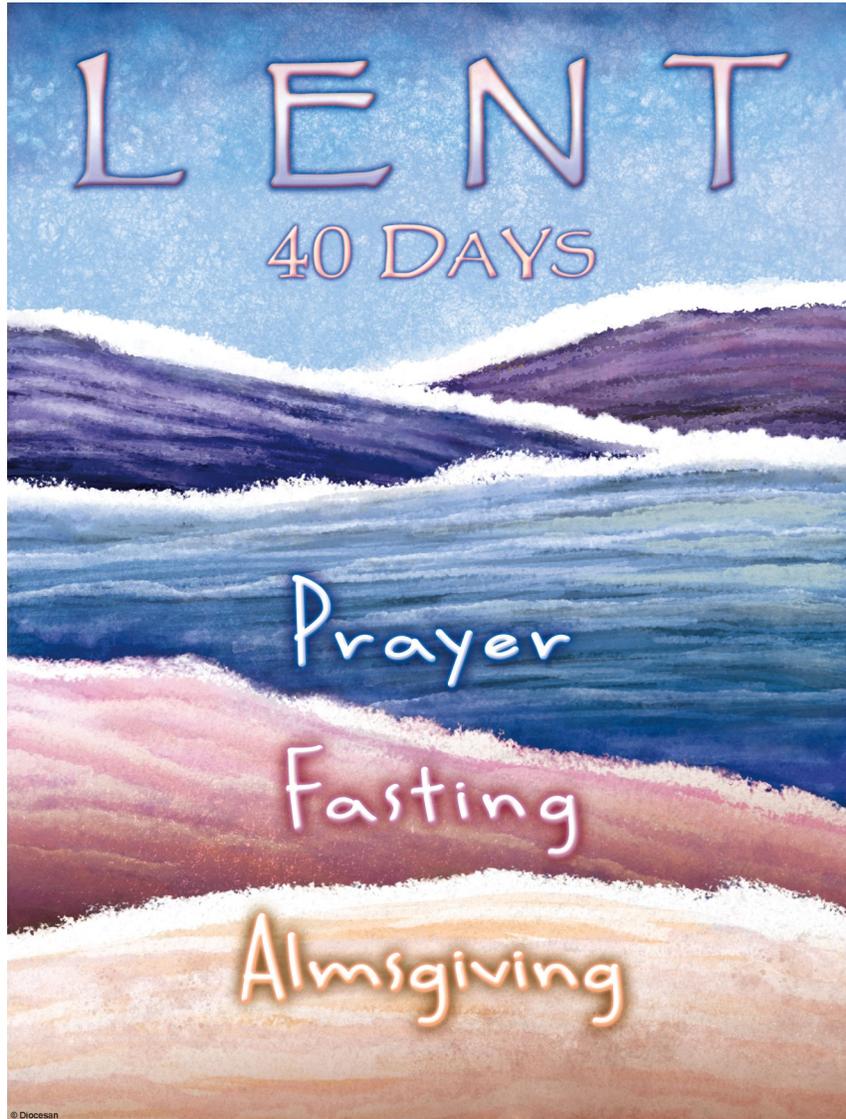


Saint Benedict Church

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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

Third Sunday of Lent




Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	+Judy Bedal
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, March 9, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Theresa Morealli
6:30 p.m.	+Marie Conner
Tuesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Clair and Catherine Regan
Wednesday, March 11, Lenten Wednesday	
8:00 a.m.	+Travis Weber
Thursday, March 12, Lenten Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	+Joe Gregory
Friday, March 13, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Caryle Bearer
Saturday, March 14, Lenten Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	+Donald McNulty
Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	+Virginia Sharbaugh
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

Monday, March 9, 8:00 a.m.	S. Gregory	
6:30 p.m.	B. Fox	
Tuesday, March 10, 8:00 a.m.		
Wednesday, March 11, 8:00 a.m.		
	M.C. Hoover	
Thursday, March 12, 8:15 a.m.		
SBS Children's Mass		
Friday, March 13, 8:00 a.m.		
	M. Farabaugh	
Stations of the Cross		
O. Farabaugh	Gav. Farabaugh	
A. Farabaugh	A. Groer	
Saturday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.		
S. Fisanick	J. Kline	J. Stevens
E. Lamb	P.J. Stevens	
Sunday, March 15, 8:00 a.m.		
E. Cunningham	K. Schall	G. Yahner
K. Shaffer	C. Schall	
Z. Shaffer		
10:00 a.m.		
Gav. Farabaugh	R. Boland	B. Fox
O. Farabaugh	L. Bridgman	
A. Farabaugh	R. Bridgman	
A. Groer		

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive

Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 *Catholic Ministries Drive*. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties - and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year's theme, **Sent To Serve**, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been *Sent To Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

If you didn't bring your pledge card to mass this weekend, or send it in this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese's ministries need your support.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be returned to our parish. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese's vital ministries.

School Auction

Join our school and church community for the Saint Benedict School Annual Benefit Auction on March 14th in the Church Hall. For \$30, enjoy a delicious dinner, drinks, and your very own bidding paddle as you compete for great items - all while supporting a great cause! Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner served at 5 p.m.; Live auction begins at 6 p.m. sharp. This is a 21+ event. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the school office at 344-6512, or you can grab one at the door the night of the event. Bring your friends, bring your bidding spirit, and come ready for a great night - we can't wait to see you there!

Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society is looking for new members to keep our very important mission intact. We are responsible for providing hosts, Altar wine, candles and most things in the sanctuary of the church. We have a short meeting 6 times a year, in March, April, May, June, September and October. We are thankful for those who help so much with our fund raising projects (Pierogies, nut rolls, tea rings, pies, etc.), but we also pray the rosary before funerals and do the gathering after the Mass on All Souls Day. If you have the time to give a little more, we would love to see you at our 1st meeting of the year on March 16th.

Solemn Vespers

We will have Solemn Vespers with Benediction on Sundays at 4 p.m. until March 29th, Palm Sunday. All are welcome.

Free Lenten Concert

All ages are warmly invited to join Altoona-area young adult Catholics for a free Lenten concert, The Cathedral Candlelight Concert, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The event will take place on Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will feature local Catholic young adult musicians and the Cathedral's historic Steilmeyer organ. The program includes Be Thou My Vision, Pie Jesu, Adagio for Strings, Ave Maria, Attende Domine, and other sacred works. A social and time of fellowship in the parish hall will follow the concert. ALL ARE WELCOME!



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Cappy Kelly
From Fred and Naomi Burgeson*

Pastor's Reflection

Lent is about disciplining our appetites to bring them in union with the will of God. Grumbling and murmuring can wreck any spiritual growth we may have achieved. Murmuring wore Moses down, it even wearied the Lord.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

March 8, 2026, 3rd Sunday of Lent (John 4:5-42)

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst." "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent presents us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

For some mysterious reason, God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. It is an indescribable privilege to live this way. Yet, our Lord does not wish us to be concerned about our unworthiness for such a high calling. He demonstrates this throughout the Scriptures by calling the "unworthy." In today's passage, He chooses the Samaritan woman. She is a woman with a "past" and even a current living situation that is scandalous. But He calls her to conversion, and she responds to His call, becoming a disciple for her whole village.

He is calling to us too, to live as His modern-day disciples. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst for the salvation of all.

Adult Faith Formation

We are continuing our Adult Faith Formation on Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses in the Boniface Wimmer Room. We are continuing the video series "No Greater Love" Session 2 Jesus' Arrest and Trial Before the Sanhedrin.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Cambria Ready Mix Concrete, 1-866-BUY-CRMC**, 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.

Help Needed for Festival

We are looking for Chairpersons for the Ticket Booth and the Funnel Cake Booth. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Blood Drive

There is a Blood Drive in the Church Hall on Wednesday, March 11 from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Local Invitation

Catholic men of Irish heritage are invited to learn more about the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Our Lady of Knock, Division 1, Cambria County. The AOH is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to the practice of our faith, the preservation of Irish heritage, and service to parish and community. Brotherhood, Charity, and Faith are at the heart of all we do. If you are interested in reconnecting with your Irish heritage while strengthening your Catholic faith and fellowship, we welcome you to learn more. Please messenger us on [facebook.com/AOHCambriaCounty/](https://www.facebook.com/AOHCambriaCounty/) or inquire locally with our President, John Skelley at 814-525-2505.

64th Annual Men's Turkey Dinner

Sunday, March 15th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Dine- In for \$14 or Take-out for \$15.

Parish Mission

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual **Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto**, March 15-19. Rev. Fr. John Petrikovic, OFM Cap is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. with prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD, presiding. 9 other priests of the area will be available to hear confessions the first night. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector, PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940.

Oblates of Saint Benedict

A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, March 15, from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "Holiness in Benedictine Spirituality," and Fr. Killian Loch, O.S.B., pastor of St. Vincent Basilica Parish, will be the presenter. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5:00 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

Local Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey and anyone else who may be interested will meet at 6:40 p.m. on March 15 in Brownfield Room 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of the second of a series of discussions from the book *Holy Silence: A Practical Guide to Recollection in God* by Fr. Basil Nortz, O.R.C. 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 at least 2 days in advance at 724-805-2291.

Oblates and their guests are welcome to join the monks of the Archabbey for the celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Benedict on Saturday, March 21, beginning with a Mass at 10 a.m. For information and registration call Nancy Premoshis 724-244-0746 or Fr. Donald.



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 and Paul Baran, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Cindy Bills, Lyn Bills, Ronald Bradley, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Nancy Crawford, Cindy Daisley, Nevaeh Delgado, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Frannie and Bill Findley, Denise Fogle-Robbins, Jr. Gailey, Mary Kay Gallagher, Ida Gobris, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Kendra Karabinos, Bernice Kline, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Stephen Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Janet McNulty, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Joan Polites, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Tim Semelsberger, Sara Sharbaugh, Susan Snyder, Special Intentions (11), Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Jodi Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Fred Strittmatter, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Jean Westover, and Sarah Wilson.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.; Solemn Vespers 4 p.m.
-CCD Classes, School

MONDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Oblate Meeting 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

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
-Blood Drive 1 to 6:30 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

-SBS Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
-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

-SBS No School
-Holy Hour after Mass, Adoration until 6:30 p.m.
-Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. (Parish)
-Confessions 5:45 and 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

-Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.
-SBS Auction 5 p.m., Church Hall

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.; Solemn Vespers 4 p.m.
-CCD Classes, School
-Gift of the Holy Spirit (Confirmation Class) 11 a.m., Church Hall
-Soul Core 6 p.m., Church Hall

Church Support - February 28 and March I, 2026

Offertory	9167.28
Church Improvement	2509.26
Altar Project	550.00
Maintenance Fund	397.00
Easter Flowers	320.00
School Support	220.00
St. Vincent de Paul	151.00
Mandeville Diocese	76.00
Catholic Relief	60.00
Ash Wednesday	35.00
First Offering	15.00
Organ Project	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Black and Indian Mission	1.00

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 March 12, 2026



Bobby Jo Bender, M/M Chris Bender, M/M Fred Bender, M/M Jim Bender, M/M Jeff Bender, M/M Justin Bender, Mr. Ken Bender, M/M Larry Bender, M/M Leroy Bender, M/M Mark Bender, M/M Matthew Bender, Mrs. Pauline Bender, M/M Robert Bender, Mrs. Theresa Bender, M/M Tom and Melanie Bender

From other parishes and organizations...

Lenten Fish Dinners: New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill; every Friday during Lent including Good Friday, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per meal; children: \$7.50. Take out (drive-thru) meals \$15.

Visitation Parish, Johnstown: Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$14.

Saints Gregory and Barnabas: Fridays during Lent. Dine-In and Take-Out orders. St. Gregory, 120 Boltz St, Johnstown and St. Barnabas 408 Luzon Ave, Johnstown; from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Good Friday meals at St. Gregory from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Queen of Peace: Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday, from 4-7 p.m. Eat-in, Upper Level of Social Hall and Take-out, Lower Level of Social Hall. Adults (13+) \$15, Children (5-12) \$7, Children under 5 (Free)

For your Easter Table: Pierogies - \$12/baker's dozen. Pre-order by calling 814-674-8983 or online at <https://queenofpeacepatton.org>.

Baked Chicken Meal: Sunday, March 15 from 11 a.m. until sold out at Upper Level of Queen of Peace Social Hall. Includes a half chicken (brined and baked), coleslaw, pork 'n beans, dinner roll and desert for \$12. Take out only. Honk for service or come in and pick up.