

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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Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B..... Pastor
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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, August 3, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies

10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, August 4, Saint John Mary Vianney

8:00 a.m. +Norma Jeanne Frederick

6:30 p.m. +Michael Rosmus

Tuesday, August 5, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +John, Rhea and Jim Emerick

Wednesday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +John and Bertha Long

Thursday, August 7, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Charles and Lucy McNulty

Friday, August 8, Saint Dominic

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Bernard Holtz Family

Saturday, August 9, Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Leo and Hilda Farabaugh Family

Sunday, August 10, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Dave Contorchick

10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar Servers



Eucharistic Ministers



Lectors

Monday, August 4, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 a.m.

L. Huber

Friday, August 8, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, August 9, 4:00 p.m.

E. Lamb

S. Gray

B.A. Bensor

R. Kirsch

J. Kline

P.J. Stevens

Sunday, August 10, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham

R. Yahner

J. Yahner

S. Cunningham

B. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer

R. Bridgman

F. Sutton

K. Shaffer

L. Bridgman

J. Hoover

R. Boland

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Dennis W. Abrams II "DJ", son of our Parishioner Danielle Abrams; and the soul of Jane Maucieri, mother of our Principal, Jeff Maucieri. 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.

Festival Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way for our Parish Festival. From an outside point of view we can all appreciate the work that has gone into the festival. But behind the scenes there was even more work that was done by dedicated volunteers who love their parish and know how much the festivals mean to them. They also know how much it means to keeping the parish and school going for another year. If I were to name everyone I would most assuredly miss many people. There are coordinators, chairpersons, and patrons who have quietly put their resources and many hours of their time. It amazes me how God has blessed our community. It is a tribute to the hard-working spirit and sense of community the people of Carrolltown have. We should give thanks to God for looking favorably on us and giving us a successful festival. Many people of this parish have strived to make my job as easy as possible. Again...thank you.

Fr. Michael

An additional thank you to all people and businesses who contributed to booth sponsorship and the fire works show and to our basket auction by donating a basket, purchasing tickets or volunteering time.

Borough, Police and Fire Department



Each year many people patronize our festival. To assure the safety of our guests, we rely on the help of our Borough Council, Police, and Fire Department. Their commitment to assuring the safety of our Parishioners and visitors is to be commended.

We express our gratitude to the Borough Council for giving us permission to utilize Church Street; to the Police Department for patrolling the neighborhood.



May God bless each of you for your support, as well as for your hard work and dedication.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and parishioners whose time, talent, and dedication made our Annual Church Festival a wonderful success. Your generous spirit and hard work - whether through planning, setting up, serving, or simply showing up with joyful hearts - truly brought our community together in faith and celebration. This event would not have been possible without each and every one of you. Thank you for being a blessing to our parish family.

Charles Deckard (Festival Chair)

Carrolltown Firemen's Mini-Jubilee

Saturday, August 9th, Basket Auction 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, August 10th, Basket Auction 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Turkey Dinner, \$14 - Take out or Dine in - from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; children under 3 free, dine-in only. Lottery, Cash Giveaway with 5 drawings. 1st winner receives \$1,000 worth of lottery tickets, 4 winners walk away with \$500 cash. Live drawing Sunday, August 10th at 7 p.m.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Norma Jeanne Frederick
From Danielle, Nikki, and Pat*

Pastor's Reflection

The book of Ecclesiastes says that without God all things are vanity. The things of the world are transient, therefore it all comes down to doing the will of God. In the end, giving God glory is all that will matter.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

August 3, 2025; 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 12:13-21)

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us? ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power is foolish and naïve. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about 'stuff'. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

Special Outdoor Mass

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy, along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after Mass.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Dr. Mary Petrunyak, 814-948-8600**, 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
In Loving Memory of
Jeremy Monborne
From Mom, Jenna, Kristin and Bree*



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.; 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630.

We encourage the women of our diocese to take time for some faith-filled nourishment this fall by coming to enjoy Mass with Bishop Mark, Confessions with our local priests, and talks by our featured speaker with a guided prayer session. As well as light refreshments and lunch served. Fill up your spiritual cup with time for reflection, prayer, and fellowship with the women of our diocese.

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., (light breakfast served); 9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Mark; Lunch; 4 p.m. closing remarks. For questions, call Brittany Boland, Office of Stewardship & Development, 814-695-5579.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Bus Trip

To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Friday, October 17. Trip will include tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back for dinner on your own. To make reservations beginning August 4th, please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 or email jthompson@dioceseaj.org or Suzanne Barry 814-695-5579 or email sbarry@dioceseaj.org. The cost of trip is \$60/person which includes gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. from the Giant Eagle/McDonalds parking lot in Ebensburg.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 21 in ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 28 in JOHNSTOWN** AT St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

St. Joseph's Mission Church



St. Joseph's Mission Church will be open for visitation on Sunday: August 24th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Floyd or Marian Farabaugh, 814-421-5272 for more information.

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, Kevin Caldwell, 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, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Special Intentions (30), Susan Snyder, Mike Springer, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, Mary Kay Venslosky, and Sara Weber.

Church Support - July 26 & 27, 2025

Offertory	6187.14
St. Vincent de Paul	637.00
Church Improvement	145.00
Tree of Life	100.00
Altar Fund	60.00
Assumption	45.00
Adopt A Student	40.00
Organ Fund	20.00

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 - \$191+
- Full Card - 60 numbers \$750
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$456+
- \$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.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

-Holy Hour after Mass; followed by Adoration, Benediction at 3:55 p.m.
-SBS Regular office hours begin: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday - Friday
-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

-SBS Scrip sold 8 to 10 a.m. in the School

THURSDAY

-Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

-Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.

Card Party Thursday August 7, 2025



Mrs. Germaine Lanzendorfer, M/M William Lane, Miss Nancy Lauer, Mr. Ron Lauer, Mr. Tom Lauer, M/M Paul Lauer, Ms. Margaret Lawrence, Mrs. Janet Feathers, M/M Benedict Lechene, Mrs. Charlotte Lechene, Mr. Tom Lechene, M/M John Lesko, M/M Raymond Letizia, Mrs. Jennifer Kent, M/M Mark Letso

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: August 3, 17 and 31. Special Mass: August 3 - Bishop's Mass for Young People- return to College, Work or Military.

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.

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year. Families CAN afford it through generous need-based financial aid packages. The faith-based education creates opportunities for students pursuing a college education through dozens of dual enrollment classes and articulation agreements with several colleges and universities which provide financial and academic benefits to Bishop Carroll graduates. The school also has a partnership with Admiral Peary Vo-Tech for those individuals looking to enter the workforce. Visit www.bishopcarroll.com or call 814-472-7500.

Young Adult Group (18-39) August 8th is a Rosary and Bonfire at Greenhouse Park at 6 p.m., and August 9th at 9 a.m. is our 2nd annual hike at Laurel Highlands Trail Route 56 Trailhead. All young adults (18-39) and young families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday August 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunken Gardens (In case of inclement weather they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Bring a Friend!