

Saint Benedict Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:
9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm
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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 SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +Tom Vallery, Sr.
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, April 15, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Thomas McCoy
6:30 p.m. American Cassinese Congregation

Tuesday, April 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Eric Bender

Wednesday, April 17, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Barbara Rickard

Thursday, April 18, Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. The Living and Deceased Members of the
Richard Kirsch Family

Friday, April 19, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Clair and Catherine Regan

Saturday, April 20, Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Rosella Campbell

Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Ben
and Mary Etta Yeckley Family
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar
Servers



Eucharistic
Ministers



Lectors

Monday, April 15, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, April 16, 8:00 a.m.

M. Lieb

Wednesday, April 17, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, April 18, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, April 19, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Saturday, April 20, 4:00 p.m.

R. Kirsch J. Kline
E. Lamb R. Boland
L. Behe

S. Boyle

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.

C. Drahnak B. Yahner
R. Deckard R. Yahner
J. Deckard

G. Yahner

10:00 a.m.

A. Groer R. McGowan
O. Farabaugh C. Farabaugh
G. Farabaugh F. Sutton

M. Farabaugh

In Sympathy



Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Rose Bogus, mother of our Parishioners James Bogus and Debbie Hoover; the soul of our Parishioner Paul Passarella; and the soul of our Parishioner Maurita Grimes. 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.

Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Ida Debbie Jane Gahagan, daughter of Chase and Abigail. We extend our love and best wishes to Ida Debbie Jane and her parents.



Altar Rosary Society Meeting

The Altar Rosary Society will gather for their monthly meeting in the Church Hall on Monday, April 15th. The Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. and the meeting will follow.

Easter Special Lottery Winners

We extend a special thanks to all who bought and sold tickets for the Parish lottery. The winning numbers are as follows: March 27, #803, \$1000, winner from Carrolltown; March 28, # 428, \$1000, winner from Ebensburg; March 29, #543, \$1000, winner from Elmora; March 30, #630, \$1000, winner from Carrolltown; March 31, #975, \$5000, winner from Patton.

Catholic Ministries Drive

New Giving Societies for Catholic Ministries Drive: **Loretto Mission Society**. More than 200 years ago, Rev. Prince Gallitzin came to the Allegheny Mountains, bringing Catholicism to settlers living in what is now Cambria County. A Russian prince, priest, and missionary, he abandoned royal life to live one of prayer, perseverance, and suffering. Known as the Apostle of the Alleghenies, Rev. Gallitzin was a shining example of a faithful steward. Rev. Gallitzin is credited as the pioneer who led the expansion of Catholicism westward, along with descendants from his beloved Loretto Mission.

Beginning with our 2024 *Catholic Ministries Drive*, we are instituting the new Loretto Mission Society to recognize donors who generously give \$500 or more in the calendar year.

Donor levels will be as follows (for the total of all calendar year gifts):

+ \$500 - \$999 - Prince Circle + \$2,500 - \$4,999 - Missionary Circle
+ \$1,000 - \$2,499 - Priest Circle + \$5,000 + - Apostle Circle

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive "Encountering Christ" Campaign. The Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our Diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons.

43 of our families have generously donated \$6,885 toward the Parish goal of \$41,132.00. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available at the Church entrances.



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
For Anniversary Remembrance
For George and Rose Farabaugh
From Cecelia and Ted*

Pastor's Reflection

Sin offends God. Jesus went to the cross to atone for those sins. Now He asks us to repent and make reparation. To get this Good News admit of the bad news. Our sins can be wiped away in the confessional.

Peace,

Father Michael



Families and the Gospel

April 14, 2024, Third Sunday of Easter (Luke 24:35-48)

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until He ate with them and they touched Him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.' ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live.

Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, "crucify Him!" Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him - maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

Secular Franciscans

Do you want to deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church? Secular Franciscans are ordinary people living ordinary lives in the world in the "spirit" of St. Francis of Assisi. Meetings are once a month in Loretto. For more information contact Ron Boland at 814-761-7019. (Must be 18 years old or older.)

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Vantage Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, 814-472-4921**, 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
Joseph Shank*



Job Opening

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Directory of Faith & Family Ministries to manage the execution of religious education, youth ministry, OCIA, Scouting and family life programs. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

Books & More Galore!

The St. Benedict Home School Association will hold a used book sale, bake sale, and rummage sale Saturday, April 20th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Church Hall. Interested in selling items at the rummage sale? The cost is \$10 a table. Please call the school at 814-344-6512 to reserve a table. Come find a treasure!

Flower Memorials

Flower Memorials are available for the near future dates: April 27, May 18, 25, and June 1, 15, and 29. The cost for flowers is \$70. Please contact the Parish Office for requests. Thank you.

The "Keep or Not-to-Keep" Test for a Spring Clean

Have I used this item in the past year?

If yes, keep it if you *really* want it.

If no, ask:

Does it have value to me sentimental or monetary?

If yes, keep it if you *really* want it.

If no, put in throwaway/giveaway box.

If no, but still not sure, ask:

Might it come in handy someday?

If yes or no, put in throwaway/giveaway box.

Note: A "yes" answer to this question *almost always* indicates you are hanging on to clutter!

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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, Marleena and Mila Bartlebaugh, Sabbath Beach, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Dick Bender, Dan Bilko, Todd Bonin, Michelle Burnette, Kurta Cady, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, Chip Dotts, Mary Dumm, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Ken Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Shannon Farabaugh, Vera Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Jr. Gailey, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Pauline Kane, Richard Karlheim, Larry Kibler, Patty Kibler, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Mike Kovall, Dave Kuhar, Bob Lapenna, John Lechene, Robert Letavish, Edgar Link, Loretta McCoy, Brother Michael Miller, Charles Mitchell, Barb Mitchell, Odessa Morris, Jesse Murphy, 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 (13), Mary Springer, Mike Springer, Susan Snyder, Dorothy Stevens, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Pat and Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
-CCD Classes - School

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Festival Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

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
-2nd Grade First Communion Retreat, Church Hall

SATURDAY

-SBS Rummage/Book Sale, Church Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
-Confessions, 2 p.m., Church
-Mass 4 p.m.

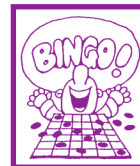
SUNDAY

-Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
-11th Grade Confirmation Class Rite of Sending, 10 a.m. Mass

Church Support - April 6 & 7, 2024

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| Offertory | 8112.85 |
| Tower Project | 1520.00 |
| Church Improvement | 515.00 |
| Easter | 325.00 |
| School Support | 130.00 |
| Good Friday (Holy Land) | 45.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | 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 — \$185+
- Full Card — 51 numbers \$525
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2 \$500
- Instant tickets #3: \$500 #4 \$500 #5: \$39+
- \$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.

Card Party Thursday April 18



M/M Ken Farabaugh, Ms. Pam Farabaugh, Mr. Jeff Farabaugh, M/M Bernie Farabaugh, Mr. Brad Farabaugh, Ms. Cecilia Farabaugh, M/M Floyd Farabaugh, M/M Fred & Debra Farabaugh, M/M Girard Farabaugh, M/M Gordon Farabaugh, M/M James L. Farabaugh, Mrs. Kathryn Farabaugh, Mrs. Marci Farabaugh, M/M Matt Farabaugh, M/M Nathan Farabaugh, M/M Paul Farabaugh, M/M Regis Farabaugh, M/M Ted Farabaugh

From other parishes and organizations...

Bingo for Birthright! Support our pro life work in Johnstown by joining us Saturday, May 4 at The Willow. Doors open at 4:30, Dinner at 5 and games at 6 p.m. Admission includes dinner and 15 bingo cards. Additional cards available. Purses and Prizes - a Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright! Seating is limited. Price: \$50. Purchase tickets at www.birthrighttojohnstown.org or by calling 814-535-8231.

The Hope Center is a new adoption agency located in Carrolltown. They offer adoption services, classes, counseling, free items for moms and moms-to-be, and more. We are looking for an individual who is willing to be our contact person for the Hope Center. For more information or if interested, please contact Lois at the Parish Office.

Annual Spring Basket Auction: Saturday, April 27 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday April 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, 719 Chestnut Ave., Northern Cambria. We will also have a pie raffle and a Special \$1000 Cash Raffle. Take out food is also available for purchase. Proceeds benefit The Development Fund at St. John's.

Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming: Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patton Fire Hall, 410 Magee Ave, Patton. Rabies shot - \$15, Distemper/Parvo - \$20, Grooming (Ears/Nails) - \$10. Cash only. Please bring previous registrations if available. Dogs/cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be 12 weeks old to receive a rabies shot.