

Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

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



Mass
Intentions

Sunday, October 26, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Herman and Aldine Cronauer

10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, October 27, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Judy Owens

6:30 p.m. +Theodore and Stephanie Tucker

Tuesday, October 28, Saints Simon and Jude

8:00 a.m. +Gregory and Mary Buck

Wednesday, October 29, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Rose Sharbaugh

Thursday, October 30, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Rose Bogus

Friday, October 31, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Melinda Stevens Family

Saturday, November 1, All Saints

8:00 a.m. Commemoration of All Souls

4:00 p.m. +Bo Campbell (Birthday)

Sunday, November 2, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary and Holy Name Societies

10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Recently Deceased of Our Parish

A special Memorial Mass for our Parishioners who have passed from St. Benedict Church within the past 12 months will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m. All families and friends are invited to join in this beautiful act of remembrance. Reception to follow in the Church Hall.

Throughout the month of November we pray for those who have gone before us, especially our Parishioners who have died between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025:

Thomas James Lacey	86	John Peters	91
Donna Shero	82	Allen Thomas	68
Edward Farabaugh	62	Richard Karlheim	70
Margaret Buck	67	Eric Eckenrode	51
Odessa V. Morris	95	John Thomas Jackson	86
Esther E. Selesky	90	Michael Rosmus	70
Carolyn Vermeulen	81	Monica Aileen Lantzzy	71
Shirley S. Pagano	87	Syvilla Serlesky	87
Pauline A. Polites	88	Donna L. Lessard	86
Michael S. Korall	82	Rebecca Sherry	87
Francis G. Koltz	67	Dorothy Plouse	81
Theresa P. Morealli	71	Douglas Kieffer	88
Mary Dumm	94	Virginia Morealli	92
Richard S. Zaligznock, Sr.	78	Mary Lou Farabaugh	91



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

<u>Monday, October 27, 8:00 a.m.</u>		S. Gregory
<u>6:30 p.m.</u>		B. Fox
<u>Tuesday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.</u>		S. Cronan
<u>Wednesday, October 29, 8:00 a.m.</u>		M.C. Hoover
<u>Thursday, October 30, 8:15 a.m.</u>		
SBS Children's Mass		
<u>Friday, October 31, 8:00 a.m.</u>		M. Farabaugh
<u>Saturday, November 1, 8:00 a.m.</u>		M.C. Hoover
H. Shaffer	R. Boland	
K. Shaffer	R. Hoover	
<u>4:00 p.m.</u>		
R. Deckard	R. Boland	K. Farabaugh
J. Deckard	S. Cronan	
<u>Sunday, November 2, 8:00 a.m.</u>		
E. Cunningham	R. Yahner	J. Yahner
S. Cunningham	B. Yahner	
O. Lechene		
L. Lechene		
<u>10:00 a.m.</u>		
G. Farabaugh	R. Bridgman	B. Fox
O. Farabaugh	L. Bridgman	
A. Farabaugh		
A. Groer		

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Joseph Ciccotelli. May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you, and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

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.



Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will continue next Sunday, November 2nd at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Boniface Wimmer Room.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Dick Yarko
From his Wife Lee and Children*

Pastor's Reflection

A wise monk at St. Vincent Monastery said that every time we point the finger at someone there are three more pointing back at us. Self-righteousness can be conquered by continually examining every aspect of our lives.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

October 26, 2025; 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 18:9-14)

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

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 **Smith Coal & Oil, 814-948-4708**, 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
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From his Wife Lee and Children*



Shut-Ins and Nursing Home Residents

It is important for our parish office to keep updated records of our Parishioners who are confined to their homes, as well as those residents of nursing homes or personal care facilities. If you are aware of a Parishioner who is homebound or resides in a nursing home, please contact the parish office.

Help Needed with Advent Giving Tree

Plans have begun for our Advent Giving Tree program. We are asking for volunteers to help with this years program. If you are interested in helping, we will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Boniface Wimmer Room.

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.

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.

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 4th 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. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour,
Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 a.m.



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, Liam Argento, Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Lyn Bills, Terry 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, 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, Larry Kibler, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Theodora McConnell, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb 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, Jodi 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
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Basket Auction, Church Hall
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- Blood Drive 1-6:30 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

- All Souls Day Mass 8 a.m.
- Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Confirmation Sponsor Meeting 8:45 a.m., Church Hall
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Church Support - October 18 & 19, 2025

Offertory	7071.00
World Mission Sunday	709.00
Church Improvement	383.00
Altar Fund	250.00
Maintenance	240.00
Tree of Life	105.00
School Support	100.00
All Souls Day	43.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00
Catholic Charities	25.00
All Saints Day	21.00
Organ Fund	10.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	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 - \$?
- 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 30, 2025



M/M Ken Schall, M/M Jonathan Schall, M/M Joshua Schall,
M/M Mason Koehle, M/M Alex Swope, M/M Joseph Schirf,
M/M Lucas Schirf, Mrs. Marilyn Schirf, Ms. Janice
Silverstein, M/M John Shoemaker, M/M Greg Shoemaker,
M/M Thomas Hunter, Mrs. George Scott, M/M Michael
Sekerak, M/M Scott Sekerak, M/M Don Sell

From other parishes and organizations...

Pork & Sauerkraut Supper: Sunday, November 2nd, ST. John the Baptist Social Hall, Summerhill. Take out only - Drive Thru. \$15/dinner. 4:00 p.m. until sold out. Everyone is welcome.

Wine Festival: Saturday, November 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Wine tasting and sales. Numerous wineries, distillery, gourmet food, bakery confections, basket raffle, cork draw game, jewelry, candles, crafts, smoked meat and cheese & more. Drawing at 8 p.m. for cash prizes totaling \$25,000. Music by Second Street. Admission - \$25 tickets, available now or at the door. Must be 21, proper ID required.

Young Adult Group: Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday, October 29th at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. with Fr. Richard Tomkoski speaking on All Souls, All Saints, and Purgatory. We are hosting our first Trivia Night on November 14th at 6 p.m. at the Catholic War Vets. We are already scheduling speakers into 2026 including Religious and Diocesan Priests, Laypeople, Religious Sisters and even an Archbishop! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.