

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, August 10, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	+Dave Contorchick
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, August 11, Saint Clare	
8:00 a.m.	+William F. Bender
6:30 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Gregory Buck Family
Tuesday, August 12, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Irenaeus Schettig
Wednesday, August 13, Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Margaret Buck
Thursday, August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe	
8:00 a.m.	+Pauline Lieb
6:30 p.m.	For our Parish Family
Friday, August 15, The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:00 a.m.	+Mary Etta Yeckley
12:00 p.m.	+William and Rita Bender
Saturday, August 16, Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	+Len and Corrine Cymbor
Sunday, August 17, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	+Steve Morealli (Anniversary)
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of John Bradley, husband of our Parishioner Jackie. 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.

The Assumption

O Most Holy Mary, on this Sacred day of your Assumption, we turn to you with confidence, seeking your powerful intercession. As you stand before the throne of God, clothed in glory, we ask that you present our prayers and intentions to your son, Jesus Christ.

St. Joseph's Mission Church

St. Joseph's Mission Church will be open for visitation on Sunday: August 24th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Floyd or Marian Farabaugh, 814-421-5272 for more information.



Carrolltown Firemen's Mini-Jubilee

Sunday, August 10th, Basket Auction 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Turkey Dinner, \$14 - Take out or Dine in - from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; children under 3 free, dine-in only. Lottery, Cash Giveaway with 5 drawings. 1st winner receives \$1,000 worth of lottery tickets, 4 winners walk away with \$500 cash. Live drawing Sunday, August 10th at 7 p.m.



Monday, August 11, 8:00 a.m.		
		S. Gregory
6:30 p.m.		
		B. Fox
Tuesday, August 12, 8:00 a.m.		
		S. Cronan
Wednesday, August 13, 8:00 a.m.		
		M.C. Hoover
Thursday, August 14, 8:00 a.m.		
		L. Huber
6:30 p.m.		
E. Cunningham	R. Bridgman	M. Ryan
S. Cunningham	L. Bridgman	
O. Farabaugh	S. Cronan	
A. Groer		
Friday, August 15, 8:00 a.m.		
H. Shaffer	K. Colberg	M. Farabaugh
K. Shaffer	R. Boland	
S. Fisanick		
Gav. Farabaugh		
12:00 p.m.		
C. Serafin	R. Hoover	M.C. Hoover
	P.J. Stevens	
Saturday, August 16, 4:00 p.m.		
E.L. Farabaugh	P.J. Stevens	S. Boyle
M. Farabaugh	R. Boland	
S. Fisanick		
Sunday, August 17, 8:00 a.m.		
E. Cunningham	K. Colberg	S. Gregory
S. Cunningham	M. Drahnak	
J. Deckard		
10:00 a.m.		
C. Greene	B. Fox	M. Farabaugh
M. Greene	R. Hoover	
L. Baker	R. McGowan	



Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 21** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 28** in **JOHNSTOWN** AT St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter Happy 91st Birthday Joe (Merle) Caretti Much love from Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Chester and Nancy McCoy All our Love, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren



Pastor's Reflection

In the history of human salvation we have to recognize that God has done all the work. He wishes to give us the Kingdom. Our responsibility then is to be vigilant and prepared for his arrival. If we are we will truly be blessed.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

August 10, 2025; 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 12:32-48)

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions.

The first question is: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the 'right' answer to this question - we treasure our faith, our family and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy, my thoughts, my time, and my money?"

The second question today's readings ask is: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, what would you do if you had radical faith in God? In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His Son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth have we to be afraid of?

There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure, and then take a bold risk - faith-filled and unafraid - to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

2025 Women's Conference

Join us for our 4th Annual DAJ Women's Conference hosted at Mount Aloysius College at the Bertschi Center on September 20th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630.

We're so excited to have with us at this year's speaker, Megan Hjelmstad. She is an author, speaker, mentor, wife, mom and veteran. She is coming to us from Denver, CO and has family here in PA. Come and enjoy as Megan speaks on the joy found in mess of life.

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., (light breakfast served); 9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Mark; Lunch; 4 p.m. closing remarks. For questions, call Brittany Boland, Office of Stewardship & Development, 814-695-5579.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Bus Trip

To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Friday, October 17. Trip will include tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back for dinner on your own. To make reservations beginning August 4th, please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 or email jthompson@dioceseaj.org or Suzanne Barry 814-695-5579 or email sbarry@dioceseaj.org. The cost of trip is \$60/person which includes gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. from the Giant Eagle/McDonalds parking lot in Ebensburg.

Oblates of Saint Benedict

A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, August 17 from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "Forgiveness in Benedictine Spirituality," presented by Fr. Shawn Matthew Anderson, O.S.B. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in St. Gregory Chapel.

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 August 17 in Brownfield Room 202. The agenda will consist of discussions from the book *The Grace to Desire It: Meditations on St. Benedicts Twelve Degrees of Humility* by Dom Pius Mary Noonan, O.S.B.

Furthermore, supper at 5:35 p.m. 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.

October Gun Raffle Ticket

Saint Benedict Home School Association is sponsoring an October Gun Raffle, from October 1 thru October 31, 2025. The winning numbers will be determined by The First 7:00 p.m. Pick 4 PA Daily Lottery Number. Tickets can be obtained from Saint Benedict School, Parish Office, or Scrip table. The donation is \$20. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Home School Association.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Morchesky Auto - Truck & Trailer Sales, 814-344-8448**, 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.

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, Lyn Bills, Terry Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Kevin Caldwell, 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, Jeanine Hite, Charles Holder, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Matthew Senko, Special Intentions (30), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Mary Kay Venslosky, and Sara Weber.

Church Support - August 2 & 3, 2025

Offertory	9234.30
Church Improvement	1145.00
Tree of Life	634.00
Altar Fund	350.00
Assumption	190.00
Adopt A Student	65.00
St. Vincent de Paul	42.00
Organ 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 - \$259+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$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.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

-Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration, Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

-SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m. in the School
-SBS Orientation 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

THURSDAY

-SBS Teacher In Service Day
-Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall
-Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Holy Day of Obligation; Masses: 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.
-SBS Teacher In Service Day

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
-SBS Orientation after 8 and 10 a.m. Masses, Boniface Wimmer Room
-Soul Core 6 p.m. Boniface Wimmer Room

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday August 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunken Gardens (In case of inclement weather they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Bring a Friend!

Card Party Thursday August 14, 2025

Mrs. Joanne Link, M/M Edgar Link, Jr., M/M Andrew Link, Ms. Alison Link, Mrs. Heather Link, M/M Luke Baker, Mrs. Marleena Bartlebaugh, M/M Nathan Burkhart, M/M William Frederick, M/M Gus Gabrielson, M/M Clarence Gailey, M/M Lawrence Lamont, M/M Andrew Henry, M/M John Snedden, M/M Doug McBreen



From other parishes and organizations...

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: August 17 and 31.

Music in the Park is presented by the Carrolltown Public Library, Wednesdays thru August 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carrolltown Legion Park. Come join us for an evening of live music, basket auction, 50/50, and much more. Park Concession Stand will be open. Basket donations are greatly appreciated. For more information call 814-344-6300 or visit our website: Carrolltown@cclsys.org.

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year. Families CAN afford it through generous need-based financial aid packages. The faith-based education creates opportunities for students pursuing a college education through dozens of dual enrollment classes and articulation agreements with several colleges and universities which provide financial and academic benefits to Bishop Carroll graduates. The school also has a partnership with Admiral Peary Vo-Tech for those individuals looking to enter the workforce. Visit www.bishopcarroll.com or call 814-472-7500.