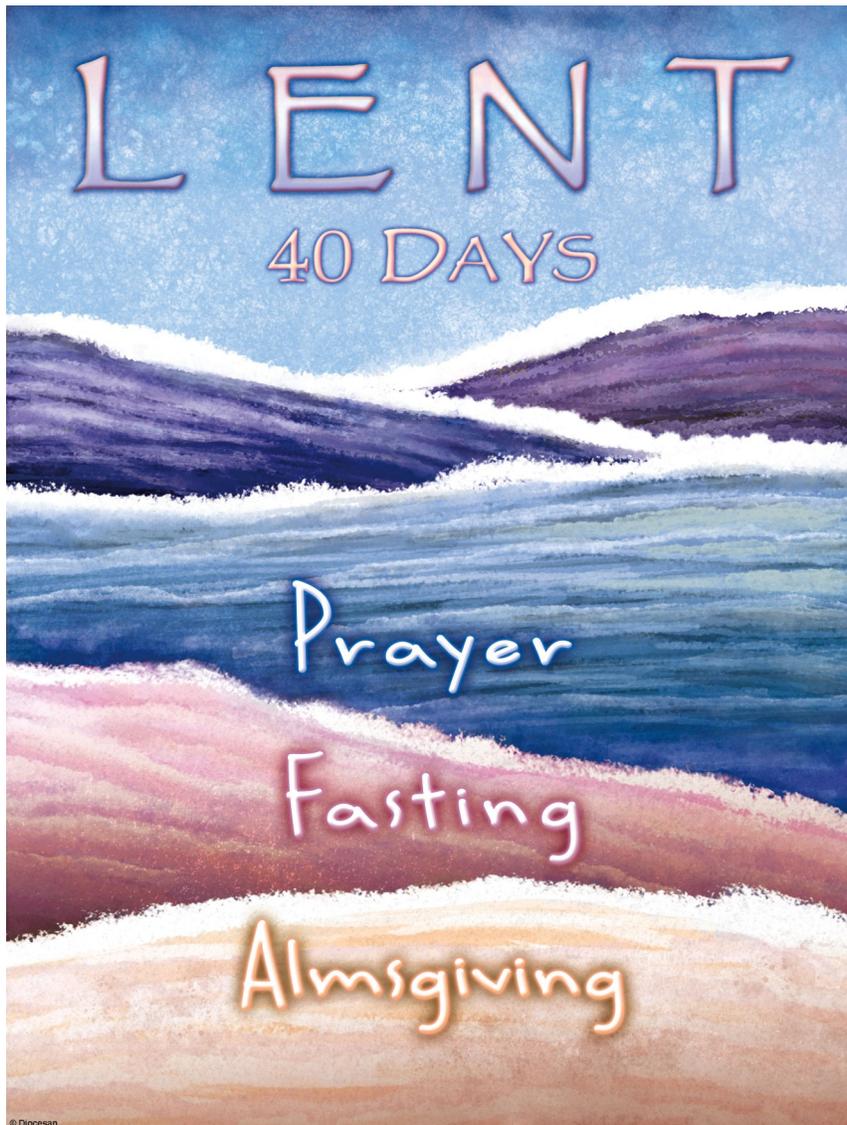


Saint Benedict Church

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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

Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	+Jean Lantzy
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, March 24, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Mary Jo Sibert
6:30 p.m.	American Cassinese Congregation
Tuesday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	+Josephine Dominick
Wednesday, March 26, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Theresa Yeckley
Thursday, March 27, Lenten Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	+Bernetta Fiasco
Friday, March 28, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Cindy Inzana
Saturday, March 29, Lenten Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	+Paul and Marian Niebauer
Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	+Joe Bearer
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

Monday, March 24, 8:00 a.m.	S. Gregory	
6:30 p.m.	B. Fox	
Tuesday, March 25, 8:00 a.m.	S. Cronan	
Wednesday, March 26, 8:00 a.m.	M.C. Hoover	
Thursday, March 27, 8:15 a.m.	SBS Children's Mass	
Friday, March 28, 8:00 a.m.	M. Farabaugh	
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.		
H. Shaffer		
K. Shaffer		
J. Hoover		
Saturday, March 29, 4:00 p.m.		
E. Lamb	J. Kline	J. Stevens
E.L. Farabaugh	R. Boland	
M. Farabaugh		
Sunday, March 30, 8:00 a.m.		
E. Cunningham	R. Yahner	J. Yahner
S. Cunningham	B. Yahner	
A. Westrick		
10:00 a.m.		
M. Greene	C. Farabaugh	F. Sutton
C. Greene	L. Bridgman	
A. Groer	R. McGowan	

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Raymond Weakland, brother of our Parishioner Ronald Weakland. 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

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.



Lenten Penance Service

We will have a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday April 15th at 6 p.m. with several priests available to hear confessions. During Lent, Father Michael will also have confessions on Mondays after the 6:30 p.m. Mass and Fridays at 5:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.



OCIA

Do you know anyone interested in joining the Church or in need of any sacraments? If so please have them contact Annette Kelly, Director of Religious Education at 814-241-3336. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) has replaced RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

Solemn Vespers

Please join us on **Sundays during Lent at 4 p.m.** beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Solemn Vespers, sung by our St. Benedict Schola.

Catholic Ministries Drive 2025

Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 *Catholic Ministries Drive*. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties - and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year's theme, "**Follow Me**" (Mt 16:24), invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all. There is no limit to what we can accomplish together in Christ.

If you didn't bring your pledge card to mass this weekend, or send it in this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese's ministries need your support.

All contributions beyond our parish goal of \$41,600 will be returned to our parish. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese's vital ministries.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter For Birthday Remembrance of Andy Haycisak From his family

Pastor's Reflection

From the time our first parents sinned there has been a veil separating us from God. At the crucifixion Jesus removed that veil. Now we are reconciled to the Father through Jesus. But we should still keep watch. Sin can still darken our ability to recognize His teachings and His work among us.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

March 23, 2025; Third Sunday of Lent (Luke 13:1-9)

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings capture the essence of God's Lenten message to us, His people, offering words of compassion and mercy as well as warning of the need to repent and make the most of the gift of time He has given us.

Jesus offers the parable of the unfruitful fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying, it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives at times as well.

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

From other parishes and organizations...

Lenten Parish Mission: Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg, will have their Lenten Parish Mission with retired U.S. Elite Navy Seal, Dom Raso on Friday, March 28th at 7 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

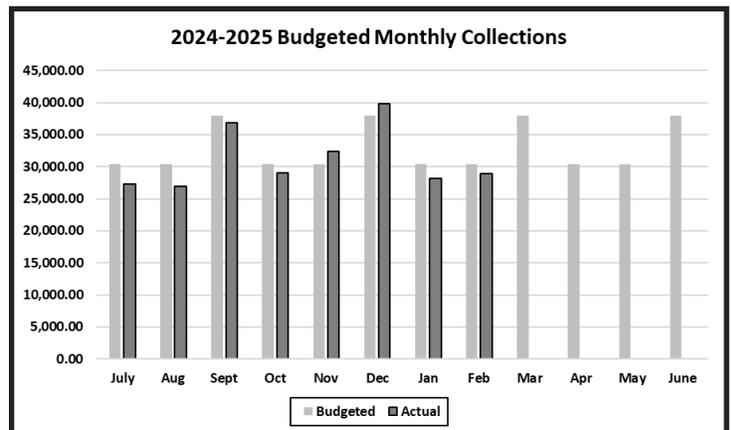
Parish Mission: The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual **Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto**, March 30 - April 3. Rev. Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday, March 30 at 7 p.m. with prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6 p.m. Mon-Thurs. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940.

Lenten Fish Dinners:

Queen of Peace, Patton: Fridays during Lent, Eat-in Upper level, Take-out Lower Level. Adults 13+ \$15; Children 5-10 \$7. Menu: Choice of baked or fried fish or 2 salmon patties, choice of baked potato or french fries. In addition: fresh baked roll, stewed tomatoes, mac n' cheese, haluski, coleslaw and dessert. Pierogies a la carte: \$1 each. Prices: Adults (13+) - \$15 / Children (5-12) - \$7 / Children under 5 - Free (must accompany an adult to get free meal).

Visitation Parish BVM, Johnstown: Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The cost is \$13. Menu includes 8 oz fish sandwich with coleslaw and choice of macaroni and cheese, french fries, or sweet potato fries and a beverage. Gobs are also available at an extra cost of \$2 each.

Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany Grove Hall: Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15, Children 6-11: \$7.50, Under 6: Free. Menu includes: Choice of Baked or fried fish; baked potato, french fries, mac 'n' cheese, haluski, green beans, coleslaw, cake and refreshment. Fish sandwich meal: \$8 includes baked potato and coleslaw. Take out will be drive thru only: \$15.



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