

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, July 13, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Jim Eckenrode
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, July 14, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Judy Bedal
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Nicholas and Bernadette Kline Family

Wednesday, July 16, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Kenneth J. Bearer

Thursday, July 17, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Coleman

Friday, July 18, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Tom Murphy

Saturday, July 19, Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Simon and Stella Niebauer Family

Sunday, July 20, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Joann Behe
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, July 14, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, July 15, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, July 16, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, July 17, 8:00 a.m.

L. Huber

Friday, July 18, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, July 19, 4:00 p.m.

E. Lamb	S. Cronin	S. Boyle
S. Fisanick	S. Gray	
	P.J. Stevens	

Sunday, July 20, 8:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer	K. Colberg	S. Gregory
K. Shaffer	M. Drahnak	
L. Baker		

10:00 a.m.

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

Parish Festival News

We are appealing to all of our Parishioners to help make our Parish festival the most successful ever! The dates for this year's event are July 25, 26, and 27. Please keep your schedule free for these days and plan to volunteer to work at one of our many booths, or the Sunday dinner.

FILL UP THE CLASSROOMS

Donations are now being accepted for our Annual Festival Basket Auction. If you have a basket to donate or need help in putting it together, please contact Lori Morealli -814-659-8145 or Mary Jo Westrick - 814-243-4368. Baskets may be dropped off at the St. Benedict School (back entrance) on Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. All donations are appreciated and welcomed.

Business owners and managers are also asked to sponsor a sign for one of the festival booths. The price for the three-day event cannot be beat — \$100-\$150. Sponsoring a booth at our Festival is very important to its success. If you are interested in off-setting the expense of our booths, and are not one of our regular sponsors, please contact the Parish Office at 814-344-6548.

Festival tickets have been mailed to our Parishioners. We are making a special appeal to our Parishioners to buy or sell your packets at your work place, and family reunions, which will be a great help to the Parish. Please return all sold and unsold tickets into one of the collection boxes in the Church or to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Pre-Sale tickets for the Sip N' Sale Beer-Wine-Shine event are available at the Parish office for \$20. This event is on Saturday, July 26th, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the beer tent.

Cucumbers and onions will be needed for the Festival Dinner and Ethnic Booth. They may be dropped off in the Church Hall the week of July 21st.

St. Joseph's Mission Church

St. Joseph's will be open for visitation on Sunday, August 24th from noon to 3:00 p.m.



Baptized in Christ



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Rosalie Catherine Koehle, daughter of Mason and Megan. We extend our love and best wishes to Rosalie Catherine and her parents.

Donations Needed for Festival

We are in need of donations of regular **Oreo cookies and powdered sugar** for the Funnel Cake Booth. Donations may be left at one of the Church entrances. We are also asking for **cakes, cupcakes and pies** for the Sunday Chicken Dinner. Donations may be brought to the Church Hall on Friday, July 25th, Saturday, July 26th or Sunday morning, July 27th. **Individually wrapped home-made baked goods** are being requested for the Bake Sale Booth and may be dropped off in the Church Hall on Thursday, July 24th or Friday July 25th. Thank you!

Meeting for Music Ministers

There will be a brief meeting for music ministers on Wednesday, July 16 at 6 p.m. in the Boniface Wimmer Room. All cantors, Adult Choir and Schola members are asked to be present. We will be discussing some upcoming changes as well as discussing the new Missal.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
James J. Kline, Sr.
From Barbara Kline and Family*

Pastor's Reflection

How do you show your love for God? God doesn't need anything. That's why he gave us each other. We show our love for God by loving our neighbor. Each time we sacrifice a bit of ourselves for others we gain merit in heaven.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

July 13, 2025; 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 10:25-37)

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel. Worry more about what your children see in YOUR LIFE than what they see on TV. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings show us that to live as good stewards means to follow God's commands and to live our lives as a gift in service to others. In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here Jesus Himself teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. The hospitality and generosity is serving others, shown through this parable, are essential to a stewardship way of life.

Do we have this same hospitable openness to others around us? What can we do to become more aware of the needs of others, and more open to setting aside our own plans to care for those in need?

That is how we live out God's commandments. That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R. from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday July 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunken Gardens (In the case of inclement weather they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). The singing will be led by the choir of Our Lady Mother of Sorrows and the presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R. We look forward to seeing you.

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 Tony Melchiorre at 717-421-3242.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar
this weekend
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Festival Grocery Store Raffle

We are accepting donations for the Grocery Store Raffle baskets. Please consider donating the following products. Thank you!

A-Be	Foil, Wax Paper, Plastic Wrap, Garbage Bags, Storage Bags
Bi-Bu	Dry and Canned Soup, Broth, Gravy
C	Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce/Paste
D-E	Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Pickles, Olives
F-Fe	Drink Mixes
Fi-G	Flour, Shortening, Baking Powder, Baking Soda
H	Paper Products
I-J-Ke	Chips, Pretzels, Crackers, Cookies
Ki-Ku	Jelly, Peanut Butter
L	Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Mayo
M	Sugars: White, Brown or Confection
N-O-P-Q	Gelatin, Pudding
R-Se	Oil, Vinegar, Salad Dressings
Sh-Sp	Baking Mixes, Frosting, Bisquick
St-V	Cereals, Pancake Mix, Syrup
W-Z	Cleaning Products

Please mark "For Festival" on your donations when leaving them at the entrances of the Church

Saint Vincent College

Do you want to know more about Saint Vincent College? Come to a Saturday Information Session on Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call to register: 724-805-2500.

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.

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., Mass with Bishop Mark at 9 a.m., more information to follow. For questions, call Brittany Boland at the office of Stewardship & Development 814-695-5579.

Oblates of St. Benedict

Oblate Carol Ramela to speak at St. Vincent on "Healing the Wounds of Jesus" through the *Rule of St. Benedict* on July 20th from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica. Local Oblates and anyone interested will meet at 6:45 p.m. for discussions from the book *The Grace to Desire It: Meditations on St. Benedict's Twelve Degrees of Humility* in the Brownfield Room 202. Supper at 5:35 p.m. in the Eichstätt Dining Room with reservation to Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291.

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, 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 Polites, Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Special Intentions (28), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Jason Straub, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

Church Support - July 5 & 6, 2025

Offertory	8839.05
Church Improvement	570.00
Organ Project	180.00
St. Vincent de Paul	150.00
Altar Fund	100.00
Cemetery Maintenance	70.00
Adopt A Student	30.00
Peter's Pence	25.00
Ascension of the Lord	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 - \$68+ • Full Card - 58 numbers \$700
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$415+
- \$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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Oblate Meeting 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

TUESDAY

- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- SBS Office Hours 8 a.m. to Noon
- Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration; Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
- 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.
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Annual St. Joan of Arc Parish Festival/Turkey Dinner: Sunday, July 20th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church Hall in Frugality. Turkey Dinner with mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing balls, corn, coleslaw, roll and desert. The cost is \$15 and is served Take-Out with some inside seating available. Also included is a basket auction, various raffles, kid's activities, bake sale, live music and more!

Card Party Thursday July 17, 2025



Mr. Gerald Krise, Miss Jennifer Kronick, M/M Brad Krug, Mr. Dan Kutchman, M/M Steve Kutchman, Ms. Jill Kuttruff, M/M Robert Kuzio, M/M Lonny Lallemant, M/M John LaMark, M/M Charles Lamb, M/M Chris Lamb, Mr. Francis Lamont, Ms. Kathy Lamont, M/M Charles Land, Miss Donna Lansberry

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: July 20, August 3, 17 and 31. Special Mass: July 20 - Bishop's Mass for Married Couples.

Novena in Honor of St. Ann: The Sisters of St. Ann announce the Annual nine days Novena will be held at Mt. Saint Ann, 1120 N. Center St. Ebensburg, beginning Friday July 18th through Saturday, July 26th, the Feast of Sts. Joachim & Ann. The Eucharistic celebration and devotion will be held every evening at 7 p.m. at the outside shrine. The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown will be the main celebrant for the closing of the Novena. The public is invited to attend the Novena.

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.