

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, August 31, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Roy and Regina Baker Family
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, September 1, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +William McCabe

Tuesday, September 2, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jeanine Hite
6:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Rubert and Helen Kirkpatrick Family

Wednesday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great

8:00 a.m. +Maurita Grimes

Thursday, September 4, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Jean Lantz

Friday, September 5, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, September 6, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Rosella Campbell (Anniversary)

Sunday, September 7, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, September 1, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

Tuesday, September 2, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Wednesday, September 3, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, September 4, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, September 5, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, September 6, 4:00 p.m.

S. Fisanick	S. Gray
E. Lamb	J. Kline
L. Baker	P.J. Stevens

J. Stevens

Sunday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham	R. Yahner
S. Cunningham	B. Yahner

J. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer	R. Boland
K. Shaffer	L. Bridgman
J. Hoover	R. Bridgman

B. Fox

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Dorothy Plouse, mother of our Parishioner Bonnie Westrick; and the soul of Rebecca Sherry, sister of our Parishioners Ann Bilko and Patrick Sherry. 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.

Altar Server Training

Father Michael will conduct Altar Server Training on Saturday, September 20th at 9 a.m. Children in our Parish who are in the 3rd grade and above are invited to minister as Altar Servers. Servers function at Mass, Stations of the Cross, and other Liturgies.



October Gun Raffle Ticket

Saint Benedict Home School Association is sponsoring an October Gun Raffle, from October 1 thru October 31, 2025. The winning numbers will be determined by The First 7:00 p.m. Pick 4 PA Daily Lottery Number. Tickets can be obtained from Saint Benedict School, Parish Office, or Scrip table. The donation is \$20. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Home School Association.

Change of Monday Evening Mass

Due to Labor Day Holiday on Monday, the evening Mass has been moved to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend

Sunday, **September 21** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 28** in **JOHNSTOWN** AT St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

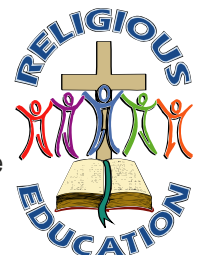
Adoration and Benediction

This month's Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction for the sick of our Parish will be on **Monday, September 8th**, the birthday of Mary.

CCD News

CCD Registration will be in the Church Hall after all Masses next weekend, September 6th and 7th.

CCD Classes begin Sunday September 14th in the school building Grades 7-11 will be from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and Grades K-6 will be from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.





*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
For the Living and Deceased Members
Of the Hoover and Harshbarger Families
From Chad, Ashley, Jason and Jhett*

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
For the Living and Deceased
Members of the Hoover and
Harshbarger Families
From Chad, Ashley, Jason and Jhett*



Pastor's Reflection

A monk once said to me, "Humility is a virtue I admire most - in others." How true is this. We admire it in others but have a hard time perfecting it ourselves. Humility is the queen of all virtues because you can't have any other virtues without having humility first.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

August 31, 2025; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

September 1, 2025 Labor Day (Luke 4:16-30)

Labor Day we celebrate our ability to respond to the challenge of Genesis. Our labor an opportunity to enter into partnership with The Creator, unfolding the possibilities within ourselves and within our world through the creative skills planted within us.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who's) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities - our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility - recognizing that we are all 'little' ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **AMERISERV, 1-800-837-BANK**, 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.

Benedictine Annual Appeal

Education Health Care

Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe PA 15650

For nearly 150 years, the Saint Vincent Benedictines have been doing God's work in this world by responding to the spiritual and educational needs of people at home and in missionary fields abroad.

We express our sincere gratitude for your support of our community's work in the past, and now invite you to be partners with us in the future.

We ask you to be as generous as you can in your response to our Benedictine Annual Appeal. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this Saturday and Sunday.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Bus Trip

To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Friday, October 17. Trip will include tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back for dinner on your own. To make reservations beginning August 4th, please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 or email jthompson@dioceseaj.org or Suzanne Barry 814-695-5579 or email sbarry@dioceseaj.org. The cost of trip is \$60/person which includes gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. from the Giant Eagle/McDonalds parking lot in Ebensburg.

St. Bernardine Monastery

The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days. Each workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars. The workshop themes are as follows:

- * Sept 10th: The Mass and Church Symbols (register by Sept 5th)
- * Oct 8th: History of the Immaculate Conception Province (register by Oct 3rd)

The Monastery is located at 768 Monastery Rd., Hollidaysburg, PA. Space is limited. Register by calling 814-695-3802.

Bishop's Night of Vocations 2025

Who do you know that's hearing the call ... maybe it's you?

Is God calling you to a life of service as a Permanent Deacon? Deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others and calling God's people into service.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to a special evening of inspiration, discernment, and fellowship. Meet current Deacons, Candidates, their wives, as well as others who are discerning their vocation.

Location: U.S. Hotel & Tavern - 401 S. Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg.

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by September 2; call 814-361-2000

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, 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, 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, Jeanine Hite, Charles Holder, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Matthew Senko, Special Intentions (29), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Mary Kay Venslosky, Sara Weber, and Sarah Wilson.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- SBS No School

TUESDAY

- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration, Benediction at 3:55 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
- Monthly Communion Calls
- 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
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

- Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- First Friday Devotions and confession

SATURDAY

- First Saturday Mass and Devotions 8 a.m.
- Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.
- CCD Registration, 5 p.m., Church Hall

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Registration after Masses, Church Hall
- Soul Core 6 p.m. Boniface Wimmer Room

Church Support - August 23 & 24, 2025

Offerory	7127.75
Altar Fund	1910.00
Franciscan Mission Service	1768.00
Church Improvement	280.00
Adopt A Student	195.00
School Support	150.00
Cemetery Maintenance	120.00
Assumption	105.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	70.00
Tree of Life	50.00
Catholic University	50.00
Organ Fund	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 - \$422+ • Full Card - 53 numbers \$575
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$205+
- 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 September 4, 2025



M/M Doug McNulty, M/M George McNulty, M/M James McNulty, Mr. Shawn McNulty, Mrs. Thelma McNulty, Bonnie Mihalow, Ms. Cynthia Miller, M/M Andrew Miller, M/M David A. Miller, Ms. Vanessa English, M/M Eugene Miller, M/M Harry Miller, Ms. Jean Miller, M/M Joseph Miller, Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Ms. Michelle Miller, M/M William Miller, M/M Ron Mock

From other parishes and organizations...

Outdoor Masses are held at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday evening including Labor Day Weekend at 7:00 PM. **Please bring a lawn chair, as there is no seating provided.** The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to the Shrine will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3 - 6 p.m. for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: August 31.

44th Anniversary Birth of Mary Celebration: Monday September 8 at Saint Catherine of Siena Church & Fatima Shrine, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville. **Mass times:** 7:45 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine. *Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather the outdoor Mass will be celebrated in church.*

Rosary: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.

-Food, exhibits, religious raffle, rosary makers, and crafts in the church hall.

-Following morning Mass - coffee and donuts in church hall.

-Conclude the day with birthday cake and beverages for ALL in the church hall.