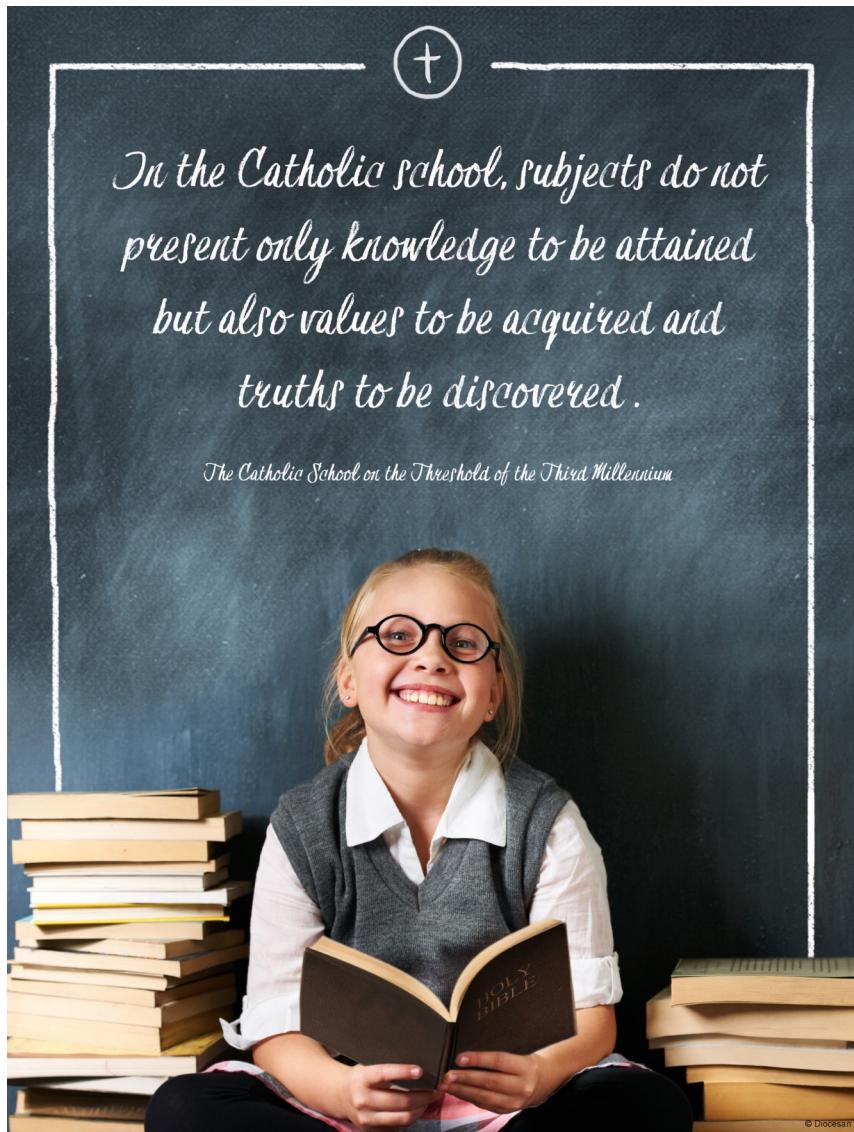


Saint Benedict Church

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Monday thru Thursday:
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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

Masses For The Week



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 26, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Richard "Lefty" Gaul (Anniversary)
6:30 p.m. +Doug Kieffer

Tuesday, January 27, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John Kelly (Anniversary)

Wednesday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 a.m. +Robert and Jeannie Himmel

Thursday, January 29, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Jim Farabaugh (Anniversary)

Friday, January 30, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +George Sutton

Saturday, January 31, Saint John Bosco

4:00 p.m. +Leonard and Corrine Cymbor

Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Monday, January 26, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, January 27, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, January 28, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, January 29, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, January 30, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 31, 4:00 p.m.

S. Fisanick	J. Kline
E. Lamb	P.J. Stevens

B.A. Bensor

Sunday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.

R. Deckard	K. Colberg
J. Deckard	M. Drahnak
C. Luke	

S. Gregory

10:00 a.m.

J. Hoover	B. Fox
C. Greene	R. Hoover
M. Greene	R. McGowan

M.C. Hoover

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.

Parish Breakfast This Sunday

The Parish breakfast is this Sunday (January 25), 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 \$12; \$6 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$12.



School Auction

St. Benedict School is currently collecting donations for our Annual Benefit Auction. If you or someone you know owns a business, provides a service, or would like to donate an item, gift card, or experience, we would be very grateful for your support. Proceeds directly benefit our students and help keep Catholic education affordable. Please contact the school office or Megan Koehle at 814-344-7201. Thank you for supporting our school.

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 "This Teaching is Hard".

Blessing of Throats



We will have blessing of throats in honor of Saint Blaise after all Masses next weekend. Saint Blaise was a doctor as well as a bishop in Armenia during the fourth century. It is believed that Blaise once healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of that, he is the patron of the sick, especially people with illnesses of the throat. It is an ancient custom to pray for good health with a blessing of throats on his feast day.

Blessing of Candles/Candlemas

On Monday, February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast occurs 40 days after Christmas. Simeon recognized Christ as the Messiah and referred to Him as the "Light of revelation to the nations." On the Feast of the Presentation, candles are traditionally blessed for use in the Church and in the home. The blessed candles will be available for purchase for those who are interested. The donation for a box of two 8 inch candles is \$4; Votive candles (all colors) are \$3. Parishioners are also invited to bring candles from home to be blessed.

Flower and Candle Memorials

Flower & Saint Joseph Candle Memorials are available for the near future dates: **Flowers:** January 31 and February 7. **Candle:** February 7. The cost of the flowers are \$70 and the cost for the candle is \$10. Please call the Parish office for requests. Thank you.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Gerry Holtz
From Marilyn Sears*

Pastor's Reflection

Before God formed us in the womb He knew us. Before any other relationship we have, we are His children. This relationship must be fostered first, before any other.

Peace,

Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

January 25, 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 4:12-23)

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do - rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism we who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin have been born again into the great light that is God's grace in us.

We have become cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life - to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do - it's who we are.

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.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **BWT Repair, 814-344-8500**, 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 Thanksgiving For
Blessings Received*



Saint Benedict School Registration



Saint Benedict School will accept registrations for the 2026-2027 academic year the week of February 2nd. Children may be enrolled for the Pre-kindergarten 3 and Pre-kindergarten 4 programs, which include religious education and a curriculum that readies pupils for success in Kindergarten. The PK3 program offers classes on Tuesday and Thursday, while the PK4 program offers 3 different options for scheduling. Children may also be enrolled for all-day kindergarten and grades 1 through 8.

Children must be three or four years old, respectively, for pre-kindergarten, five years old for kindergarten, and six years old for first grade by August 31, 2026. Children being enrolled in kindergarten should accompany their parent to Saint Benedict School on the day of registration. A birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, Baptismal certificate, and a \$40 non-refundable fee must be provided at the time of registration. Please contact the School Office at 814-344-6512 to obtain enrollment forms and to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Good Beginnings Last A Lifetime!

Quality Education

Our Parish supports Catholic Education. We encourage our students and families to consider Saint Benedict School and Bishop Carroll High School as their school of choice for quality education for life. We pray for all those who are committed to our schools, especially our teachers and staff, and we support these schools with financial assistance. Why? Because we believe in the Faith formation that is available all week long, in every classroom.

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.

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7 p.m., at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

