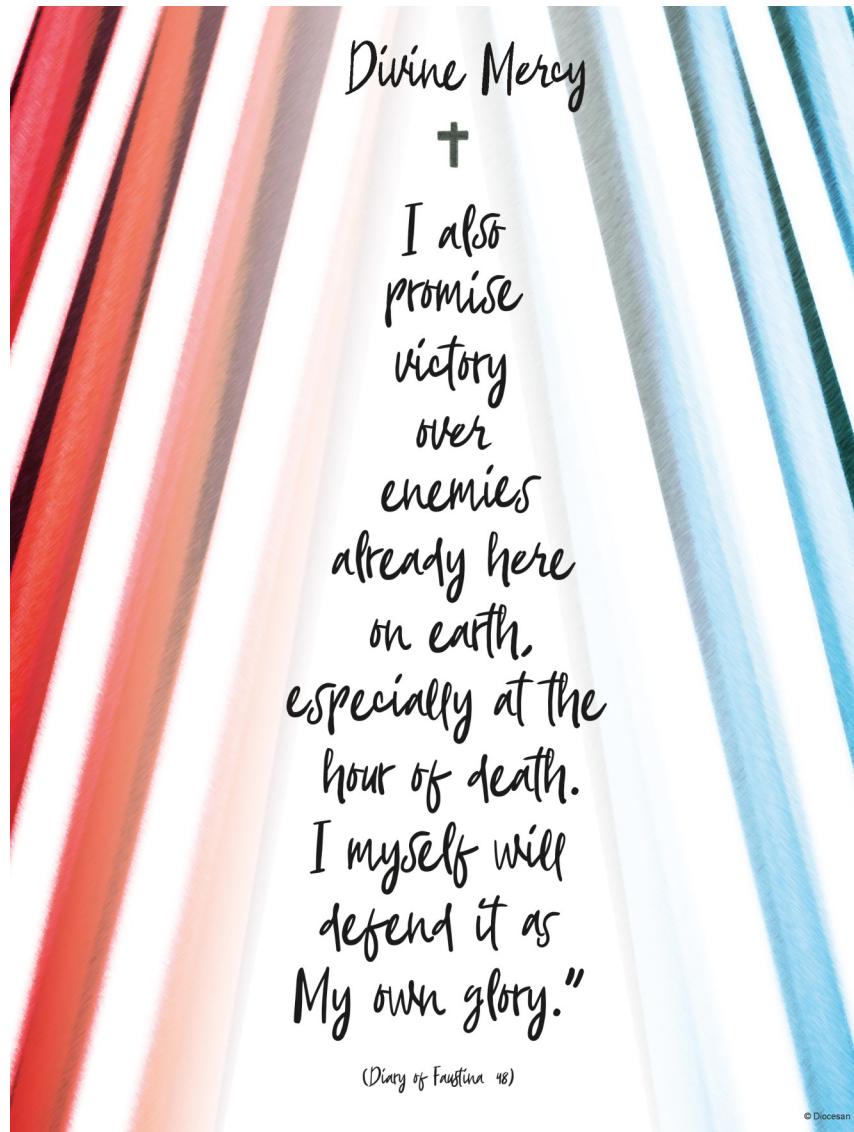


Saint Benedict Church

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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



Sunday, April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday	
8:00 a.m.	+Thomas Vallery
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, April 13, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Thomas Bearer, Sr.
6:30 p.m.	+Josephine Dominick
Tuesday, April 14, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Mary "Dee" Dumm
Wednesday, April 15, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Earl and Rosemary Boland Family
Thursday, April 16, Easter Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Ben and Mary Etta Yeckley Family
Friday, April 17, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+William T. Farrell
Saturday, April 18, Easter Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	+Rosella Campbell (Birthday)
Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Eugene Zernick
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

Monday, April 13, 8:00 a.m.		
		S. Gregory
6:30 p.m.		
		B. Fox
Tuesday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.		
		L. Huber
Wednesday, April 15, 8:00 a.m.		
		M.C. Hoover
Thursday, April 16, 8:15 a.m.		
		SBS Children's Mass
Friday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.		
		M. Farabaugh
Saturday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.		
E. Lamb	R. Boland	J. Stevens
L. Baker	S. Cronan	
Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m.		
K. Shaffer	R. Yahner	J. Yahner
Z. Shaffer	B. Yahner	
C. Luke		
10:00 a.m.		
R. Eckenrode	B. Fox	M. Farabaugh
E. Eckenrode	R. Bridgman	
J. Wolfe	L. Bridgman	

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Paul Boslet, husband of our Parishioner Mary Anne and father of our Parishioner Paul; the soul of our Parishioner Daniel Strong, son of our Parishioners Ken and Susan; and the soul of Nancy Solnosky, mother of our Parishioner Lori Gwizdak. 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.



Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience
your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength
they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday

There will be Exposition & Benediction and the Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queen of Peace Church, Patton, on Sunday, April 12 at the Mercy Hour of 3 p.m.

Celebrating the Easter Season

Lent is long - forty days; but the Easter Season is even longer - 50 days! Obviously the Church wants us to rejoice and celebrate the "Feast of Feasts" for more than a day. After all, good is triumphant over evil, and our God is willing to share his risen life with us, so that we, too, can live forever. As disciples of Christ we know that, but is it evident in our homes?

Through the 50 days of the Easter Season, remind the members of your "little home church" of their Easter faith. Proclaim your Christian identity to all who visit.

- ♥ Include a potted Easter flower on the kitchen table.
- ♥ Make an "Alleluia" sign and post it in a prominent place.
- ♥ Meet at the "Alleluia" sign for a bedtime hug.
- ♥ Use a white tablecloth (plastic or cloth) at mealtimes to remind us of this holy season.
- ♥ Light an Easter candle or plain white candle at the evening meal from Easter to Pentecost. As it is being lit, say, "Christ is the Light of the World."
- ♥ A sung or said "Alleluia" might be added to the meal prayer.

Reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "A CHANGE OF HEART - Lent and Easter at Home."



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received From Chad, Ashley, Jason and Jhett Hoover

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received From Chad, Ashley, Jason and Jhett Hoover



Pastor's Reflection

The past Easter accounts show a church growing day by day. The mystics say that the reason the early church grew as it did was because of the prayers of our Blessed Mother. Our Easter joy should include prayers to her and thanksgiving for all she has done.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

April 12, 2026, Divine Mercy Sunday John 20: 19-31
"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrated by their parents. "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar.

Stewardship Reflections

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for and confidence in the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and reminds us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes this beautiful way of life as it was practiced by the first Christians. "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." And "they ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people." This is a snapshot of the very first community of Christian stewards living out their daily life - embracing prayer (the breaking of the bread), formation (the teaching of the apostles), hospitality (the communal life and fellowship through joyful meals together) and mutual service. What an inspiration to us modern-day stewards!

There's a bit of nobility in the worst of human beings because all are made in God's image and that image can never be completely effaced or lost. Even the man who has decided to have nothing whatsoever to do with God isn't frozen in that state of mind. Deep in the roots of his being - just because he is created in the Divine Image - there is an ever-present tug toward his Maker.

It is the privilege of Christophers to help him become aware of this tremendous attraction. They can honestly say to anyone, with little danger of hurting his feelings: **"There's a lot of good in you!"** With a kind word or a friendly glance they can do much to inspire confidence. They never write anybody off!

No matter how desperate the case, no matter how ignoble the character, there is always hope!

"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

O Lord, help us to see Thy image in each human being and to love him because he was made by Thee and for Thee.

"Three Minutes a Day." "Christopher Thoughts for Daily Living"
Fr. James Keller, M.M. © 1949

Oblates of St. Benedict

A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, April 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "Obedience in Benedictine Spirituality," presented by Br. Hugh Lester, O.S.B., assistant to the prior of St. Vincent Archabbey and financial consultant to St. Vincent Seminary. All are welcome. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5:00 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

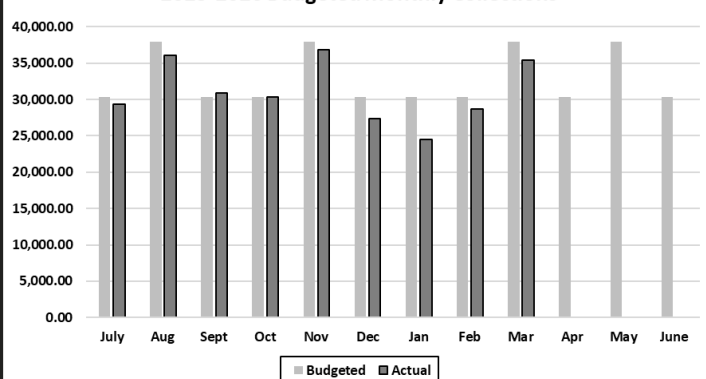
Also, local Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey and anyone who may be interested will meet at 6:40 p.m. on April 19 in Brownfield Room 202 of St. Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of the third of a series of discussions from the book *Holy Silence; A Practical Guide to Recollection in God* by Fr. Basil Nortz, O.R.C. Supper at 5:35 in the Eichstätt Dining Room (guest dining room) will be available. If you plan to attend supper, please phone Fr. Donald at least two days in advance at 724-805-2291.

A Fisherman's Prayer



God Grant... "That I may live to fish until my dying day, And when my final cast is made and life has slipped away, I pray that God's great landing net will catch me in its sweep And in His mercy, God will judge me big enough to keep."
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2025-2026 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: Denny Abrams, Dorothy Anna, Bob Antesberger, Vickie and Paul Baran, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Cindy Bills, Lyn Bills, Ronald Bradley, Samantha Brady, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Nancy Crawford, Cindy Daisley, Nevaeh Delgado, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Tim Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Frannie and Bill Findley, Denise Fogle-Robbins, Jr. Gailey, Mary Kay Gallagher, Ida Gobris, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Kendra Karabinos, Bernice Kline, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Stephen Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Bob Letavish, Janet McNulty, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Jessie Murphy, Denny O'Shea, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Joan Polites, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Tim Semelsberger, Sara Sharbaugh, Ron and Nancy Smychynsky, Susan Snyder, Special Intentions (11), Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Jodi Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Fred Strittmatter, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Jean Westover, and Sarah Wilson.

Church Support - April 4 & 5, 2026

Easter	16,239.08
Offertory	6238.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	1549.00
Altar Fund	1100.00
Church Improvement	427.00
Organ Project	180.00
Easter Flowers	80.00
Catholic Home Mission	80.00
School Support	50.00

Bingo on Tuesday



Join us every Tuesday for a fun night of Bingo
Doors Open @ 4 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5 p.m.
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow

- Admissions \$16 20 Regular Games
 - 5 Specials • Early Bird
 - Fast Bingo
 - \$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.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Parent Meeting for students entering 9th, 10th and 11th grades in September, 8:45 a.m., Church Hall
- First Communion meeting, 11:15 a.m., Church Hall

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Oblate Meeting 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- HSA Meeting 7 p.m., Church Hall

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
- 2nd Grade First Communion Retreat, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Hall

SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m., Church
- Disciple Event, Confirmation Class, Candidate and Sponsor/Parent 9-11 a.m., Church Hall

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Soulcore 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Card Party Thursday April 16, 2026



M/M Dave Conrad, M/M David M. Conrad, Mrs. Mary Ann Cook, M/M Larry Cicero, Mrs. Gretta Cronauer, Mr. Scott Cronauer, M/M Otto Cronan, M/M Dave Ciezobka, M/M Dave Kline, M/M Anthony DeSalvo, M/M Tom Donahue, Miss Lisa Dillon, M/M Kevin Hite, Ms. Donna Eastbourn

From other parishes and organizations...

Pilgrimage to Italy: Hosted by Fr. Jeremy Mohler & St. Catherine's Parish, Duncansville. 11 days: November 9-19, 2026. For more information contact St. Catherine Parish by phone: 814-696-4126 or email: stcatherinesienaduncansville@dioceseaj.org.

Hitmix Music Bingo: Saturday, April 25th at St. Francis Activity Center, 134 Barron Ave, Johnstown. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., first game beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include a turkey dinner and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase: extra bingo cards, qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED.** Must be 18 or older to participate. Contact Fran King at 814-536-3667 with any questions.

Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner: Sunday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Bernard Church, Hastings. Menu includes: Stuffed Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Pasta Salad, Gravy, Applesauce and Mixed Vegetables. Cost \$15, Eat-In or Take-Out.

The **Bishop Carroll Drama Club** is proud to present the musical "Newsies"! This musical is based on the real-life events of the 1899 New York newsboys' strike. The musical will take place April 16th - 18th at Bishop Carroll. Doors open at 6:30, the curtain rises at 7:00. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and can only be purchased at the door.