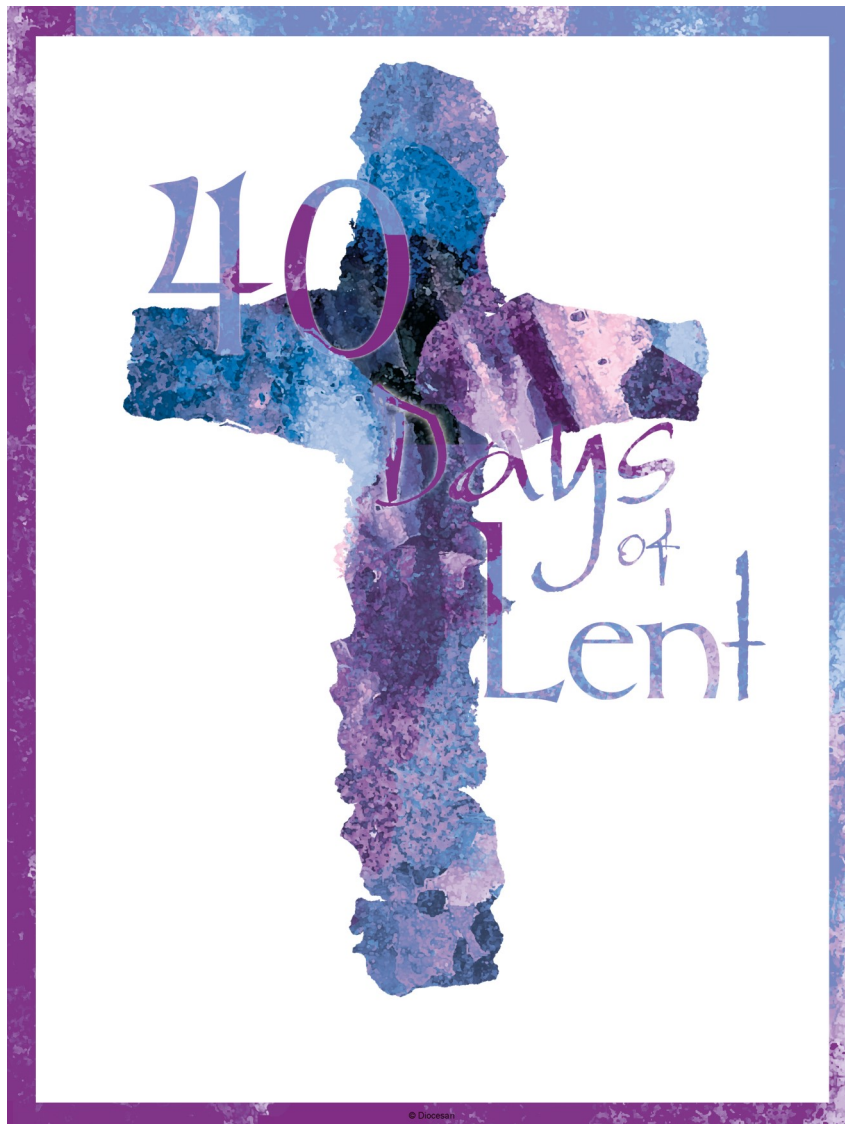


Saint Benedict Church

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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

Parish Office 814-344-6548
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Pastoral Staff

Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B...... *Pastor*
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Jeannine M. Cymbor *Business Manager*
Adam Orosz..... *Maintenance*
Jeffrey Maucieri *Principal*

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

First Sunday of Lent

PRAY
FAST
SHARE



Altar Servers  **Eucharistic Ministers**  **Lectors** 

Monday, February 19, 8:00 a.m.	S. Cronan	
6:30 p.m.	B. Fox	
Tuesday, February 20, 8:00 a.m.	M. Lieb	
Wednesday, February 21, 8:00 a.m.	M.C. Hoover	
Thursday, February 22, 8:15 a.m. SBS Children's Mass		
Friday, February 23, 8:00 a.m.	M. Farabaugh	
Stations 6:30 p.m.		
L. Behe		
L. Behe		
R. Kirsch		
Saturday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.		
E. Farabaugh	J. Kline	K. Farabaugh
M. Farabaugh	P. Kelly	
E. Lamb		
Sunday, February 25, 8:00 a.m.		
S. Cunningham	C. Schall	L. Huber
E. Cunningham	S. Cunningham	
10:00 a.m.		
G. Farabaugh	L. Bridgman	B. Fox
O. Farabaugh	R. Boland	
A. Groer	F. Sutton	

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. +Fr. David Cronauer
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family
1:00 p.m. Anointing Mass
Monday, February 19, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. +Anna Crossman
6:30 p.m. Dorothy Bearer
Tuesday, February 20, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. +Roger Penrod
Wednesday, February 21, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. +Lewis and Clara Yeckley
Thursday, February 22, Chair of St. Peter
8:15 a.m. +Timothy Polites
Friday, February 23, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. +Frank Dominick
Saturday, February 24, Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Leo and Hilda Farabaugh Family
Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. +Mark Sharbaugh
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Joan Rossman, sister of our Parishioner Jerry 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.

Tower Project Update

As of February 11th, we have received \$151,296.26 towards the work on the church bell tower (\$194,280), leaving a deficit of \$42,983.74. Donation envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Thank you for all the generous support towards this project.



School Auction

Saint Benedict School is hosting its 12th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 2nd. Tickets are \$25, available through Saint Benedict School and Parish offices; includes gourmet pasta dinner and chance to win prizes, as well as bidding on many auction items.

Donations are welcome, from craft and handmade items, new or gently used, antique and one of a kind items. Items can be dropped off at the school on Wednesdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please call the school prior to drop off. Thank you.

Bible Study

Father Michael will continue his Bible Study on the Book of Revelation on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Kiersten Octavia Hunter, daughter of Thomas and Eileen. We extend our love and best wishes to Kiersten and her parents.



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 \$10; \$4 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$10.



Black and Indian Mission Collection

This weekend, our parish will take up the 140th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Donna Bridgman From the Bridgman Family

Pastor's Reflection

Temptation is part of life. When we are tempted we should know that Satan is working on us. Satan tempts us at our weak points. Lent is the time, above all, to put into practice those acts that mortify our passions so that we can do battle with Satan.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

February 18, 2024, (Mark 1:12-15)

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE! ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

As we celebrate our first Sunday of Lent, our readings today remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey - to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on the glorious Easter morning.

Just like Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan, we too are called to 'the desert' - tempted by Satan to turn away from God. We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in 'the desert', we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. If we willingly choose to spend this Lent like Jesus, we will be ready to receive the glorious gift of Himself and partake in the riches that pour forth from that Gift.

Let us strive to purify our hearts for the remainder of these 40 days so that we might be ready to receive all that God plans to bless us with on Easter.

Care Packages for College Students

Our Evangelization Committee will be sending a free care package to the members of our Parish who are away at college. If you would like to have a package sent to your child at college, complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday, February 20**.

Please indicate your child's Spring Break _____

Name of student _____

College address _____

Gabriel Project

Dear Parishioners of St. Benedict, The Gabriel Project so appreciates all of your generous help. You are so generous in your ongoing support. The mothers and babies you help are grateful. If you need help or know of anyone who needs help, please contact Diane Snair at 814-472-5249 or Ginny Swope at 814-846-5129. God Bless You. The Gabriel Project at Holy Name.

Men's Conference

Register today for the 2024 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST men's conference on March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme is *J2J: Journey to Jesus*. Nationally recognized speaker and musician Cooper Ray will be the keynote presenter. Father Michael Pleva and Father Brian Norris will also share their incredible faith journeys. Also, a great panel discussion with six Catholic men from throughout the diocese sure to inspire guys on their faith journey. The day includes lunch and Mass at 5 p.m. with Bishop Mark. There is no cost, open to high school, college and adult males. (Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) Seating is limited, register before February 23 online at dioceseaj.org.

From other parishes and organizations...

Lenten Fish Dinners: Queen of Peace Parish Center, Patton, Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. Eat in - Upper Level; Take out - Lower Level. Prices: Adults (13+), \$15, Children (5-12), \$7, Children under 5, free.

Friars Nook Gift Shop, St. Bernardine Monastery: Lenten Lunch Fish Fry Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bites Food Truck will be serving on Fridays during Lent except Good Friday. Cost: \$10.

New Germany Grove Hall, Summerhill, every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Adults: \$15, Children 6-11: \$7.50. Take-out (drive thru only) is available for \$15.

Visitation Parish, Johnstown, Every Friday except Good Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$13.

Bingo at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Sunday, March 3, 1 p.m. Doors open at noon. Cash and instant lottery ticket prizes. Complimentary beverages and desserts. Admission \$25. 814-472-7500 ext. 101.

Pierogies for Lent

The Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious potato and cheese pierogies for Lent. The cost is \$10 a dozen. Orders are due by Monday March 4. Pick-up is in the Church Hall on Friday, March 22, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Name- _____

Phone- _____

_____ dozen at \$10 Total cost- _____

(Return this order form to the Parish Office or drop in collection box by Monday, March 4) Late orders will not be accepted. If there are any extra pierogies, they will be sold after all orders are filled.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **365 Hospice, 814-419-4901**, 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.

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: Jackie Adams, Vickie Baran, Sabbath Beach, Dorothy Bearer, Steve Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Todd Bonin, Michelle Burnette, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Mary Dumm, Leonard Eckenrode, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Ken Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Jr. Gailey, Maurita Grimes, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Pauline Kane, Richard Karlheim, Larry Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Loretta McCoy, Brother Michael Miller, Barb Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Tom Murphy, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Sam Reed, Andy Ropp, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Donna Shero, Special Intentions (10), Mary Springer, Susan Snyder, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Pat and Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, and Joan Yeckley.

Church Support - February 10 & 11, 2024

Offertory	6284.75
Lighting	1000.00
Tree of Life	581.00
Tower Project	337.00
Ash Wednesday	263.00
First Offering	120.00
St. Vincent de Paul	111.00
Church Improvement	110.00
Mandeville Diocese	90.00
Maintenance Fund	55.00
Black and Indian Mission	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 — \$233+ • Full Card – 53 numbers \$575
- Jackpot - Straight line only • All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2 \$473+
- Instant tickets
- \$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 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Anointing Mass 1 p.m.
- CCD Classes, School

MONDAY

- Bible Study, Book of Revelation, 7 p.m., Church Hall

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration until 6:30 p.m.
- St. Benedict School Children's Stations of the Cross, 1:45 p.m.
- Confessions, 5:45 and 7:15 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Confessions, 2 p.m., Church
- Mass: 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon
- CCD Classes, School



Card Party, Thursday February 22



Mr. Christopher Caretti, M/M Ray Caretti, M/M Jayson Carroll, M/M Frank Carruba, Miss Annette Carson, M/M Mike Cavallo, Ms. Michele Warner, M/M Rick Cence, M/M Ben Chappell, Ms. Roberta Charney, M/M Greg Chuhran, Ms. Deborah Clark, Mrs Judy Colberg, Mrs. Mark Colberg, Mrs. Dave Commons

From other parishes and organizations...

St. Nicholas Church Speakers Series: "Does God Exist: Proofs for God's Existence" Tuesday February 20, talk is The Contingency Argument. Presented by Dr. Tyler Dalton McNabb, Associate Professor of Philosophy, St. Francis University. For more information call 814-948-9614.

Bus Trip to Museum of the Bible, DC: Wednesday, April 17; \$115 for Adults and children ages 11+ and \$99 for children ages 4-10. Includes Transportation, Admission, and Dinner. For reservations or questions contact Robyn Murphy, 814-931-5683 or Diane O'Leary, 814-935-2114. The deadline for reservations is **February 25**. Must have 24 people for the trip. Make checks payable to Freedom Excursions. (Holy Rosary Church, Altoona.)

Annual Craft Show: Boy Scout Troop 95 is hosting a craft and vendor show March 23 at the Queen of Peace Church Hall, Patton. Vendors interested in more information should send an email to: bsatroop2095@gmail.com.

Square Dances: March 2 and 16 at New Germany Grove Hall from 7 to 10 p.m. Dancing with the band Klassic Kountry. Cost is \$10 a person, which includes food and drinks. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life. All are welcome.

Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry: 8-week Zoom Class - Patrology. Taught by Dcn. Michael Russo. Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., beginning March 6. register at: www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica at 814-361-2000. All are welcome.