

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, November 23, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. +Sonny Cronauer and George and Rita Rickard
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, November 24, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and his Companions

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the William and Marleen Frederick Family
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, November 25, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Gordon and Betty Ann Farabaugh

Wednesday, November 26, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Millie Cunningham

Thursday, November 27, Weekday

9:00 a.m. Private Intention

Friday, November 28, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Josephine Hite

Saturday, November 29, Weekday

4:00 p.m. For our Emergency First Responders

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Tom Busunis Family
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family
1:00 p.m. Anointing Mass



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, November 24, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, November 25, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, November 26, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, November 27, 9:00 a.m.

S. Fisanick R. Deckard R. Hoover
E. Cunningham J. Deckard R. Boland
L. Baker

M.C. Hoover

Friday, November 28, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, November 29, 4:00 p.m.

R. Deckard P.J. Stevens
J. Deckard R. Boland

S. Boyle

Sunday, November 30, 8:00 a.m.

Grt. Farabaugh R. Yahner
A. Westrick B. Yahner
C. Luke

J. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

Gav. Farabaugh B. Fox
O. Farabaugh C. Farabaugh
A. Farabaugh R. McGowan

M. Farabaugh

1:00 p.m. Anointing Mass

R. Eckenrode S. Fisanick
E. Eckenrode

R. Hoover

M.C. Hoover

Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets

Reminder: The Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets should be turned in by this Sunday. This \$20 lottery ticket is based on the first PA 7 pm Pick 3 daily lottery number beginning this Sunday November 23rd and running through Thursday November 27th, \$9,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Your support is appreciated.



Parish Breakfast This Sunday

The Parish breakfast is this Sunday, 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.



Thanksgiving Day Food Collection

Parishioners are invited to bring food items to the Church on Thanksgiving Day. You are asked to keep these items with you in the pews and bring them up in the Offertory Procession. Large or small cash donations will also be accepted. **Those who are making monetary contributions are to label their gift "Saint Vincent de Paul Society," and place their contribution in the collection basket.**

Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Lucia Maria Luke, daughter of Kevin and Anna. We extend our love and best wishes to Lucia Maria and her parents.



Anointing Mass Next Sunday

Many Catholics are uncomfortable with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The old "Last Rites" name conveyed a fearful tone. The name change was intended to help us to see the healing nature of this Sacrament. We are urged to use it when in need of healing of both soul and body.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Birth of our Lord, our Parish will offer an **Anointing Mass in the Church next Sunday, November 30th, at 1 p.m.** If you, or someone you care about is sick, dealing with the problems that come with aging, facing surgery, or struggling with mental or emotional problems, please come and share with us the Lord's healing and strength. A reception will follow in the Church hall.

Adult Faith Formation

We are continuing our series on METANOIA. This weeks video will be about what Jesus says in Matthew, Mark and Luke, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
For the Living and Deceased Members of
the Joseph and Jean Caretti Family
From Tanya and Ray Caretti*

Pastor's Reflection

The Feast of Christ the King is not just about Christ's reign at the end of time, its about Christ being King over every aspect of our lives now. It is the duty of every Christian to pray for the coming of Christ the King because we were made to be with Him.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

November 23, 2025; Christ the King (Luke 23:35-43)

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders - stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by the way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise.

Advent Giving Tree



The Advent Giving Tree will be set up near the Sanctuary next weekend. Parishioners are invited to purchase a gift or gift card for a nursing home resident, home bound parishioner, child, or family in need. Those who would like to participate are asked to: 1. Select a tag from the tree; 2. Purchase a gift or gift card, as noted on the tag; 3. Return the gift or gift card with the tag to the tree, to the collection basket (for gift cards), or to the parish office by 10 a.m. Mass

on **Sunday, December 14th**. Thank you!

Christmas Concert

St. Benedict Church is organizing a choral concert to celebrate our 175th Anniversary. Rehearsals will be held Tuesday evenings from 6-8. All singers are invited to participate. Performance date is December 28th. See Kevin Luke for more information.

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend

*In Loving Memory of Terri Morealli
From her Loving Husband, Children
and Grandchildren*



Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Saint Benedict Church is sponsoring a Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 27th. Dinner will be **dine-in or take-out** in St. Benedict Church Hall in Carrolltown from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Delivery to shut-ins in the Carrolltown, St. Benedict and Bakerton areas. For more information please call 814-420-8420. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner, to set-up, serve, or clean-up. Please call the number above if you are able to help. Food and monetary donations toward the dinner are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the parish office; or call the number above for drop off information. Thank you.



Note From the Cemetery Association

We thank you and appreciate any and all donations received for cemetery upkeep in 2025. Donations are used to help pay for maintenance and gasoline for the mowers and weed-eating equipment; for dumpsters; materials for tombstones in need of repair; tree removal that's needed at all three cemeteries. We especially want to thank these volunteers who donated time weed eating and mowing the cemetery this year: Jim Kosto, Chris Bender, Rick & Amy Cence, Larry Cicero, Matt Ligda, Ted Westrick, and Rick Springer. Their hard work was greatly appreciated. The Association is currently looking for additional volunteers for next year to assist in this seasonal task. If you can spare a few hours of your time, please contact the Parish office.

Province of the Immaculate Conception

Franciscan Friars, TOR - Province of the Immaculate Conception 100th Jubilee. This year the Immaculate Conception Province of the Third Order Franciscans are celebrating their 100th anniversary and would love for you to join in the jubilee celebration!

When: Saturday, December 6

What: Celebration of the Eucharist at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 4 p.m.
Dinner and Dance at Altoona Grand Hotel at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person (include a buffet dinner, drink ticket, dance, silent auction, and door price entry).

RSVP: Please reserve your spot no later than Monday, November 24th at 814-695-3802. Your spot will NOT be reserved without payment.

Holiday Care Packages for St. Benedict Manor

Five members of our Confirmation class will be collecting monetary donations to purchase items for holiday care packages for residents of St. Benedict Manor. Donations will be collected in the Narthex after the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass on November 22nd and after the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass on November 23rd.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Cambria Collision, 814-344-6000**, 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, Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Lyn Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Joan Contorchick, John Contorchick, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Tim Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Suzanne Ferrence, Frannie and Bill Findley, Jr. Gailey, Mary Kay Gallagher, Jane Graffius, Fred Gresco, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Jeanine Hite, Richard Hnatkovich, Charles Holder, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Kendra Karabinos, Larry Kibler, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Robert Letavish, Theodora McConnell, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Denny O'Shea, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Special Intentions (31), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Jodi Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Benedicta Veneskey, Mary Kay Venslosky, Sara Weber, Sarah Wilson, and Brenda Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon
- 12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Church Hall

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- SBS Early Dismissal

THURSDAY

- Mass 9 a.m.
- Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Church Hall
Dine-In or Take-Out 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- NO Card Party

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- No CCD
- Anointing Mass 1 p.m., followed by a social in the Church Hall

Church Support - November 15 & 16, 2025

Offerory	7386.75
Catholic Charities	1235.50
Church Improvement	280.00
Altar Fund	275.00
School Support	260.00
Christmas	100.00
Fuel and Utilities	80.00
Adopt A Student	50.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
Immaculate Conception	50.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	35.00
Organ Fund	10.00
Maintenance	10.00
All Saints Day	5.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	5.00

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 - \$?
- Full Card - ? numbers \$?
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - \$?
- 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.



NO Card Party
Thursday November 27, 2025
Happy Thanksgiving!

12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction

The Carrolltown 12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction will be this weekend, November 22nd from 2-6 p.m. and November 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Church Hall.

From other parishes and organizations...

Music Concert: Vox Nova from Mount Aloysius College will present a choral concert on December 10th at 7 p.m. at Holy Protection Church in Revloc. The concert will be music of the Western and Eastern Catholic Churches.

Friar's Nook Gift Shop - Small Business Saturday Sale! Save 20% off the ENTIRE store November 29th including nativities, flags, home décor, cards, gifts, and much more! The Friar's Nook Gift Shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Shop hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. With any questions, please call 814-695-3802 or message us on Facebook at "The Friar's Nook Gift Shop". Closed Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.