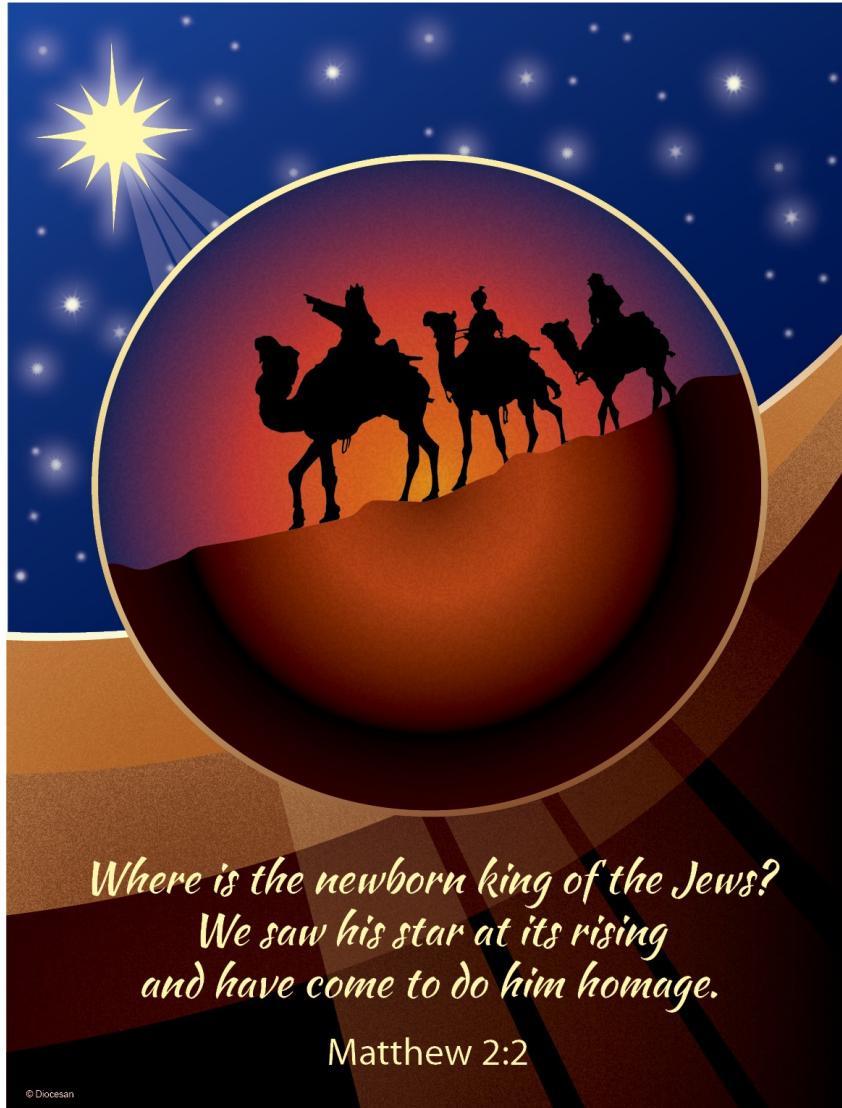


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Mission Statement

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 4, Epiphany

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

Monday, January 5, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Andrew Jim Anderson
6:30 p.m. +Joseph F. Shank, Jr.

Tuesday, January 6, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Thomas Farabaugh

Wednesday, January 7, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Anthony and +Dolores Gwizdak

Thursday, January 8, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Mary Jane Westrick

Friday, January 9, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Dominick

Saturday, January 10, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Mario Ceschini

Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +Derek Cook (Birthday)
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is the Christian festival marking the visit of the Magi to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. It was the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Until recent years the Epiphany always fell on January 6. The feast was changed to the Sunday following New Year's Day due to its importance. Rather than make it a Holy Day that would often fall on a weekday, it was given a fixed Sunday so all people could celebrate the feast. Celebrating the Epiphany in a special manner helps us remember that Christmas is a "season" and not just a day.

The word epiphany has been used in various other ways in recent years so just what does it really mean?

It is a sudden realization or a leap of understanding through an ordinary occurrence. Or an illuminating discovery, a revealing scene or moment.

Jesus' birth was all of the above. And so are many other moments in our lives. Look for them and celebrate them. (Adapted and reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "HOLIDAY SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME—Thanksgiving to Epiphany".

Maurus Blessing

Saint Maur, a disciple of Saint Benedict, has been called the miracle-worker since he has miraculously freed many persons from their bodily afflictions through the Sign of the Cross and the relic of the True Cross of Christ. The Maurus Blessing will follow after the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Thursday, January 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Monday, January 5, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, January 6, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, January 7, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

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

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, January 9, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, January 10, 4:00 p.m.

S. Fisanick	S. Gray
E. Lamb	J. Kline

S. Cronan

Sunday, January 11, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cunningham	B. Yahner
O. Lechene	R. Yahner
L. Lechene	

J. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer	R. Boland
K. Shaffer	F. Sutton
Z. Shaffer	R. McGowan

M. Farabaugh

Epiphany Water

Epiphany Water will be available Sunday, January 4th. Please bring your own Holy Water Containers. There will be some containers available.

Bible Study

Fr. Michael will be having Bible Study on Monday evenings starting January 5th, right after 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.

'Un-Decorating'

The Christmas trees, wreaths, manger, etc. need to be taken down and packed away. If you can lend a hand, please join us next Sunday, January 11th after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

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.** Thank you for your understanding and patience as we update our Prayer Chain.

Thank You

Thank you to the Confirmation Class students who have completed their projects. Each project benefited different areas in our community and made the holidays much nicer.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Bernadine, Jim and Jeff Kelly
From the Family*

Pastor's Reflection

The first time we see the second person of the Trinity is as a little baby. Why? So we wouldn't be afraid to approach Him. Who can be threatened by a little baby? This is how He draws us to Him.

Peace,

Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

January 4, 2026: Epiphany (Matthew 2:1-12)

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful! ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God's love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

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.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Birthday Remembrance of
John D. Peters
From his Wife, Children and Grandchildren*

Yellow Ribbon Campaign

C.C.H.L. will be holding their annual yellow ribbon campaign the weekend of 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.

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 pcorrigan@dioceseaj.org.



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