

# Saint Benedict Church

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God took the fragrance  
of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of  
morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty  
of the twilight hour...  
The soul  
of a starry night...  
The laughter of a  
rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird  
in flight...  
Then God fashioned  
from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his  
masterpiece was through  
He called it simply -  
Mother.  
~Herbert Farnham

*In Honor of Our Mothers*

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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

### Pastoral Staff

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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, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Spiritual Blessings for Mother's Day  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

## Monday, May 12, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Raymond and Edna Niebauer Family  
6:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the N. A. Malloy Family

## Tuesday, May 13, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Nils Antezana (Anniversary)

## Wednesday, May 14, Saint Matthias

8:00 a.m. +Alfred and Dorothy Kline

## Thursday, May 15, Saint Pachomius

8:15 a.m. +Lukas Shank

## Friday, May 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Danny and Peaches Bechel

## Saturday, May 17, Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. +John and Mary Shonsky

## Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. +George and Rita Rickard  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



Altar  
Servers



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Lectors

## Monday, May 12, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

## Tuesday, May 13, 8:00 a.m.

S. Cronan

## Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

## Thursday, May 15, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

## Friday, May 16, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

## Saturday, May 17, 4:00 p.m.

E.L. Farabaugh S. Cronan  
M. Farabaugh S. Gray

B.A. Bensor

## Sunday, May 18, 8:00 a.m.

H. Shaffer R. Yahner  
K. Shaffer B. Yahner  
L. Baker

J. Yahner

## 10:00 a.m.

M. Eckenrode C. Farabaugh  
R. Eckenrode B. Fox  
E. Eckenrode R. McGowan

M. Ryan

## Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Jovie Rue Zatorsky, daughter of Aaron and Emily. We extend our love and best wishes to Jovie Rue and her parents.



## In Honor of Our Mothers



The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Mother's Day. The names will be placed on the Altar for all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend. All donations for the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet will go towards the Organ Project.

## Birthright Carnation Sale

Volunteers will be collecting donations for Birthright at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 10th and 11th. Birthright is a charitable organization that relies on the dedication, time and talents of volunteers and the generosity of donations to ensure it can persevere in supporting pregnant women.



## Thank You

A special thank you to the Dachshund Club of America, the Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club and the Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club for their generous donation towards the new Altar.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this Tuesday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following Parishioners who will be strengthened in Faith, anointed with Oil of Sacred Chrism, and blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

*Alaina Anne Bearer*

*Markie Teresa Bender*

*Gregory Isidore Davis*

*Gabriel Isidore Farabaugh*

*Sean Ignatius Fisanick*

*Makenzie Cecilia Henry*

*Marley Charity Kephart*

*Alyssa Eugenia Miller*

*Katehyn Joan Venesky*

*Layla Bernadette Bender*

*Kaylie Anne Bender*

*Aubriana Philomena Deckard*

*Garrett Paul Farabaugh*

*Hallie Rita Hayes*

*Eli Eugene Hite*

*Carson Andrew Lobick*

*Owen Hubert Sherry*

## Spring Fling Mother's Day Dinner & Basket Auction

Hosted by the Saint Benedict School Home School Association, Sunday May 11, Mother's Day, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Menu includes Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert. \$13 Eat in or Take out. Children under 6 are free (dine-in-only). Takeouts available. Handicap accessible.





*This week the votive candle will  
burn in front of the statue of  
Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
For the Living and Deceased  
Members of the Raymond and Edna  
Niebauer Family  
From Dorothy Bearer*

### Pastor's Reflection

This week our 11th graders will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. The graces from this sacrament allows us to be warriors for Christ. To defend the faith is often difficult sometimes requiring the ultimate sacrifice. We need all the help we can get to be the Christians God wants us to be.



Peace,  
Father Michael

### Families and the Gospel

**May 11, 2025; 4th Sunday of Easter (John 10:27-30)**

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear? ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

### Stewardship Reflections

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern-day disciples.

A spirit-filled and joy-filled life can be available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, as Paul and Barnabas did in our First Reading, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Living as stewards isn't always easy, and sometimes involves great challenges, but in the end there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

### Mass for Widows and Widowers (Televised)

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 25th with a televised Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline Channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2543 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** The last day to register is Wednesday, May 21. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

Please be advised a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast.

*Flowers Adorning the Altar  
this weekend  
For the Living and Deceased  
Members of the Fran and Sam  
Reed Family*



### Saint Vincent College

Do you want to know more about Saint Vincent College? Come to a Saturday Information Session on May 17, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Call to register: 724-805-2500

### Oblates of Saint Benedict

Fr. Jude Brady, O.S.B., to speak on suffering and aging at Saint Vincent on May 18. A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, May 18, from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in seminary classroom Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent. The topic will be "The Role of Suffering, Declining of Health, and the Aging Process in the Life of a Monk and an Oblate," presented by Fr. Jude Brady, O.S.B. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica.

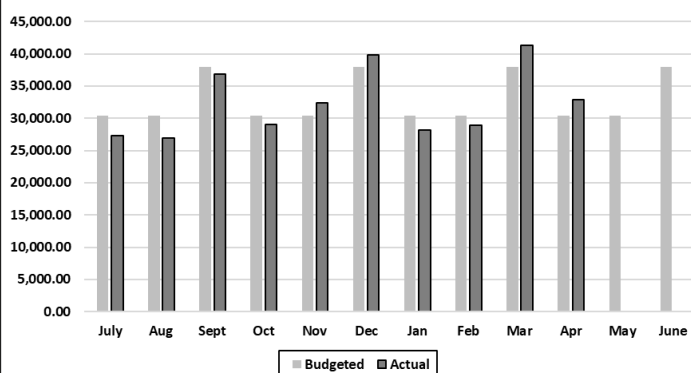
Also, local Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey and anyone else who may be interested will meet at 6:45 p.m. on May 18 in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The agenda will consist of another of a series of discussions from the book *The Grace to Desire It: Meditations on St. Benedict's Twelve Degrees of Humility* by Dom Pius Mary Noonan, O.S.B.

Supper at 5:35 in the Eichstätt Dining Room (guest dining room) will be available. If you plan to attend supper, please phone Fr. Donald, Director of Oblates, at least two days in advance at 724-805-2291.

### From other parishes and organizations...

**Ham Dinner:** Sunday, May 18, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Saint Bernard Church Hall, Hastings. Menu: ham, cheesy pierogies, mixed vegetables, homemade roll & cherry fluff. Cost: \$15, Eat-in or take-out.

2024-2025 Budgeted Monthly Collections



### Sponsor of the Week

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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: Vickie Baran, Caryle Bearer, Dorothy Bearer, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Ray Benjamin, Ben Bridgman, 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 Gresco, 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, Jane Maucieri, Brother Michael Miller, Chuck Mitchell, Beverley Owens, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Kevin Penrod, Norman Polites, Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Adam Schaeffer, Tony and Colleen Sclesky, Special Intentions (28), Susan Snyder, Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Patrick J. Stevens, Joseph Thomas, Cindy Vallery, Benedicta Veneskey, and Sara Weber.

## The Week Ahead

### **SUNDAY Mother's Day**

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Confirmation Rite of Sending at 10 a.m. Mass
- Spring Fling Dinner & Basket Auction 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **MONDAY**

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Oblate Meeting 7 p.m.

### **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.
- Confirmation 7 p.m., Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

### **WEDNESDAY**

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Blood Drive 1-6 p.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
- SBS 8th Grade Graduation,

### **SATURDAY**

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

### **SUNDAY**

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Soulcore 6 p.m., Church Hall

## Church Support - May 3 & 4, 2025

Offertory	8684.00
Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet (Organ)	2020.00
Church Improvement	1040.00
Adopt A Student	1002.00
Easter	545.00
Organ Project	320.00
Cemetery Maintenance	240.00
Ascension of the Lord	210.00
Tree of Life	75.00
Building Fund	20.00
Catholic Home 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+
- Jackpot - Straight line only
- Instant tickets
- \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
- Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
- Full Card - 59 numbers \$725
- All Nighter - #1: \$500 #2: \$500
- #3: \$314+

The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.  
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.

## Card Party Thursday May 15, 2025



M/M Joe Fox, M/M Robert Fox, Mr. Barry Fox, Ms. Lisa Fox, Mr. Michael Fox, Mrs. Emily Franceschini, M/M Jeff Fulmer, M/M Barry Galczynski, Ms. Janet Gisler, Ms. Helen Gittings, Mr. Dan Glass, M/M David Gmitter, M/M David Gobert, Mrs. Jill Fisanick, M/M Francis Gobert, M/M Fred Gorba

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Young Adult Group (18-39):** Our next Benediction & Board Games is May 16th at Saint John Gualbert at 6 p.m. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us for faith and fellowship!. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

**Pray the Rosary:** Every Thursday at the Wayside Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Route 553 (Ridge Road). Weather permitting. Starting at 7 p.m. from May 1st through September 25th. Bring a lawn chair.

**Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming:** Sunday May 18 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. Dogs/Cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please bring your paper/license from last year, if you have it. Dogs must be at least 12 weeks old to receive a Rabies Shot. Proceeds benefit the Patton Fire Co. #1.

**Fatima Devotions:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the Campus of St. Francis University, The presider will be Fr. William Shee, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

**May Days 2025:** May 24 & 25 Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall at the Basilica of Saint Michael. Saturday 4-8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Turkey dinner Sunday at 11 a.m., \$10 per person. All are welcome.