

# 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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### Pastoral Staff

Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.....Pastor  
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Jeannine M. Cymbor.....Business Manager  
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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, July 27, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Michelle Sutton  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

### Monday, July 28, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Eric Eckenrode  
6:30 p.m. +John T. Jackson, Jr.

### Tuesday, July 29, Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:00 a.m. +Josephine Morealli (Birthday)

### Wednesday, July 30, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ben Yeckley

### Thursday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 a.m. +Edna Westrick

### Friday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

### Saturday, August 2, Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Jeremy Monborne

### Sunday, August 3, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

### Monday, July 28, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

### 6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

### Tuesday, July 29, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

### Wednesday, July 30, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

### Thursday, July 31, 8:00 a.m.

L. Huber

### Friday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

### Saturday, August 2, 4:00 p.m.

R. Kirsch R. Boland  
S. Fisanick S. Cronan

J. Stevens

### Sunday, August 3, 8:00 a.m.

R. Deckard C. Schall  
J. Deckard K. Schall

G. Yahner

### 10:00 a.m.

G. Farabaugh R. Hoover  
O. Farabaugh R. McGowan  
A. Groer R. Boland

M.C. Hoover

## Sunday Festival Schedule

- ♦ Chicken Dinner with Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ♦ Food
  - \*Ethic Food: Haluski, Pigs-in-the Blanket, Pierogi
  - \*Hot Sausage, Hamburgers, Chicken Strips, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Pizza
  - \*Funnel Cakes, Deep Fried Oreos
  - \*Bubble Tea, Soda, and Water
- ♦ Beer Tent
- ♦ Activities
  - \*Games, Inflatables
  - \*Grocery Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, 50/50
  - \*Large Basket Auction (in the school building)
  - \*Bingo
  - \*Big money ticket - \$10,000 in cash prizes  
July 27th - July 31st
  - \*\$1,000 drawing at 9 p.m.
- ♦ Entertainment
  - \*Clay Bowser 12 - 3 p.m.
  - \*DJ Wild Willy 3-6 p.m.
  - \*PT Cruisers, Live in the Beer Tent 7-10:30 p.m.

## Clean-Up Crew Needed for Monday

A great deal of time and energy are needed to make our Parish's annual festival such a huge success. When the festival is over, however, help is needed to disassemble the stands and to pick up the trash that has been scattered throughout the property. Those who are able to assist in this task are asked to lend a hand on the grounds throughout the day on Monday, July 28th at 8 a.m. Thank you.

## Holy Hour and Adoration

Holy Hour and Adoration is being moved from Tuesday, July 29th to Monday July 28th.

## Altar Update

There have been some updates on the progress of the altar. Fynder's Keepers, the ones who will be building the altar have sent us a tentative installation date of February 2026. If that date holds we will have the new altar in by next Easter. New Guild, the company restoring our statues, is almost finished with their work. There is a photo of the finished center piece of the altar on the front of the bulletin.

The "Sponsor a Statue" went well. All statues have been sponsored. My gratitude to those who donated. It took almost no time at all. There are items on the altar itself that are available to be sponsored as well: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; one tabernacle angel and the platform for the altar. If you would like to sponsor one of these, please call Lois at the office.

Fr. Michael



*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of Gery Holtz  
From Marilyn Sears*

### Pastor's Reflection

Jesus tells us that there are 3 types of people: Those who do not seek and do not find; those who seek and have not yet found; and those who seek and find. Finding what you are looking for involves work; it doesn't just come out of nowhere.



Peace,

Father Michael

### Families and the Gospel

**July 27, 2025; 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 11:1-13)**

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father." ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

### Stewardship Reflections

The teachings of our Catholic Faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others. The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer. In this passage, some of Jesus' disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus offers them the beautiful prayer which we call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours) and that His kingdom come (not ours). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door. He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go and be a blessing to others. Stewardship is really just that simple.

### Organ Update

The small pipe organ in the choir loft is on loan to the parish from Kevin Luke. It will be used as an interim instrument until the pipe organ project is completed.

### Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Krumenacker's Builders Supply, 814-948-9595**, 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  
Michelle Sutton  
From Fred Sutton*



### Baptism Bags

For the past 3 years, our parish has provided a welcome bag to the newly baptized children of our parish, 11 since the start of this year! Inside these bags are crocheted blankets donated from parishioners, a crib medal, a Saint Benedict medal, a book of Catholic prayers for children, a Christmas ornament of the Holy Family, and more. If you would like to donate towards this project, please send your donation, marked "Baptism Bags" to the parish office. If you would be interested in crocheting blankets or donating other items, please contact Carol Schall at 814-341-5181. Thank you.

### Special Outdoor Mass

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy, along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after Mass.

### Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

#### 2025 Women's Conference

Join us for our 4th Annual DAJ Women's Conference hosted at Mount Aloysius College at the Bertschi Center on September 20th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630.

We encourage the women of our diocese to take time for some faith-filled nourishment this fall by coming to enjoy Mass with Bishop Mark, Confessions with our local priests, and talks by our featured speaker with a guided prayer session. As well as light refreshments and lunch served. Fill up your spiritual cup with time for reflection, prayer, and fellowship with the women of our diocese.

We're so excited to have with us at this year's speaker, Megan Hjelmstad. She is an author, speaker, mentor, wife, mom and veteran. She is coming to us from Denver, CO and has family here in PA. Come and enjoy as Megan speaks on the joy found in mess of life.

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., (light breakfast served); 9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Mark; Lunch; 4 p.m. closing remarks. For questions, call Brittany Boland, Office of Stewardship & Development, 814-695-5579.

### 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](mailto:jthompson@dioceseaj.org) or Suzanne Barry 814-695-5579 or email [sbarry@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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.



## 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, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Lyn Bills, Terry Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, 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, Jane Maucieri, 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, Special Intentions (30), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- Parish Festival 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Chicken Dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MONDAY

- Festival Clean-up 8 a.m.
- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration;**  
**Benediction at 3:55 p.m.**

### TUESDAY

- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m. in the School

### THURSDAY

- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.

**Young Adult Group (18-39)** August 8th is a Rosary and Bonfire at Greenhouse Park at 6 p.m., and August 9th at 9 a.m. is our 2nd annual hike at Laurel Highlands Trail Route 56 Trailhead. All young adults (18-39) and young families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

## Church Support - July 19 & 20, 2025

Offertory	7645.75
Adopt A Student	1398.00
Church Improvement	308.00
Altar Fund	120.00
St. Vincent de Paul	55.00

## 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 - \$124+ • Full Card - 59 numbers \$725
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$500 #4: \$144+
- \$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 July 31 ALL VOLUNTEER

If you would like to help with the lunch or donate a small gift, please call Pat Kelly at 814-948-7656

## 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 3, 17 and 31. Special Mass: August 3 - Bishop's Mass for Young People- return to College, Work or Military.

**Music in the Park** is presented by the Carrolltown Public Library, Wednesdays thru August 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carrolltown Legion Park. Come join us for an evening of live music, basket auction, 50/50, and much more. Park Concession Stand will be open. Basket donations are greatly appreciated. For more information call 814-344-6300 or visit our website: Carrolltown@cclsys.org.

**Parish Picnic,** St. Augustine Church, Dysart, Sunday, August 3rd. BBQ Chicken Dinner with homemade noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole-slaw, drink and dessert. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will be take-out only. Seating will be available inside or outside of the hall. Cost is \$15. Other activities include chance to win \$1500, basket auction, bingo, kid's games, raffles, concession stand foods, and more.

**Bishop Carroll Catholic High School** is accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year. Families CAN afford it through generous need-based financial aid packages. The faith-based education creates opportunities for students pursuing a college education through dozens of dual enrollment classes and articulation agreements with several colleges and universities which provide financial and academic benefits to Bishop Carroll graduates. The school also has a partnership with Admiral Peary Vo-Tech for those individuals looking to enter the workforce. Visit [www.bishopcarroll.com](http://www.bishopcarroll.com) or call 814-472-7500.