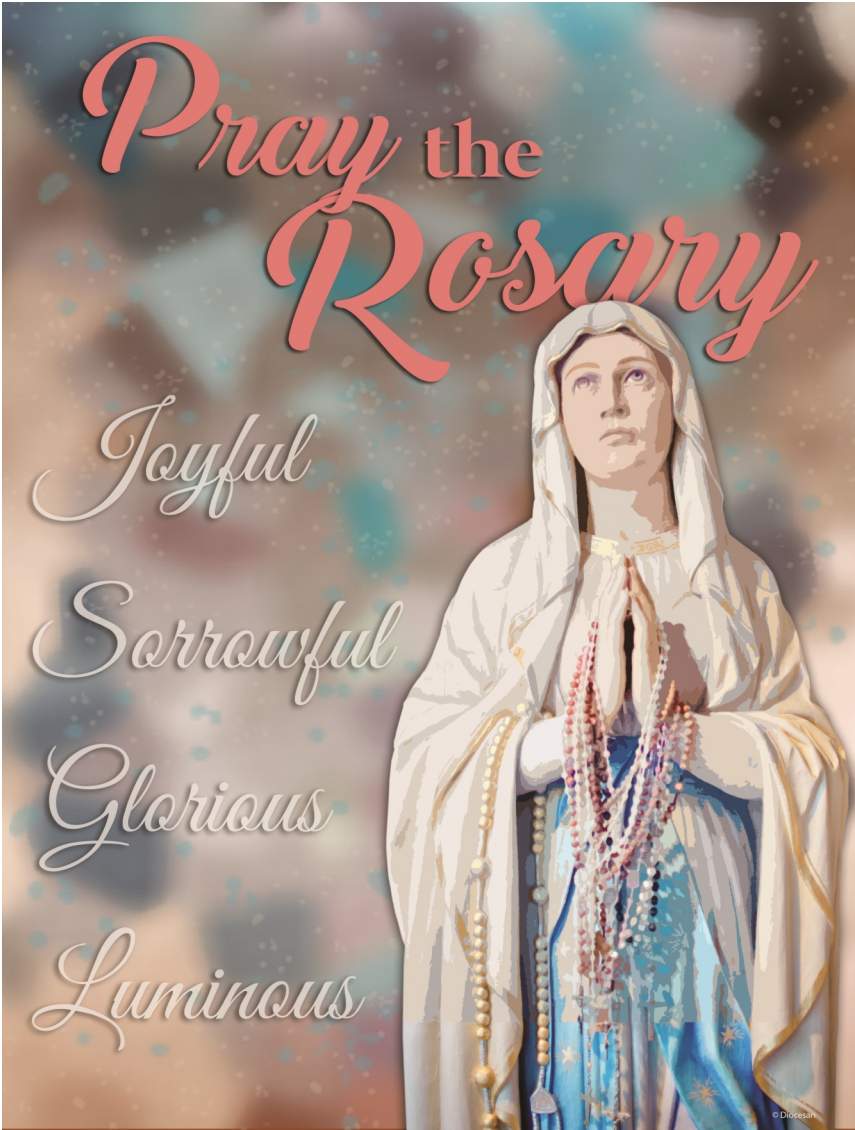


Saint Benedict Church

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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, October 19, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Rod Eckenrode
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, October 20, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Chester McCoy
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, October 21, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Tony Owens

Wednesday, October 22, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Dennis and Effie Link Family

Thursday, October 23, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Tom Murphy

Friday, October 24, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Craig Simanski

Saturday, October 25, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Alex and Mary Micco

Sunday, October 26, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Herman and Aldine Cronauer
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

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

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, October 21 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

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

M.C. Hoover

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

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, October 24, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

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

E. Farabaugh J. Kline
M. Farabaugh P.J. Stevens

S. Boyle

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

A. Westrick M. Drahnak
Grt. Farabaugh K. Lallemand
S. Cunningham
W. Rhoades

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

G. Farabaugh C. Farabaugh
O. Farabaugh B. Fox
A. Farabaugh R. Hoover
J. Hoover

M. Farabaugh



Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate Gordon Hines and Anya Lallemand who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Joseph Mission Church on October 11th. We pray that the Lord will bless them with the courage and strength it takes to remain in His love, and that, in love, they will find happiness grow deeper each day.

Special Memorial Mass

A special Memorial Mass for our Parishioners who have been buried from Saint Benedict within the past 12 months will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 8 a.m. All Parishioners and friends are invited to join in this beautiful act of remembrance on behalf of the family members and friends of the deceased.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will continue next Sunday, October 26th at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Boniface Wimmer Room with Session 3: Creator of Heaven and Earth.

High School Seniors

You are invited to the first in a series of active, inspiring, age-appropriate opportunities: **A guided small group tour of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** with Msgr. Stanley Carson; Sunday, October 26th from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

This is a unique opportunity to join Msgr. Carson to learn more about our beautiful Cathedral's history, architecture, rich art and stained-glass that together symbolize the presence of God in a different and transformed world. Invite a friend to join you!

RSVP interest: akcurtis@verizon.net.

Parish Breakfast Next Sunday



The Parish breakfast is next 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.

Oblates of Saint Benedict

A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, October 19, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "Acedia (Spiritual Sloth)," and Br. Emanuel da Costa, O.S.B., a student at St. Vincent Seminary from São Bento Priory in Vinhedo, Brazil, will be the presenter. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

Local Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey and anyone else who may be interested will meet at 6:40 p.m. on October 19 in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of another of a series of discussion from the book *The Grace to Desire It: Meditations on St. Benedict's Twelve Degrees of Humility* by Dom Pius Mary Noonan, O.S.B.

Supper at 5:35 p.m. in the Eichstätt Dining Room (guest dining room.) Please call Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291, if you plan to attend supper.

*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory
Of Clyde and Posie Kelly
From Fred and Naomi Burgeson*



Pastor's Reflection

Prayer is not optional. Jesus prayed and commanded us to pray as well. Prayer is lifting the heart to God and recognizing that He is our creator and is due our worship. It also reminds us that we are nothing without Him.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

October 19, 2025; 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 18:1-8)

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. They are intentionally presented in this order, with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense.

However, those who are already well-versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship, know well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our job, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer, and we must lean on each other in our communities - family and parish - as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

Month of the Rosary

October is month of the Rosary. Many graces and favors are obtained for those who recite it regularly. Rosary Packets are located at the entrances to the Church. Please feel free to take them.



Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Lantzy Insurance Agency, 814-344-6536** 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 Tony Melchiorre at 717-421-3242.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
In Loving Memory of
Michael Lutak
From Robert and Mary Catherine Hoover*



Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society would like to thank all who supported their fall pie and homemade chicken noodle soup sale. The donations of flour and Crisco were greatly appreciated and helped defray the cost of the pies.

Advent Giving Tree

Plans have begun for our Advent Giving Tree program. If you are aware of a Parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home, or of a family in need of a little extra help, please contact the Parish Office.

Are You Registered?

Do you receive Parish mailings or envelopes? If not, you probably are not a registered member of the Parish. Parish registration becomes important when you make plans for Baptism, Marriage and Funerals, or if you plan to act as a sponsor for someone being Baptized or Confirmed. If you are not registered, consider registering now! Stop or call the Parish Office at 344-6548, Ext. 1.

Bishop Carroll Mass of Remembrance

Bishop Carroll's 21st Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 4 p.m. The Mass will be held in the Bishop Carroll Chapel in honor of alumni, faculty and staff who have gone to their eternal rest. A reception will follow in the Ursula Pawlowski Media Center. All are welcome to attend. If handicap access is needed, please let the office know. For more information, call (814) 472-7500/104 to speak with Pam Illig, Alumni Relations.

Advent Series at St. Bernardine Monastery

Please join us as we prepare for the Advent season with our four-part Wednesday series! The weekly series will begin at 10 a.m. and include a class, Mass, and lunch with the friars. The series dates are as follows:

November 19th, December 3rd, 10th and 17th. NOTE: NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 26TH.

All classes are at ST. Bernardine Monastery located at 768 Monastery Rd, Hollidaysburg.

Registration is required and the deadline to register is November 14th. Space is limited, so please register early at 814-695-3802.

Grief Heals with Kindness Presentation

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be presenting a Community-Wide Grief Presentation **"Grief Heals with Kindness"**. This one-day event will be held at **3 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2025**. Come and discover the stages of grief and the corresponding forms of caregiving for each stage. This workshop will emphasize on the importance of expressing one's feelings and needs to others, as well as encouraging them to make decisions about activities in which to participate, who to be with and how to regain a sense of control. **Adults in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are welcome to attend.** Tickets are not required. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmir@icloud.com.



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: Dorothy Anna, Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Lyn Bills, Terry Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Kevin Caldwell, 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, 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, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Special Intentions (29), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Cindy Vallery, 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
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- Home School Association Meeting, 7 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

- SBS Children's Liturgy 8:15 a.m.
- Scrip sold 9 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- OCIA 5:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
- 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.
- Basket Auction, Church Hall

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Basket Auction, Church Hall
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Church Support - October 11 & 12, 2025

Offerory	7711.75
Church Improvement	1095.00
Tree of Life	772.00
Altar Fund	472.00
School Support	200.00
All Souls Day	190.00
All Saints Day	90.00
Organ Fund	60.00
Benedictine Appeal	50.00
World Mission Sunday	35.00
Maintenance Fund	30.00
Cemetery Maintenance	20.00

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.

Card Party Thursday October 23, 2025



M/M Jonathan Rezk, M/M Richard Rezk, M/M William Rhoades, Mrs. Mary Rieger, M/M Charles Ropp, M/M Mike Ryan, Ms. Beverly Sauer, Abigail Sclesky, M/M Anthony Sclesky, Mrs. Eva Eagler, M/M Isaac Sclesky, M/M Joseph Sclesky, M/M Richard Sclesky, M/M Tim Semelsberger, M/M Justin Shaner

From other parishes and organizations...

Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming: Sunday, October 19, Patton Fire Hall, 410 Magee Avenue, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Cost:** Rabies Shot - \$15; Distemper/Parvo - \$20; Grooming (Ears/Nails) - \$10. Cash Only. Please bring previous registration if available. Dogs/Cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be 12 weeks old to receive a Rabies Shot. Proceeds benefit the Patton Fire Co. #1.

Saint Bernard Ham Dinner: Saint Bernard Church, Hastings will hold a Ham Dinner on October 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost \$15. Eat-In or Take-Out. Menu: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Pasta Salad, Vegetable & Bread Pudding. A Freezer Sale will also be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fatima, Lourdes, & Shrines of Spain: Deacon Nelson Lowes from Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi parishes in Johnstown invites you to join him and his travel companions on an enriching journey to Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Montserrat, and Barcelona; May 7 to May 19, 2026. For more details, visit Epic Journeys Tours (<https://www.epicjourneystours.com/tours/fatima-lourdes-shrines-of-spain/>). There are only a few spots left, so don't miss out on this opportunity to experience an unforgettable trip that is longer and more affordable than similar tours currently being offered.