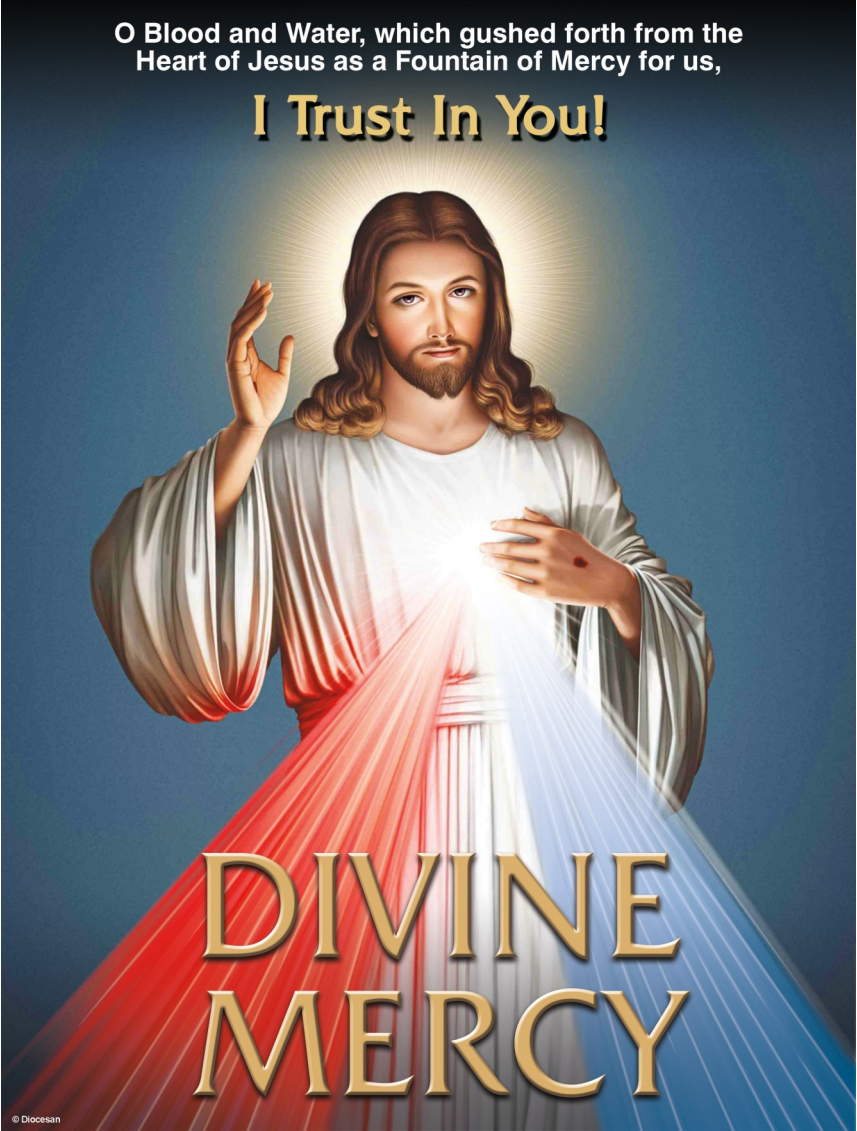


Saint Benedict Church

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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



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Joyce Mondì
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, April 28, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Michael Kovall
6:30 p.m. +Theresa Morealli

Tuesday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena

8:00 a.m. +Leonard Eckenrode

Wednesday, April 30, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Nils Antezana

Thursday, May 1, Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Doris Lacue

Friday, May 2, Saint Athanasius

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, May 3, Saints Philip and James

4:00 p.m. +Harvey Sutton

Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary and Holy Name Societies
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family
12:00 p.m. First Holy Communion



Monday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, April 30, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, May 1, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, May 3, 4:00 p.m.

E.L. Farabaugh	R. Boland	K. Farabaugh
M. Farabaugh	S. Gray	

Sunday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.

R. Deckard	C. Schall	L. Huber
J. Deckard	K. Schall	

10:00 a.m.

C. Greene	R. McGowan	F. Sutton
M. Greene	B. Fox	
A. Groer	C. Farabaugh	

12:00 p.m.

Gar. Farabaugh	R. Boland	M. Farabaugh
O. Farabaugh	F. Sutton	
K. Shaffer		

Spring Fling Mother's Day Dinner & Basket Auction

Hosted by the Saint Benedict School Home School Association, Sunday May 11, Mother's Day, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Menu includes Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert. \$13 Eat in or Take out. Children under 6 are free (dine-in-only). Takeouts available. Handicap accessible.



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Mother's Day. Mothers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the

Church. If you are interested in honoring a special woman (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. Offering envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend. All offerings for the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Organ Project.

Parish Breakfast This Sunday

Reminder, new price for breakfast: \$12

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.



In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Leonard Krise, brother of our Parishioner Gerald Krise. 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.

Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Jhett Leire Hoover, son of Chad and Ashley. We extend our love and best wishes to Jhett Leire and his parents.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Come and join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #722 Our Lady of Victory to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet on **Sunday, April 27th at 3 p.m., here at St. Benedict Church.**

What is Divine Mercy Sunday? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today we know it as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord told St. Faustina "Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy." Everyone is welcome!



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
For Birthday Remembrance of
Rosella Campbell
From the Family*

Pastor's Reflection

Only two types of people receive God's mercy: the contrite and the stupid. The feast of the Divine Mercy is for both. God loves us so much that He wants to give us mercy. This is not a gift that we can afford to lose. The Divine Mercy can wipe away all that offends God.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

April 27, 2025; Divine Mercy Sunday (John 20:19-31)

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, more recently in our Church's history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often referred to as the story of 'Doubting Thomas' but the passage involved so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

We see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt, hiding and cowering and afraid. But Jesus returned to them on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

We will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as we really truly are - forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" in His merciful love.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Himmel Trucking, Inc., 814-242-4257** 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
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Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Mother's Day Carnations

Want to support pro-life in your area? Birthright's Mother's Day carnation event is the perfect opportunity! All the money donated goes to help pregnant women in need AND the child they are carrying. Please be generous this Mother's Day weekend - we will have carnations before and after each mass - Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11. Suggested Donation - \$2.00. Thank You!

40th Annual Rosary March

The Clearfield Chapter of The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) extends an invitation to join us at the 48th Annual Rosary March on Sunday May 4th at 3 p.m., at the Clearfield County Fair Grounds in Clearfield, just off route 322.

The Rosary March will take place inside the Expo I Building with the Rosary Procession taking place outside, weather permitting. The Rosary March will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Procession. It is not necessary that you process if you would like to remain seated inside the Expo I Building. The guest speaker at this year's Rosary March will be Catherine Moran. Catherine is a speaker, author and radio personality. She is the custodian of the traveling Pilgrim Virgin Icon of Our Lady of Fatima and has appeared with the icon in EWTN Live with Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Moran is a Third Order Franciscan and a member of the Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church. Other highlights include, Crowning of The Erie Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue, and Benediction of The Most Blessed Sacrament.

Honor Mary in Your Home

Mary, the Mother of the Church, earns a month-long celebration. As a reminder of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin during the month of May, her statue might be placed somewhere special in the house. Family members could also take turns being sure that candles or fresh flowers are in front of the statue.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." ~



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, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Robert Burnette, 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, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Jane Maucieri, Brother Michael Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Amanda Shank, Special Intentions (24), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

Church Support - April 19 & 20, 2025

Easter	9448.60
Church Improvement	6515.00
Offertory	4023.34
Holy Land Good Friday	2106.00
Easter Flowers	183.00
Organ Project	60.00
School Support	50.00

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 - \$0+
- Full Card - 57 numbers \$675
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$312+
- \$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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Church Hall

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Monthly Communion Calls
- SBS Spring Music Concert and Art Show 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

- SBS Children's Liturgy 8:15 a.m.
- Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- First Communion Retreat, Church Hall

SATURDAY

- First Communion Practice 10 a.m.
- Confessions 2 p.m.
- Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.: First Communion Mass 12 p.m.

Card Party Thursday May 1, 2025



M/M Ken Farabaugh, Mrs. Marci Farabaugh, M/M Bernard Farabaugh, M/M Brad Farabaugh, M/M Floyd Farabaugh, Miss Cecelia Farabaugh, M/M Fred Farabaugh, M/M Girard Farabaugh, M/M James L. Farabaugh, M/M Gordon Farabaugh, Mr. Jeff Farabaugh, M/M Matthew Farabaugh, M/M Nathan Farabaugh, M/M Regis Farabaugh, M/M Ted Farabaugh, Mr. John Farabaugh, M/M Jonathan Farabaugh, Mrs. Kathy Farabaugh, Mrs. Mary Lou Farabaugh, M/M Paul F. Farabaugh, Jr., M/M Paul Farabaugh, M/M Tim Farabaugh

From other parishes and organizations...

Exposition, Benediction, and the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, April 27 at the Mercy Hour of 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church in Patton.

Divine Mercy Jubilee Celebration: Sunday, April 27 at Our Lady of The Alleghenies Parish, Lilly. You are invited to celebrate this devotion at one of the Diocese's Jubilee Pilgrim sites with Sunday Mass beginning at 2 p.m.; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.; followed by Benediction. Confessions available.

Young Adult Group (18-39): We are excited to welcome Catholic Author Mike Acquilina on April 30th to speak on "Women and Children First: Early Christianity and the Revolution of the Family" at Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. Our next Benediction & Board Games is May 16th at Saint John Gualbert at 6 p.m. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us for faith and fellowship!. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Pray the Rosary: Every Thursday at the Wayside Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Route 553 (Ridge Road). Weather permitting. Starting at 7 p.m. from May 1st through September 25th. Bring a lawn chair.