>Principal</i>

## 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 SCHEDULE



## Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. +Joe Bearer  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

## Monday, June 9, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m. +William J. Bender  
6:30 p.m. +Hugh Malloy

## Tuesday, June 10, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Gilbert  
and Viola Farabaugh Family

## Wednesday, June 11, Saint Barnabas

8:00 a.m. +Dan Lane

## Thursday, June 12, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Butch Bearer (Anniversary)

## Friday, June 13, Saint Anthony of Padua

8:00 a.m. +Richard Zalitznock, Sr.

## Saturday, June 14, Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Art and  
Millie Cunningham Family

## Sunday, June 15, Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. Spiritual Blessings for Father's Day  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

## Monday, June 9, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

## 6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

## Tuesday, June 10, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

## Wednesday, June 11, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

## Thursday, June 12, 8:00 a.m.

L. Huber

## Friday, June 13, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

## Saturday, June 14, 4:00 p.m.

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

K. Farabaugh

## Sunday, June 15, 8:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer R. Yahner  
K. Shaffer B. Yahner  
A. Westrick

J. Yahner

## 10:00 a.m.

G. Farabaugh R. McGowan  
O. Farabaugh R. Boland  
J. Hoover C. Farabaugh

B. Fox

## In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Eric Eckenrode, brother of our Parishioners Rebecca, John, and Scott Eckenrode and Jenny Fees; and the soul of our Parishioner Allen Thomas brother of our Parishioners Barbara Vermeulin, and Bryan and Chris Thomas. 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.



## Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Father's Day. Fathers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the Church. If you are interested in honoring a special man (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. The offering envelopes may be returned to the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Fathers Day weekend. Father Michael will offer the 8 a.m. Mass on Father's Day for all intentions received. All offerings for the Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Organ Project.

## Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Lantzy Insurance Agency, 814-344-6536**, 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.

## Parish Festival News

We are appealing to all of our Parishioners to help make our Parish festival the most successful ever! The dates for this year's event are July 25, 26, and 27. Please keep your schedule free for these days and plan to volunteer to work at one of our many booths, or the Sunday dinner.

### FILL UP THE CLASSROOMS

Donations are now being accepted for our Annual Festival Basket Auction. If you have a basket to donate or need help in putting it together, we will gladly help you. All donations are appreciated and welcomed.

Business owners and managers are also asked to sponsor a sign for one of the festival booths. The price for the three-day event cannot be beat — \$100-\$150. Sponsoring a booth at our Festival is very important to its success. If you are interested in off-setting the expense of our booths, and are not one of our regular sponsors, please contact the Parish Office at 814-344-6548.

Festival tickets have been mailed to our Parishioners. We are making a special appeal to our Parishioners to buy or sell your packets at your work place, and family reunions, which will be a great help to the Parish. Please return all sold and unsold tickets into one of the collection boxes in the Church or to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Pre-Sale tickets for the Sip N' Sale Beer-Wine-Shine event are available at the Parish office for \$20. This event is on Saturday, July 26th, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the beer tent.

Cucumbers and onions will be needed for the Festival Dinner and Ethnic Booth. They may be dropped off in the Church Hall **the week of July 21st**.



*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of Butch Bearer  
From Dorothy Bearer*

## Pastor's Reflection

Pentecost is one of the holiest days of the year, just like Christmas. As the Son came to us on Christmas the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost. The purpose of each is mercy. Christ came to save us from our sins and the Holy Spirit came with the authority to forgive sins. Always take advantage of the confessional.

Peace,  
Father Michael



## Families and the Gospel

**June 8, 2025; Pentecost Sunday (John 14:15-16, 23-26)**

Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

## Stewardship Reflections

Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today's readings inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome - the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church's saving work.

Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles, whom began to speak in different tongues - to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urges us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents and passions we possess. Each of us has a personal mission to fulfill through the use of our personal gifts and talents in grateful service to the Kingdom of God.

When we live in grateful dependence on the Holy Spirit, we can count on not only adventure, but peace - the peace that cannot be found in a "worldly" way of life. Rather, it is the peace that Jesus brings to us as we commit ourselves to Him. As we celebrate the birthday of the Church today, let's give thanks to God for calling us, His stewards, to the adventure of a lifetime!

## Ambulance Basket Auction

Baskets needed for the John Carroll Ambulance Basket Auction to be held at St. Benedict Church Hall on Saturday, June 21 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baskets may be dropped off at the ambulance hall or you can call 814-341-9721 to make arrangements for pickup. This is one of our big fundraisers each year. Thank you for your support.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar  
this weekend  
In Loving Memory of  
Butch Bearer  
From Dorothy Bearer*



## Vacation Bible School

**This year we will be merging with Saint Nicholas Parish for Vacation Bible School (VBS).** The location is the Saint Nicholas Community Center. VBS is open to children in Grades K - 6. The fee for pre-registration is \$12 per child; registration at the door is \$15. **Pre-registration deadline is June 10th.** VBS is scheduled for Monday June 23rd through Thursday June 26th. Time: Monday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; with a short performance on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. **Volunteers are needed.**

For more information, call Annette Kelly 814-241-3336 or email: akelly@dioceseaj.org.



## Festival Grocery Store Raffle

We are accepting donations for the Grocery Store Raffle baskets. Please consider donating the following products. Thank you!

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| <b>A-Be</b>    | <b>Foil, Wax Paper, Plastic Wrap, Garbage Bags, Storage Bags</b> |
| <b>Bi-Bu</b>   | <b>Dry and Canned Soup, Broth, Gravy</b>                         |
| <b>C</b>       | <b>Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce/Paste</b>                |
| <b>D-E</b>     | <b>Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Pickles, Olives</b>          |
| <b>F-Fe</b>    | <b>Drink Mixes</b>   |
| <b>Fi-G</b>    | <b>Flour, Shortening, Baking Powder, Baking Soda</b>             |
| <b>H</b>       | <b>Paper Products</b>  |
| <b>I-J-Ke</b>  | <b>Chips, Pretzels, Crackers, Cookies</b>                        |
| <b>Ki-Ku</b>   | <b>Jelly, Peanut Butter</b>                                      |
| <b>L</b>       | <b>Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Mayo</b>                            |
| <b>M</b>       | <b>Sugars: White, Brown or Confection</b>                        |
| <b>N-O-P-Q</b> | <b>Gelatin, Pudding</b>  |
| <b>R-Se</b>    | <b>Oil, Vinegar, Salad Dressings</b>                             |
| <b>Sh-Sp</b>   | <b>Baking Mixes, Frosting, Bisquick</b>                          |
| <b>St-V</b>    | <b>Cereals, Pancake Mix, Syrup</b>                               |
| <b>W-Z</b>     | <b>Cleaning Products</b>   |

**Please mark "For Festival" on your donations when leaving them at the entrances of the Church**



## St. Joseph's Mission Church

St. Joseph's will be open for visitation on Sunday, June 29th and Sunday, August 24th from noon to 3:00 p.m.

## Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating our 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and the Feast of St. Anthony with a Healing Mass on Friday, June 13, 2025, in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. We will begin the rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Healing Mass. Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. will be our Homilist and Peter Regalado will lead the music. In case of inclement weather, we will move to Immaculate Conception Chapel located on the campus of Saint Francis University. A cordial welcome to all.



## 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, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Terry Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Robert Burnette, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Suzanne Ferrence, Frannie and Bill Findley, Jane Graffius, Fred Gresco, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Charles Holder, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Jane Maucieri, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Special Intentions (28), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Jason Straub, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

## The Week Ahead

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Church Hall

### **MONDAY**

- Oblate Meeting, 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

### **TUESDAY**

- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY**

- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m. in the School

### **THURSDAY**

- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

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

### **SUNDAY**

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Church Hall

**Feast of St. Anthony** - Day of Celebration; Friday, June 13th at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. The event will include an outdoor Mass, Blessing of St. Anthony Bread, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Anthony. Mass will begin at 10 a.m., followed by bread distribution. There will be an outdoor lunch after Mass. Please register by June 9th if you are staying for lunch. 814-696-3321.

## Church Support - May 29, 31 & June 1, 2025

Offertory	9006.14
Ascension of the Lord	2155.00
Church Improvement	990.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	497.00
School Support	235.00
Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet (Organ)	220.00
Organ Project	100.00
Peter's Pence	80.00
Cemetery Maintenance	25.00
Building Fund	20.00
Altar Fund	20.00

## 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)
- Kitty - \$60+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - 53 numbers \$575
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500 #3: \$385+

The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.  
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.

## Card Party Thursday June 12, 2025



Mr. Charles Horn, M/M Dave Horn, Ms. Pat Horton,  
M/M Michael Horvath, M/M Joseph Huber, M/M Carl Hunt,  
M/M Tom Illing, Mrs. Winnie Illig, Mr. Ron Inzana,  
Mr. Dave Inzana, Mrs. Michelle Jackson-Shevock,  
M/M Bob Jansure, M/M Lyle Jarvis, M/M Dan Jasper

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Pray the Rosary:** Every Thursday at the Wayside Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Route 553 (Ridge Road). Weather permitting. Starting at 7 p.m. from May 1st through September 25th. Bring a lawn chair.

**Outdoor Masses** are held at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday evening including Labor Day Weekend at 7:00 PM. **Please bring a lawn chair, as there is no seating provided.** The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to the Shrine will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3 - 6 p.m. for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: June 15, 29, July 20, August 3, 17 and 31. Special Masses: June 8 "Come and See" Vocations Awareness - Fr. Brian Norris

**Closing Mass for the National Eucharistic Revival:** June 22 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. The Eucharist will be exposed for quiet adoration starting at 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Confession; 3 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations; 4 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 4:15 p.m. Indoor Eucharistic Procession & Benediction; 5 p.m. Mass with Bishop Mark. Bishop Mark extends a special invitation to all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Altar Servers dressed in their robes; and 2025 First Communicants in their First Communion Clothes, from around the diocese to be recognized at this Mass. Newly Confirmed and Young people in general are also invited. Refreshments will be served following the 5 p.m. Mass.