

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, November 16, Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Theresa Yeckley
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, November 17, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Catherine Murphy
6:30 p.m. +Edward Luther

Tuesday, November 18, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Travis Weber

Wednesday, November 19, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Michelle Sutton

Thursday, November 20, Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Ed Farabaugh

Friday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. +Charles and Alice Farabaugh

Saturday, November 22, Saint Cecilia

4:00 p.m. +Felix and Eleanor Cymbor

Sunday, November 23, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. +Sonny Cronauer and George and Rita Rickard
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, November 17, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, November 18, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, November 19, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, November 20, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, November 21, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, November 22, 4:00 p.m.

R. Deckard S. Gray
J. Deckard J. Kline
L. Baker

S. Boyle

Sunday, November 23, 8:00 a.m.

A. Westrick M. Drahnak
S. Cunningham K. Lallemand
Grt. Farabaugh
W. Rhoades

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

C. Greene L. Bridgman
M. Greene R. Bridgman
A. Groer C. Farabaugh
L. Lechene

M. Farabaugh

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Terry Bills, husband of our Parishioner Sue and brother of our Parishioners Chris, Cindy and Rick Bills. 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 Next Sunday

The Parish breakfast is next 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.



Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings for Christmas

In preparation for the holidays, the Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious **Nut, Poppy Seed & Apricot Rolls and Tea Rings. The cost is \$13 each. Last day to order is on Monday, November 17. Pick-up in the Church Hall on Friday, December 5, from 4-6 p.m.** Late orders will be filled if there are extras.

Name _____

Phone _____

Nut _____; Poppy Seed _____; Apricot _____; Tea Rings _____

Total Cost _____

12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction

The Carrolltown 12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction will be next weekend, November 22nd from 2-6 p.m. and November 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Church Hall. Baskets/donations may be dropped off at Mike Springer's State Farm Insurance, Carrolltown from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Questions: call 814-344-8481.

Thanksgiving Special Lottery Tickets



Thanksgiving tickets have been sent to our Parishioners to benefit our Church Improvement Fund. This \$20 lottery ticket is based on the first PA 7 pm Pick 3 daily lottery number beginning Sunday November 23rd and running through Thursday November 27th, \$9,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. If you do not want to purchase your tickets, please drop them off at the Church Office or in the collection basket, as we have a waiting list for tickets. If you would like additional tickets, please contact the office. Your support is appreciated.

Holiday Care Packages for St. Benedict Manor

Five members of our Confirmation class will be collecting monetary donations to purchase items for holiday care packages for residents of St. Benedict Manor. Donations will be collected in the Narthex after the Saturday 4 p.m. Masses on November 15th and 22nd and after the Sunday 10 a.m. Masses on November 16th and 23rd.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of Dan Anna
From Dorothy and Family*

Pastor's Reflection

The prophets say that there will be a day when God's justice will be meted out to all. Good news for the righteous, bad news for God's enemies. Justice is giving each person what is his or her due. If you are virtuous good news will be yours.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

November 16, 2025; 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 21:5-19)

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a somber reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as His faithful stewards.

Before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name." Sounds scary, but if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place - all you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through use of your treasures. This way of life is not meant to be easy, but Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Onward Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Saint Benedict Church is sponsoring a Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 27th. Dinner will be **dine-in or take-out** in St. Benedict Church Hall in Carrolltown from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Delivery to shut-ins in the Carrolltown, St. Benedict and Bakerton areas. For more information please call 814-420-8420. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner, to set-up, serve, or clean-up.

Please call the number above if you are able to help. Food and monetary donations toward the dinner are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the parish office; or call the number above for drop off information. Thank you.



*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend*

*In Loving Memory of
Charles Lutak*

From Robert and Mary Catherine Hoover



Province of the Immaculate Conception

Franciscan Friars, TOR - Province of the Immaculate Conception 100th Jubilee. This year the Immaculate Conception Province of the Third Order Franciscans are celebrating their 100th anniversary and would love for you to join in the jubilee celebration!

When: Saturday, December 6

What: Celebration of the Eucharist at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 4 p.m.

Dinner and Dance at Altoona Grand Hotel at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person (include a buffet dinner, drink ticket, dance, silent auction, and door price entry).

RSVP: Please reserve your spot no later than Monday, November 24th at 814-695-3802. Your spot will NOT be reserved without payment.

Masses Sent to St. Vincent

The following Masses were sent to the Archabbey to be satisfied at the conventual Masses of the Benedictine Monastic Community:
+Edgar Link, Sr. (5).

Visit to Bishop Carroll

On Friday, November 21st, junior high students from the Prince Gallitzin Quadrant will be visiting Bishop Carroll. This visit includes lessons, tours, information, demonstrations, activities, and lunch. If you have a child in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at a public school and you would be interested in having them come this day or another day to visit, please call Mr. Nagy at 814-472-7500 Ext. 105, or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org for more information. Arrangements can be made for a visit at your convenience as well. Also, any high school students interested in transferring to BC are encouraged to call and schedule a day to visit the high school.

Oblates of St. Benedict

A series of monthly presentations will continue on Sunday, November 16 from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at St. Vincent Archabbey. The topic will be "Silence in Benedictine Spirituality," presented by Fr. Donald Raila, O.S.B., the Director of Oblates.

Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

Local Oblates of St. Benedict affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey and anyone who may be interested will meet November 16 at 6:40 p.m., in Brownfield Room 202 of St. Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of discussions from the book *The Grace to Desire It: Meditations on St. Benedict's Twelve Degrees of Humility* by Dom Pius Mary Noonan, O.S.B.

Supper at 5:35 p.m. in the Eichstätt Dining Room (guest dining room) will be available. Please contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 if you plan to attend supper.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Stevens Funeral Homes, Inc., 814-344-6561**, 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 Michelle Stehman at 717-774-8833.



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, Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Lyn Bills, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Joan Contorchick, John Contorchick, Maddox and Paxtyn Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Tim Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Suzanne Ferrence, Frannie and Bill Findley, Jr. Gailey, Mary Kay Gallagher, Jane Graffius, Fred Gresco, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Jeanine Hite, Richard Hnatkovich, Charles Holder, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Larry Kibler, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Robert Letavish, Theodora McConnell, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Denny O'Shea, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Special Intentions (31), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Jodi Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Benedicta Veneskey, Mary Kay Venslosky, Sara Weber, Sarah Wilson, and Brenda Yeckley.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- 2nd Grade, First Penance 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

- SBS Children's Liturgy 8:15 a.m.
- Scrip sold 9 to 10 a.m., Church Hall
- OCIA 5:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
- Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.
- 12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction 2 to 6 p.m., Church Hall

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon
- 12 Days of Christmas Basket Auction, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Church Hall

Church Support - November 8 & 9, 2025

Offertory	7325.32
Altar Fund	2050.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	1444.50
Church Improvement	1187.00
St. Vincent de Paul	150.00
Catholic Charities	110.00
School Support	90.00
All Saints Day	75.00
Hurricane Relief	60.00
Organ Fund	50.00
All Souls Day	35.00
Maintenance	25.00
World Mission Sunday	25.00
Tree of Life	5.00

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 - \$?
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - ? numbers \$?
- All Nighter - \$?

The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.

Card Party Thursday November 20, 2025



M/M Tom Sherry, M/M James Brady, M/M James Sherry, M/M Michael Sherry, M/M Pat Sherry, M/M Richard Sherry, Mr. Vince Sherry, M/M Joshua Shero, Ms. Doris Shuss, Mrs. Anna Sheehan, Mrs. Bernadette Smith, M/M Dennis Smith, M/M Eric Smith, Mr. Jeff Smychynsky, M/M Ron Smychynsky, Mr. Tom Smychynsky

From other parishes and organizations...

Basket Auction & Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, November 22nd at St. Benedict Community Center, 116 Dunsmore Rd, St. Benedict. Basket Auction from 1 to 7 p.m., Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., Dine in or Take out. Adults - \$12 Donation, Kids age 3 to 10 - \$5 Donation; Under 3 - Free - Dine-in only. **To donate a basket - call 814-344-5946.** Supports City Plan Adoption Agency; www.cityplan.tv; 383 N. Main St., Carrolltown. **Adoption is the Answer.**

Music Concert: Vox Nova from Mount Aloysius College will present a choral concert on December 10th at 7 p.m. at Holy Protection Church in Revloc. The concert will be music of the Western and Eastern Catholic Churches.

Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday, November 19th at the Boulevard Grill at 6 p.m. with Carrie Weaver speaking on Church Art and Architecture. We are already scheduling speakers into 2026 including Religious and Diocesan Priests, Laypeople, Religious Sisters, and even an Archbishop! All young adults (18-39) and families with their children are invited to join us for faith, food, and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.