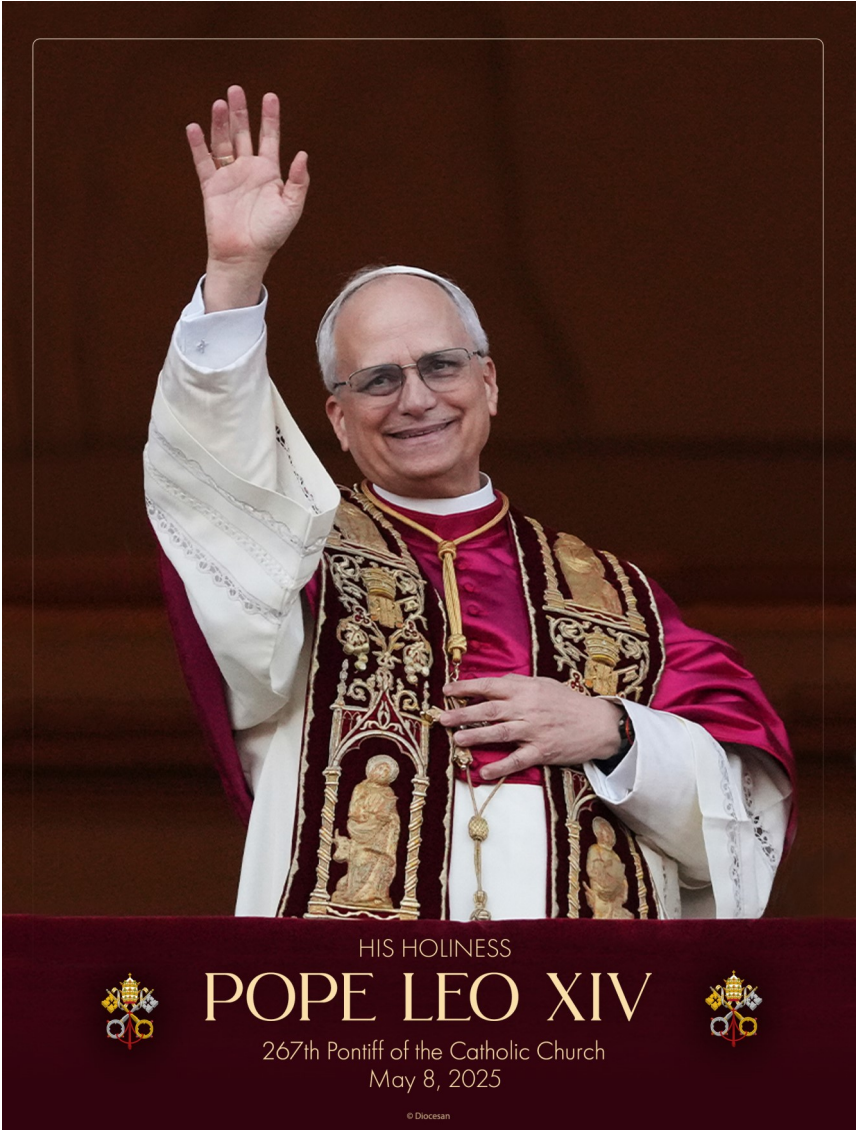


# Saint Benedict Church

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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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**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



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

## Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +George and Rita Rickard  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

## Monday, May 19, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Robert J. McCoy

## Tuesday, May 20, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Don and Diane Paronish  
6:30 p.m. +Edgar Link, Sr.

## Wednesday, May 21, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Frank Dominick

## Thursday, May 22, Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Geraldine Cunningham

## Friday, May 23, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Alfred and Mary Lieb

## Saturday, May 24, Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Cyril and  
Elizabeth Stevens Family

## Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Danny and Peaches Bechel  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family  
12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Mission Church

## Monday, May 19, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

## Tuesday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

## 6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

## Wednesday, May 21, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

## Thursday, May 22, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

## Friday, May 23, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

## Saturday, May 24, 4:00 p.m.

R. Kirsch R. Boland  
E. Lamb P.J. Stevens

S. Boyle

## Sunday, May 25, 8:00 a.m.

A. Westrick K. Colberg  
P. Cornelius M. Drahnak  
E. Cunningham

S. Gregory

## 10:00 a.m.

Gav. Farabaugh F. Sutton  
O. Farabaugh R. Boland  
Gar. Farabaugh L. Bridgman

M. Farabaugh



## St. Joseph's Mission Church

St. Joseph's Mission Church will have a Mass on Sunday,  
May 25 at Noon in observance of Memorial Day.

## Parish Breakfast Next Sunday

The Parish breakfast is next 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 price of the breakfast  
for adults is \$11; \$5 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years  
and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$11.



## Mass Schedule Change

Due to Kindergarten Graduation on Monday May 19th, the 6:30 p.m.  
Mass has been moved to Tuesday evening.

## Altar Rosary Society Meeting



The Altar Rosary Society will gather for their monthly  
meeting in the Boniface Wimmer Room on Monday, May  
19th. The Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m., and the  
meeting will follow.

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May  
26th in observance of Memorial Day. The office will  
reopen Tuesday, May 27th.



## Mass for Widows and Widowers (Televised)

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 25th with a televised  
Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM  
ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the  
Breezeline Channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and  
remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death  
throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by  
contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your **name, address,  
phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.**  
The last day to register is Wednesday, May 21. The event is sponsored  
by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive. All  
names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

Please be advised a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM  
ABC 23 may delay this broadcast.

## Cabrini Movie

Please join us on Friday, May 30th at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall as we  
show the movie **Cabrini**. There is no charge for the movie and  
refreshments will be available.

**Cabrini** is a 2024 American biographical drama film directed  
by Alejandro Gómez Monteverde and written by Rod Barr, based on a  
story by both. The film depicts the life of Catholic missionary Francesca  
Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance  
to her charity and business efforts in New York City. **Cabrini** explores  
the sexism and anti-Italian bigotry faced by Cabrini and others in New  
York City in the late 19th century.



*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of Lukas Shank  
From Bill, Nikki and Jared*

### Pastor's Reflection

The Book of Revelation tells us that God's dwelling is with the human race. God so loves us that He wants to dwell with us. We are the Church of the Real Presence. You can come to church anytime you want and be before the tabernacle. The world is so busy but you can slow down things in silence before God.



Peace,  
Father Michael

### Families and the Gospel

**May 18, 2025; 5th Sunday of Easter (John 13:31-33a, 34-35)**

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what is *has*, love for one another. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

### Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings on this Fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards. The Gospel from John includes the well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so also you should love one another." What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple, but simple does not necessarily mean easy.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

### Birthingright's Carnation Sale

Birthingright of Johnstown would like to thank all those who donated to Birthingright's Carnation sale on Mother's Day. Your generous donations totaled \$1385.00. This money helps Birthingright continue supporting pregnant women and their babies in the community.

### Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Vantage Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, 814 -472-4921** 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.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar  
this weekend  
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received  
From Chad and Ashley Hoover*



### Oblates of Saint Benedict

Fr. Jude Brady, O.S.B., to speak on suffering and aging at Saint Vincent on May 18. A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, May 18, from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "The Role of Suffering, Declining of Health, and the Aging Process in the Life of a Monk and an Oblate," presented by Fr. Jude Brady, O.S.B. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

Also, local Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey and anyone else who may be interested will meet at 6:45 p.m. on May 18 in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of another of a series of discussions from the book *The Grace to Desire It: Meditations on St. Benedict's Twelve Degrees of Humility* by Dom Pius Mary Noonan, O.S.B.

Supper at 5:35 in the Eichstätt Dining Room (guest dining room) will be available. If you plan to attend supper, please phone Fr. Donald, Director of Oblates, at least two days in advance at 724-805-2291.

### Who are Oblates of St. Benedict?

Oblates are Christian men and women from any walk of life who join with like-minded individuals to develop and grow spiritually in the context of a formal and ongoing program of prayer, study, reflection, and sharing in the tradition of Benedictine spirituality. Oblates affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey join with the monks in their prayer and spiritual life. If you have sensed that God is calling you to live more deeply in your relationship with Him, we welcome you to inquire. For more information about the Oblates affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, please call Fr. Donald Raila, O.S.B., at the Archabbey at 724-805-2291, or send an email message so [svaoblates@stvincent.edu](mailto:svaoblates@stvincent.edu).

### The Three Marys

One evening, five people sitting at our table ALL were named some variation of Patrick or Patricia. You can imagine the confusion when someone said, "Pat, could you pass the turnips?", or "So how's work, Pat?"

**You might experience similar confusion when you come across gospel references to Mary.** That's because there are four Marys who knew Jesus from his early years and followed him through his public ministry, two of whom were with him through his passion, death and Resurrection.

*The Loyola Treasury of Saints* (Loyola Press, 2003) reports that in addition to Mary, the Mother of God, the remaining three were: Mary from Magdala, who, unlike the false reputation that has come down through the ages, was "one of the closest friends of Jesus and was the first person to see Jesus after he rose from the dead"; Mary, the mother of apostles James and John, who was with Mary Magdalene on that first Easter morning; and Mary, wife of Cleophas, who stood by Jesus at the Crucifixion.

Tradition has it that these three Marys eventually traveled to Marseilles, France in order to proclaim the gospel.



## 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, 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, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Jane Maucieri, Brother Michael 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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- PreK Graduation 10 a.m.
- K Graduation 6 p.m.
- Altar Rosary Meeting, 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

### 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
- SBS Sports Awards 6 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
- SBS Last day of School

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m., 10 a.m. here; Mass at 12 p.m. at St. Joseph
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Church Hall

## Church Support - May 10 & 11, 2025

Offertory	8178.43
Church Improvement	1006.50
Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet (Organ)	680.00
Cemetery Maintenance	255.00
Easter	190.00
Adopt A Student	145.00
Ascension of the Lord	75.00
Organ Project	70.00
Tree of Life	45.00
Easter Flowers	15.00
Good Friday	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

- Admissions \$16 (18 cards)
- Kitty - \$62+
- 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 - 50 numbers \$500
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500 #3: \$500 #4: \$48+

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

## Card Party Thursday May 22, 2025



Mrs. Sandra Gregory, Mrs. Kristy Gonos, M/M Clay Gormish, M/M Vincent Gormish, Ms. Dianne Gray, Ms. Shirl Gray, Mrs. Barbara Herman, M/M Jim Gresko, M/M Vince Griner, M/M Eric Groer, Miss Blanche Gwizdak, M/M Ken Gwizdak, M/M Ron Gwizdak, M/M Tom Gwizdak, M/M Gary Hite, Mrs. Mary Jane Grove, M/M Barry Bechtel

## 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.

**Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming:** Sunday May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patton Fire Hall, 410 Magee Ave, Patton. Rabies shot - \$15; Distemper/Parvo - \$20; Grooming (Ears/Nails) \$10. Cash only. Dogs/Cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please bring your paper/license from last year, if you have it. Dogs must be at least 12 weeks old to receive a Rabies Shot. Proceeds benefit the Patton Fire Co. #1.

**May Days 2025:** May 24 & 25 Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall at the Basilica of Saint Michael. Live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag 421-2867 to join), basket raffle, flea market, silent auction and refreshments. Saturday 4-8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Turkey dinner Sunday at 11 a.m., \$10 per person. All are welcome.

**64th Annual Festival:** May 30, 31 and June 1 at Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg; featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday May 30th from 4-7 p.m. (Adults \$15, children under 12 \$7) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 1st from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Adults \$15, Children under 12 \$7). Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle and more!