

Saint Benedict Church

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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 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 19, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Vincent Eckenrode Family
6:30 p.m. +Lawrence and Mary Springer

Tuesday, January 20, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Eddie Kirkpatrick

Wednesday, January 21, Saint Agnes

8:00 a.m. +Jim Farabaugh (Birthday)

Thursday, January 22, Weekday

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Bernard Holtz Family

Friday, January 23, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Virginia Hoover

Saturday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales

4:00 p.m. +Mary Anne Campbell

Sunday, January 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Alfred and Dorothy Kline
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Monday, January 19, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, January 20, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, January 21, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, January 22, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, January 23, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 24, 4:00 p.m.

R. Deckard S. Cronan
J. Deckard J. Kline

J. Stevens

Sunday, January 25, 8:00 a.m.

Grt. Farabaugh R. Yahner
W. Rhoades G. Yeckley
A. Westrick

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

A. Groer R. Boland
O. Lechene L. Bridgman
L. Lechene C. Farabaugh

M. Farabaugh

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Erin Ranck-Gebbie, daughter of our Parishioner Miles Ranck; and the soul of our Parishioner Sarah Bearer, mother of our Parishioners Benno and Don. 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.



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.

Maurus Blessing

Saint Maur, a disciple of Saint Benedict, has been called the miracle-worker since he miraculously freed many persons from their bodily afflictions through the Sign of the Cross and the relic of the True Cross of Christ. Father Michael will give the Maurus Blessing after all the Masses this weekend.

Masses Sent to St. Vincent

The following Masses were sent to the Archabbey to be satisfied at the conventual Masses of the Benedictine Monastic Community:
+Richard Prevost and +Richard Prevost Jr. (10), +Travis L. Weber (5), Shirley Pagano (8).

Yellow Ribbon Campaign

C.C.H.L. will be holding their annual yellow ribbon campaign this weekend (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 prolifecambriasmerset.org.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Mary Grace Sherry From the Sherry Family

Pastor's Reflection

We are members of the Mystical Body of Christ, with Christ as our Head. We are not all called to the same role in the Church. God calls each person to fulfill a specific purpose. Pray to God that you may know what special vocation He has for you.

Peace,
Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

January 18, 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 1:29-34)
Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity - that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards. To be His servant is all that truly matters in this life, for us and for our children. Career paths, athletic accomplishments, the school we attend, or the city in which we live - all are secondary to the thing that matters most - that we have been called from the womb for the privilege of being God's servant.

Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same. Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family 'rank ahead' of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? Challenging questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom.

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.**

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.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Mary Grace Sherry
From the Sherry Family*



Adult Faith Formation

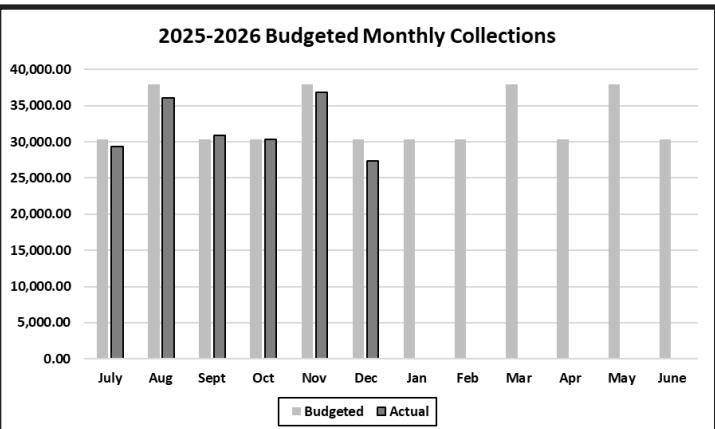
This week we are continuing our series on Metanoia, this Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses in the Boniface Wimmer Room. This week's topic is Jesus' power over the evil one.

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 pcorriigan@dioceseaj.org.

Donation Box for Victim Services

Members of our Confirmation Class are collecting new or gently used clothing, toys, and non-perishable foods for Victim Service's Domestic Violence Shelter. A donation box is located in the Narthex. Monetary donations may be put in the collection basket. Thank you.



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.

