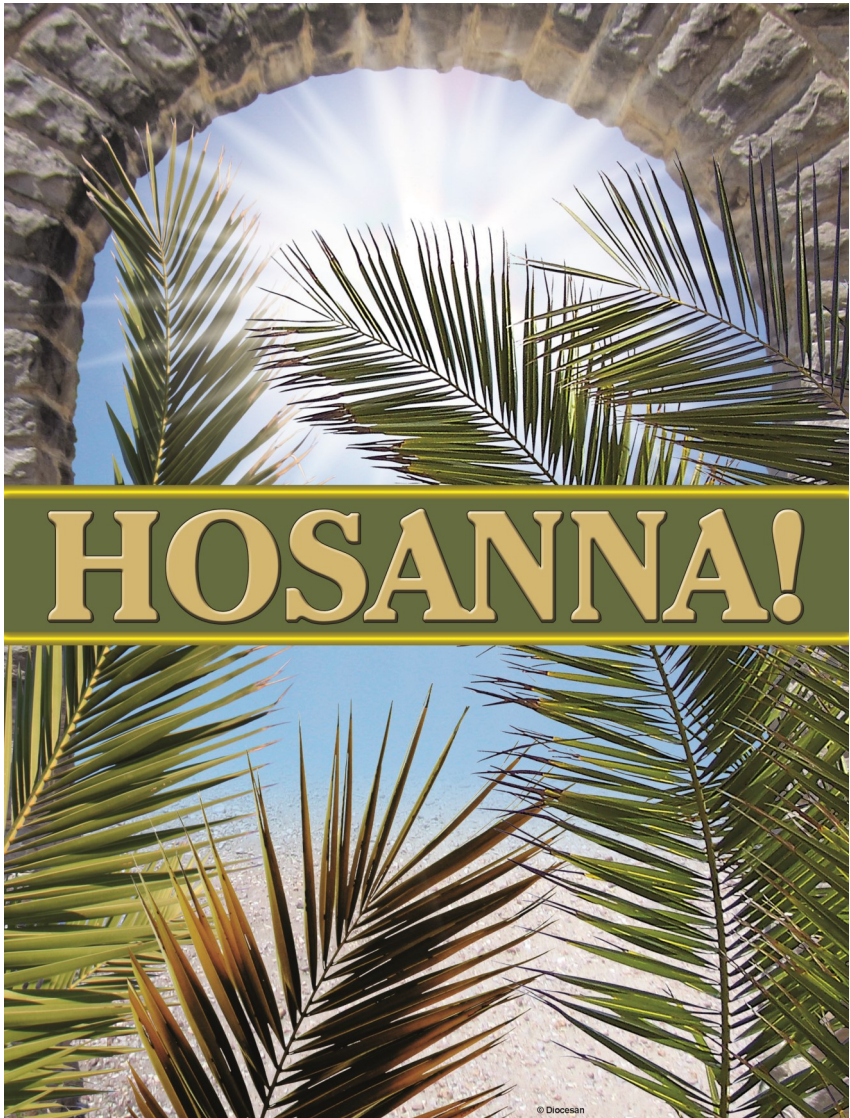


# Saint Benedict Church

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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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School Office.....814-344-6512  
School Fax.....814-344-8530  
Church Hall.....814-344-8770

## Pastoral Staff

*Father Michael J. Gabler, O.S.B.*..... *Pastor*  
*Lois Bridgman*..... *Secretary*  
*Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B.*  
*Annette Kelly*..... *Director of Religious Education and*  
*Christian Initiation*  
*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



**Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. +Molly MacDonald  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

**Monday, April 14, Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. +Thomas Busunis  
6:30 p.m. +Richard Kirsch

**Tuesday, April 15, Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. +Fred Owens

**Wednesday, April 16, Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. +Jerry Burskey

**Holy Thursday, April 17, Mass of the Lord's Supper**

8:00 a.m. Rosary  
7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Ben and Mary Etta Yeckley Family

**Good Friday, April 18, The Passion of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Rosary  
1:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

**Holy Saturday, April 19, Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection**

8:00 a.m. Rosary  
12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets  
8:30 p.m. Private Intention

**Easter Sunday, April 20, The Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Private Intention  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

## In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Adrian Lowmaster, husband of our Parishioner Martha Lowmaster; the soul of our Parishioner Mary Dumm; and the soul of our Parishioner Richard Zalznock, Sr., father of our Parishioner Richard Zalznock, Jr. 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.



On Holy Thursday, April 17, the Church celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This liturgy recalls the day the Lord gathered with His disciples in the Upper Room to institute the Eucharist and the Priesthood. It was there that Jesus gave His followers the commandment "to love one another as I have loved you." He exemplified this love by washing the feet of the disciples. The washing of feet will be included in our Mass.

As a sign of their liturgical ministry, **all Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and the Confirmation Class** are asked to participate in the Entrance Procession at the Mass on Holy Thursday. They are to gather in the Church Hall at 6:40 p.m. The blessed oils will also be part of the Offertory Procession at this Mass. The three oils will then be placed in the ambry. After Mass, the Eucharist will be transferred to a place of repossession where the Faithful are encouraged to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will follow.



**Monday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.**

S. Gregory

**6:30 p.m.**

B. Fox

**Tuesday, April 15, 8:00 a.m.**

S. Cronan

**Wednesday, April 16, 8:00 a.m.**

M.C. Hoover

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.**

S. Fisanick	R. Boland	B. Fox
R. Kirsch	R. Hoover	
E. Cunningham	P.J. Stevens	
E. Farabaugh		
M. Farabaugh		

**Good Friday, April 18, 1:00 p.m.**

E. Farabaugh	R. Yahner	J. Yahner
M. Farabaugh	B. Yahner	G. Yahner
E. Cunningham	K. Colberg	
E. Lamb		
R. Kirsch		
S. Fisanick		

**Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.**

R. Kirsch	K. Farabaugh
G. Shoemaker	B. Bensor
	M. Farabaugh
	B. Fox
	S. Gregory
	L. Huber
	S. Boyle

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 8:30 p.m.**

R. Kirsch	R. McGowan	K. Farabaugh
S. Fisanick	F. Sutton	S. Gregory
E. Cunningham	B. Fox	B.A. Bensor
M. Greene		M. Ryan
C. Greene		

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.**

A. Westrick	C. Schall	L. Huber
H. Shaffer	K. Schall	
K. Shaffer	G. Yeckley	

**10:00 a.m.**

M. Eckenrode	L. Bridgman	M.C. Hoover
R. Eckenrode	R. Hoover	
E. Eckenrode	R. Bridgman	
L. Baker		
J. Hoover		



## Lenten Penance Service

We will have a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday April 15th at 6 p.m. with several priests available to hear confessions. Father Michael will also have confessions on Monday, April 14th after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.



*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received  
From Chad, Ashley,  
Jason and Jhett Hoover*

### Pastor's Reflection

God so loved us that He was willing to pay any price for our salvation. For our salvation God withheld nothing, not even His only Beloved Son. In His passion He sacrificed every drop of blood and water. If He has given everything to us we should likewise give everything to Him.



Peace,  
Father Michael

### Families and the Gospel

#### April 13, 2025; Passion Sunday

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

### Stewardship Reflections

We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other - Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday's liturgy is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds - culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death - all for us.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week - attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit - and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

### Candles in the Church

According to Catholic Traditions, all candles must be extinguished in the Church by Holy Thursday. Candles will be available after the Easter Vigil Mass.

### Good Friday Appeal

On Good Friday, our Parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

### Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Hite Equipment Rental, 814-344-2625**, 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  
John Stevens  
From Sandy Stevens*



### Easter Special Lottery Tickets



Parishioners are reminded to return their sold or unsold Easter Special tickets to the Parish Office by Sunday, April 13th; drawings begin on Wednesday, April 16th. Proceeds will help defray the high cost of fuel and utilities. If you do not want to buy your tickets, please return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible. There is a waiting list for tickets.



### Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Following the Holy Thursday Liturgy on April 17, Parishioners and friends are invited to make a Eucharistic Pilgrimage to neighboring Churches to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We will journey by school bus, making stops at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto; Saint Demetrius Church in Gallitzin; Saint Francis Xavier Church in Cresson; and Holy Name Church in Ebensburg; praying a decade of the Rosary at each stop, then returning to Saint Benedict's at 10:30 p.m. This is a beautiful way to spend Holy Thursday evening in prayer and Eucharistic devotion. We will board the bus in front of the School building around 8:00 p.m. There is no cost, but reservations are necessary. To reserve your seat, please call Cecelia Farabaugh at 814-344-8298.

### Good Friday Fast and Abstinence

The ancient fast honors the suffering and death of the Lord, and prepares us to share more deeply in the mystery of the Resurrection. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat on Good Friday; those 18 to 59, are to fast (limit themselves to one full meal) as well.



On Good Friday, April 18, the Church recalls the day the Lord surrendered Himself totally to the will of His Heavenly Father by obediently accepting death on the Cross. He has shown us the way to the Father through His openness to the Father's love. Christ invites us to follow Him for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our Good Friday Service, which includes the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion, will be celebrated at 1 p.m.

### Tenebrae Service

The ancient Tenebrae Service dates back to the early years of the Church. From the Latin word meaning "darkness" Tenebrae recalls — through music, Scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles — the light of the disciples and the crucifixion. The Service begins on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 21st.



## 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, Fred Burgeson, Robert Burnette, 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 Gresko, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Tom Jackson Sr., Richard Karlheim, Doug Kieffer, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Louetta Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Brother Michael Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Norman Polites Jr., Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Amanda Shank, Special Intentions (24), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- CCD Classes, School (last class)
- 11th grade Candidate, Sponsor/Parent meeting, 9 a.m., Church Hall
- Solemn Vespers 4 p.m.
- SoulCore 6 p.m., Church Hall

### MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Confessions 7 p.m.
- Oblate Meeting 7 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

### HOLY THURSDAY

- Rosary 8 a.m., Church
- Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.; Holy Hour after Mass; Adoration
- Eucharistic Pilgrimage, 8 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY

- Rosary, 8 a.m., Church; Litany to the Sacred Heart
- Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death, 1 p.m.
- Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.

### HOLY SATURDAY

- Rosary 8 a.m., Church
- Blessing of Easter Baskets 12 p.m.
- Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

## Church Support - April 5 & 6, 2025

Offertory	9108.75
Church Improvement	6367.00
Easter Flowers	1537.00
Easter	571.00
Organ Project	210.00
Holy Land Good Friday	122.00
Catholic Home Mission	102.00
Catholic Relief Services	50.00
Maintenance Fund	20.00
Ash Wednesday	15.00
Diocese of Mandeville	10.00
Black and Indian Mission	10.00

## 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 - \$0+
- Full Card - 55 numbers \$625
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500 #3: \$500 #4: \$410+
- 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.



## No Card Party Thursday March 17

### From other parishes and organizations...

**St. Vincent Archabbey:** "Benedictine Spirituality: How It Shapes My Advocacy for the Church before Our Elected Leaders" presented by Mr. Eric Failing, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Conference. Sunday, April 13 from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Parish Assembly Room at St. Vincent. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica. Also, local Oblates of St. Benedict affiliated with St. Vincent and anyone interested will meet at 6:45 in Brownfield Room 202 of St. Vincent Seminary.

**Easter Bake Sale:** Upper Level of Queen of Peace Parish Center, 600 Palmer Ave. Patton. Holy Thursday, April 17 beginning at 8 p.m.; Good Friday, April 18 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and after 3 p.m. Parish Center closed on Good Friday from noon to 3 p.m.

### Lenten Fish Dinners:

**Queen of Peace, Patton:** Good Friday, final fish dinner, 4-7 p.m. Eat-in Upper level, Take-out Lower Level. Pierogies a la carte: \$1 each. Prices: Adults (13+) - \$15 / Children (5-12) - \$7 / Children under 5 - Free (must accompany an adult to get free meal). Pierogies available \$12/baker's dozen. Pre-order pierogies by calling 814-674-8983 or online at <https://queenofpeacepatton.org>.

**Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany Grove Hall:** Good Friday, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15, Children 6-11: \$7.50, Under 6: Free. Take out will be drive thru only: \$15.