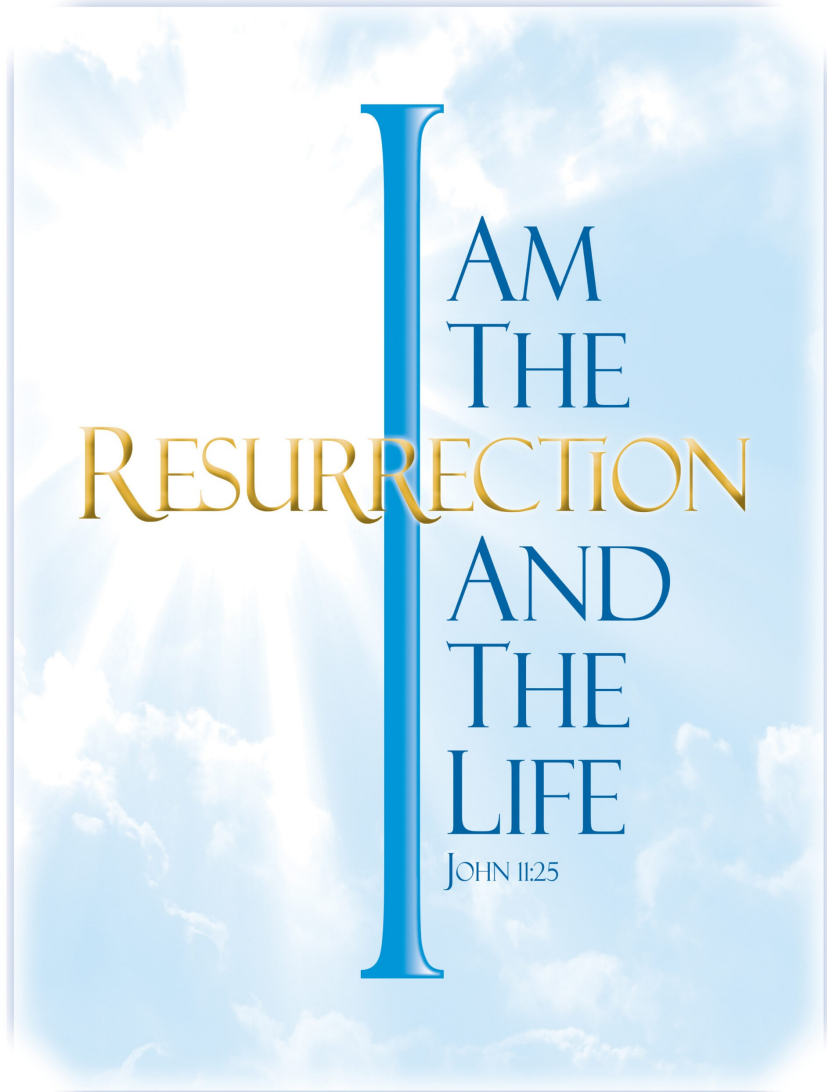


Saint Benedict Church

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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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Pastoral Staff

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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

Easter Sunday, April 20, The Resurrection of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	Private Intention
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, April 21, Octave of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Leona McCoy
6:30 p.m.	American Cassinese Congregation
Tuesday, April 22, Octave of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Felix and Eleanor Cymbor
Wednesday, April 23, Octave of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Millie Cunningham
Thursday, April 24, Octave of Easter	
8:15 a.m.	+Carmella Terizzi
Friday, April 25, Octave of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Clair and Catherine Regan
Saturday, April 26, Octave of Easter	
4:00 p.m.	+Rosella Campbell (Birthday)
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Joyce Mondì
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

	Altar Servers		Eucharistic Ministers		Lectors
Monday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.					
S. Gregory					
6:30 p.m.					
B. Fox					
Tuesday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.					
S. Cronan					
Wednesday, April 23, 8:00 a.m.					
M.C. Hoover					
Thursday, April 24, 8:15 a.m.					
SBS Children's Mass					
Friday, April 25, 8:00 a.m.					
M. Farabaugh					
Saturday, April 26, 4:00 p.m.					
R. Kirsch	J. Kline	S. Boyle			
E. Lamb	S. Cronan				
Sunday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.					
E. Cunningham	M. Drahnak	S. Gregory			
A. Westrick	K. Lallemand				
P. Cornelius					
10:00 a.m.					
Gav. Farabaugh	R. Boland	M.C. Hoover			
O. Farabaugh	R. Hoover				
Gar. Farabaugh	F. Sutton				

The Resurrection of the Lord



Today is the great day of the crucified Lord's Resurrection from the dead. This day has made all Sundays holy in our Christian calendar. Beginning today and continuing for 50 days, the Church will celebrate in joyful exultation as one feast day the Resurrection of the Lord. The ancients called this season one "great Sunday." These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the "Alleluia." The Paschal mystery unfolds — the crucified Lord is now our Risen Savior. New life is ours and the redemption of Calvary is celebrated at every Altar this Easter Day! We are renewed in our Baptismal promises.

Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle was blessed on Holy Saturday. It is marked with 5 incense nails which represent the wounds of Christ. The first and last letter of the Greek alphabet, the alpha and omega, symbolize that Christ is the beginning and end of all things. The cross in the center reminds us of the central role of Jesus' passion and death, the hope of salvation. The cross is surrounded by the numerals of the year, the "year of our Lord." The paschal candle was lit at the Easter Vigil and will remain in the sanctuary through Pentecost. It has resumed its prominent role in the Order of Christian Funerals as a symbol of our sharing in Christ's passion, death and Resurrection. During the Easter season, the Paschal candle is a significant focal point for prayer and a reminder of Christ, the Light of the World, alive in our midst.



A Word of Welcome

We welcome those of you who may be joining us for the first time, whether you are visiting from another parish or from out of town. We, as Catholics throughout the world, are united through our Faith. May you find your visit to Saint Benedict Church to be spiritually rewarding and may you feel the warmth of our hospitality.



Fifty Days of Easter

As Easter Sunday is celebrated, so are the seven Sundays that follow, concluding with Pentecost. Throughout the Easter season we recall and celebrate our Baptismal gift of new life in the crucified and risen Christ. The Easter Candle will be appropriately decorated and prominently placed in the sanctuary, and Easter hymns will continue for all of the Sundays of the Easter season.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 21st.

Jelly Beans—Meaningful Colorful Treats

Red—Blood He gave
Green—Grass he made
Yellow—Sun so bright
Orange—Edge of night



**Happy
Easter**

Black—Sins we made
White—Grace He gave
Purple—His hour of sorrow
Pink—For a new tomorrow



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

Pastor's Reflection

At the Easter Vigil we start in darkness, but at the Gloria we turn on the lights. At the proclamation of the New Testament we see Christ's Gospel enlightening the world, Satan's power was diminished. This greatest of Solemnities is God's proof that He has made good on all of His promises and always will.



Peace,
Father Michael

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend For Blessings Received



Easter Lilies

By Louise Lewin Matthews
Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
In the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

Families and the Gospel

April 20, 2025; Easter Sunday

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about - the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all. We proclaim this truth every Sunday in the Nicene Creed: "For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures." Amazing!

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we simply recite this portion of our Creed week after week, or do we live as witnesses to this glorious reality? And how are we, as Christian stewards, to live as a 'witness' all these years later without firsthand knowledge? We may have to look a little more closely to 'bear witness', but if we try then we can have just as real an experience of the empty tomb and the redeeming power of the Resurrection.

We become witnesses of His glory when we: prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us, each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation, and when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Saviour. This Easter, don't just recite the Creed - resolve to live as if it's true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!



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

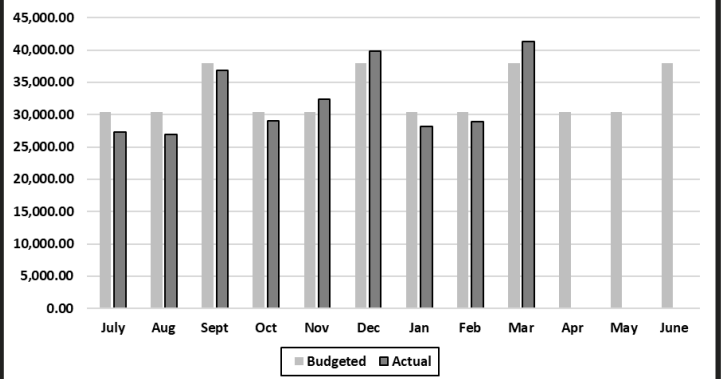
Divine Mercy Sunday

Come and join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #722 Our Lady of Victory to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet on **Sunday, April 27th at 3 p.m., here at St. Benedict Church.**

What is Divine Mercy Sunday? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today we know it as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord told St. Faustina "Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy." Everyone is welcome!

2024-2025 Budgeted Monthly Collections



Sponsor of the Week

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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, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Robert Burnette, 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, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Brother Michael Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Amanda Shank, Special Intentions (24), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

Church Support - April 12 & 13, 2025

Offertory	7977.75
Church Improvement	6267.00
Easter	2815.00
Easter Flowers	374.00
Holy Land Good Friday	169.00
Catholic Home Mission	80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00
Organ Project	55.00
Catholic Relief Services	10.00
School Support	10.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Diocese of Mandeville	10.00
Black and Indian Mission	10.00

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 - \$?
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - ? numbers \$?
- All Nighter - #1: ?

The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.

The Week Ahead

EASTER SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

MONDAY

-SBS No School
-Altar Rosary Meeting 7 p.m., Church Hall

TUESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
-SBS Council Meeting 6 p.m.
-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Festival Meeting 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
-HSA Meeting 7 p.m.

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.
-Mass 4 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
-Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
-Soulcore 6 p.m., Church Hall

Card Party Thursday April 24, 2023



ALL VOLUNTEER

If you would like to help with the lunch or donate a small gift, please call Pat Kelly at 814-948-7656

From other parishes and organizations...

Exposition, Benediction, and the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, April 27 at the Mercy Hour of 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church in Patton.

Young Adult Group (18-39): We are excited to welcome Catholic Author Mike Acquilina to speak at Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. on April 30th. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Bishop Carroll Carrollian Gala Saturday, April 26 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Event includes dinner, prizes, the presentation of awards and an online silent auction. Tickets are \$60 each and must be **reserved by Monday April 21st** by calling 814-472-7500.

International Exhibition: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Location: Saint Aloysius Community Center, 7911 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson. Exhibit Times:
-**Sunday April 27**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; All Saints School Students concert at 1 p.m.; Special Speaker - Bob Sutton at 3 p.m.
-**Monday, April 28 -Wednesday, April 30:** 9 a.m. to noon and 5-7 p.m.