

Saint Benedict Church

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Monday thru Thursday:
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm
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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, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Eugene Zernick
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, April 20, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Barbara Rickard
6:30 p.m. +Merle Miller

Tuesday, April 21, Saint Anselm

8:00 a.m. +Clair and Catherine Regan

Wednesday, April 22, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mildred Cunningham

Thursday, April 23, Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Joyce Mondl

Friday, April 24, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Carmella Terizzi

Saturday, April 25, Saint Mark

4:00 p.m. +Felix and Eleanor Cymbor

Sunday, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Edgar Link
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Monday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.

L. Huber

Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, April 23, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, April 24, 8:00 p.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.

S. Fisanick	S. Gray	B.A. Bensor
L. Baker	J. Kline	

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.

Grt. Farabaugh	G. Yeckley	S. Gregory
O. Lechene	K. Colberg	
L. Lechene		

10:00 a.m.

Gav. Farabaugh	R. Boland	B. Fox
O. Farabaugh	C. Farabaugh	
A. Farabaugh	R. Hoover	

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Mother's Day. Mothers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the Church. If you are interested in honoring a special woman (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. Offering envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend. All donations for the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Altar Project.



Parish Breakfast Next Sunday



The Parish breakfast is next Sunday, April 26, 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.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, most especially for the 4:00 Saturday evening and the 10:00 Sunday morning Masses. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Ministries Drive

50 of our families have generously donated \$9,358 toward the Parish goal of \$38,800.00. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available at the Church entrances.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Giving Societies for Catholic Ministries Drive:

Loretto Mission Society. More than 200 years ago, Rev. Prince Gallitzin came to the Allegheny Mountains, bringing Catholicism to settlers living in what is now Cambria County. A Russian prince, priest, and missionary, he abandoned royal life to live one of prayer, perseverance, and suffering. Known as the Apostle of the Alleghenies, Rev. Gallitzin was a shining example of a faithful steward. Rev. Gallitzin is credited as the pioneer who led the expansion of Catholicism westward, along with descendants from his beloved Loretto Mission.

The new Loretto Mission Society was instituted in 2024 to recognize donors who generously give \$500 or more in the calendar year.

Donor levels will be as follows (for the total of all calendar year gifts):
 +\$500 - \$999 - Prince Circle +\$2,500 - \$4,999 - Missionary Circle
 +\$1,000 - \$2,499 - Priest Circle +\$5,000 + - Apostle Circle

Saint Carlo Acutis Society. Those who give online recurring gifts to our *Catholic Ministries Drive* will be recognized as members of the Saint Carlo Acutis Society. Saint Carlo Acutis helped bring many people to the Church and to love of the Eucharist. Using his own research, he began creating what would eventually become a website to catalog places associated with saints and Eucharistic miracles and to share them with others. Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi said "Carlo is a boy of our time. A boy of the internet age, and a model of holiness of the digital age, as Pope Francis presented him in his letter to young people around the world. The computer ... has become a way of going through the streets of the world, like the first disciples of Jesus, to bring to hearts and homes the announcement of true peace, that which quenches the thirst for the infinite that inhabits the human heart."



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of William Frederick, Sr. From his wife Marleen and family

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Rosella Campbell From the family



Pastor's Reflection

The hearts of the two disciples walking to Emmaus were burning within them as Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. This can't happen without faith and devotion. It also can't happen without the willingness to put in the hard work faith requires.



Peace,
Father Michael

Oblates of St. Benedict

A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, April 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "Obedience in Benedictine Spirituality," presented by Br. Hugh Lester, O.S.B., assistant to the prior of St. Vincent Archabbey and financial consultant to St. Vincent Seminary. All are welcome. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5:00 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

Also, local Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey and anyone who may be interested will meet at 6:40 p.m. on April 19 in Brownfield Room 202 of St. Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of the third 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 two days in advance at 724-805-2291.

Families and the Gospel

April 19, 2026, Third Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:13-35

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another. "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings focus on a theme of 'sojourning.' As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our 'why' for embracing the stewardship way of life - we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him - as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged - when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples from our Gospel today on the road to Emmaus - the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

Easter Special Lottery Winners

We extend a special thanks to all who bought and sold tickets for the Parish lottery. The winning numbers are as follows: April 1, #896, \$1000, winner from Ebensburg; April 2, # 221, \$1000, winner from Ebensburg; April 3, #924, \$1000, winner from Northern Cambria; April 4, #974, ticket unsold, number in reverse #479, \$1000, winner from Elmora; April 5, #534, \$5000, winner from Ebensburg.

Young Adult Group

Our next Theology on Tap is April 22nd at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. with Brother Francisco Whittaker, O.S.B. speaking on Divine Mercy. Over the last several months we have been averaging about 45 young adults per month with new members joining monthly. All young adults (18 -39) are invited! There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, April 21 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. David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry, sacramental anointing of the sick, and confessions, 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!

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



We would like to thank Tri-Country Transportation for providing a bus and driver for our Holy Thursday Pilgrimage. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Krumenacker's Builders Supply, 814-948-9595**, 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.



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, Bob Antesberger, Vickie and Paul Baran, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Cindy Bills, Lyn Bills, Ronald Bradley, Samantha Brady, 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, Tim 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, Bob Letavish, Janet McNulty, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Jessie Murphy, Denny O'Shea, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Joan Polites, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Tim Semelsberger, Sara Sharbaugh, Ron and Nancy Smychynsky, Susan Snyder, Special Intentions (12), 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.

Church Support - April 11 & 12, 2026

Offertory	5920.00
Church Improvement	2396.00
Easter	485.00
School Support	160.00
Altar Fund	125.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	90.00
Catholic Home Mission	43.00
Organ Project	10.00

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 April 23, 2026



Mrs. Janet Campbell, Ms. Christine Cantalope, Mr. Greg Cantalope, M/M James Cantalope, Mrs. Sharon Jones, Ms. Brooke Jones, Mr. Christopher Caretti, M/M Raymond Caretti, M/M Jason Carroll, M/M Frank Carruba, Miss Annette Carson, M/M Mike Cavallo, M/M Rick Cence, Miss Tiffany Cence, M/M Ben Chappel, M/M Greg Chuhran

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Soulcore 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Altar Rosary Meeting 7 p.m., Church Hall

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; Adoration until 4 p.m.
- SBS Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.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

SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m., Church

SUNDAY

- Rite of Sending at 8 and 10 a.m. Masses
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Soulcore 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

From other parishes and organizations...

Baked Chicken Meal: The Patton Council of the Knights of Columbus serve chicken meals (brined and baked) on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. till sold out in the top of Queen of Peace Social Hall. Take out only. Honk for service or come in. Cost of meal is \$12.

Hitmix Music Bingo: Saturday, April 25th at St. Francis Activity Center, 134 Barron Ave, Johnstown. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., first game beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include a turkey dinner and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase: extra bingo cards, qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar.

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED. Must be 18 or older to participate. Contact Fran King at 814-536-3667 with any questions.

Murder Mystery Dinner: Queen of Peace Activities Committee invites you to attend "A Murder Mystery Dinner" on **Saturday, May 16** at the Queen of Peace Social Hall (600 Palmer Ave, Patton). Come join us for a delicious dinner, BYOB, then mystery, music, and comedy provided by "Musical Mysteries and More" of Pittsburgh. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sale tickets are \$40 and you **must purchase before May 8**. For more info, call Jay or Patti at 814-674-5434 or Jack at 814-674-8948.

Rabies Clinic: Sunday, May 17, 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. Bring previous registrations if available. Dogs/Cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be 12 weeks to receive a rabies shot. Benefits Patton Fire Co. #1.