

Saint Benedict Church

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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



Sunday, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	+Edgar Link
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, April 27, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Cindy Inzana
6:30 p.m.	+Theodore and Stephanie Tucker
Tuesday, April 28, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Leona McCoy
Wednesday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena	
8:00 a.m.	+Nils Antezana
Thursday, April 30, Easter Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	+Paul Boslet
Friday, May 1, Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart League
Saturday, May 2, Saint Athanasius	
4:00 p.m.	+Joseph Padavich
Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary and Holy Name Societies
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
12:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion

	Altar Servers		Eucharistic Ministers		Lectors
Monday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.					
6:30 p.m.					
Tuesday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.					
Wednesday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.					
Thursday, April 30, 8:15 a.m.					
SBS Children's Mass					
Friday, May 1, 8:00 p.m.					
Saturday, May 2, 4:00 p.m.					
E. Lamb		P.J. Stevens		S. Cronan	
L. Baker		R. Boland			
Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.					
R. Deckard		M. Drahnak		L. Huber	
J. Deckard		G. Yeckley			
E. Cunningham					
10:00 a.m.					
A. Groer		R. Bridgman		M.C. Hoover	
J. Wolfe		L. Bridgman			
J. Hoover		B. Fox			
12:00 p.m.					
O. Lechene	C. Luke				
L. Lechene	K. Shaffer				



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this Tuesday, April 28, 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:

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| <i>Alixandra Lucy Baker</i> | <i>Lawson Joseph Baker</i> |
| <i>Alayna Catherine Bender</i> | <i>Emma Elizabeth Bender</i> |
| <i>Amelia Esther Bertram</i> | <i>Caitlyn Therese Bishop</i> |
| <i>Jonathan James Bishop</i> | <i>Carter Raphael Bradley</i> |
| <i>Jonah Benedict Deckard</i> | <i>Reilly Francis Deckard</i> |
| <i>Abigail Elizabeth Ann Seton Farabaugh</i> | <i>Emma Sebastian Farabaugh</i> |
| <i>Braeden Teresa Farabaugh</i> | <i>Callie Cecilia Greene</i> |
| <i>Gavin Hubert Farabaugh</i> | <i>Autumn Francis Groer</i> |
| <i>Kennedy Mary Greene</i> | <i>Arianna Louise Jasper</i> |
| <i>Sara Theresa Horvath</i> | <i>Jayci Dominica Kline</i> |
| <i>Wyatt Michael Johnston</i> | <i>Junito Stephen Kutruff</i> |
| <i>Samuel Michael Krug</i> | <i>Logan Joseph Marana</i> |
| <i>Ella Cecilia Lamb</i> | <i>Claire Patricia Nihart</i> |
| <i>Nathan Sebastian Mislevy</i> | <i>Alexis Catherine Rezk</i> |
| <i>Delilah Joan O'Leary</i> | <i>Abigail Francis Terza</i> |
| <i>Madison Teresa Rezk</i> | <i>Evan Sebastian Thomas</i> |
| <i>Adisyn Catherine Thomas</i> | <i>Michaela Cecilia Wallen</i> |
| <i>Taylin Elizabeth Trybus</i> | <i>Emily Anne Weber</i> |
| <i>Olivia Clara Walls</i> | |
| <i>Nicholas Elias Zaluznack</i> | |

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of John Lechene, father of our Parishioner Benedict Lechene; and the soul of Herbert Kirsch, brother of our Parishioners Frank, Bruce and David Kirsch, Mary Lou Fees, Donna Owens and Susan Cymbor. 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.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The Parish is offering Spiritual Blessings in observance of Mother's Day. Mothers Day Cards and Offering envelopes are located on tables at the entrances to the Church. If you are interested in honoring a special woman (living or deceased) in your life, please take a card and offering envelope. Offering envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. 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 Altar Project.



Baptized in Christ



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Bennett Henry Zerbe, son of Justin and Kirstin. We extend our love and best wishes to Bennett Henry and his parents.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Edgar Link From the Link family

Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend In Loving Memory of Edgar Link From the Link family



Pastor's Reflection

Suffering isn't fun, and often we complain when it comes our way or try to run from it. But Jesus never ran away. He suffered out of love for us. Patience in the midst of suffering is pleasing to God because it shows our love for Him.



Peace,
Father Michael

Parish Breakfast This Sunday



The Parish breakfast is this 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 \$12; \$6 for children 6 to 12; children 5 years and under, free. Take-outs are available. All take-outs are \$12.

49th Annual Rosary March

The Clearfield Chapter of The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) extends an invitation to join us at the 49th Annual Rosary March on Sunday May 3rd at 3 p.m., at the Clearfield County Fair Grounds in Clearfield, PA (just off route 322).

The Rosary March will take place inside the Expo I Building with the Rosary Procession taking place outside, weather permitting. The Rosary March will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Procession. It is not necessary that you process if you would like to remain seated inside the Expo I Building. It is more important that we pray the Rosary publicly together as a community. The guest speaker at this year's Rosary March will be Deacon Paul Boboige from Nativity of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic parish in DuBois, PA. His devotion to our Heavenly Mother is very strong and he depends on her for strength and protection. He has pilgrimaged to many of her apparition sites. Deacon Paul was an active member of the DuBois chapter of the Blue Army vigils and is a Fourth-Degree member of the Spiritual Advisor of the Knights of Columbus Council 419 in DuBois. He is also a member of the Marian Movement of Priest and DuBois Chapter of Citizens Concerned for Human Life. Other highlights of the program include, Crowning of The Erie Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Clearfield Rosary March was founded by Bud Moore in 1977. Various booths will be set up where you can purchase books, religious goods, and food. Please come early if you are able. The Rosary March will go rain or shine. Remember, Our Lady of Fatima said, "Pray the Rosary everyday in order to obtain peace for the world."

Families and the Gospel

April 26, 2026, Fourth Sunday of Easter, John 10:1-10

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life." by Bud Ozar.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd, and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. In our first readings from Acts, he exhorts the crowd, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." We then read that the ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God.

We can find many parallels in this passage to the call to a stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents, and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interests. We are free to make that choice. Or we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, most especially for the 4:00 Saturday evening and the 10:00 Sunday morning Masses. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Dr. Mary Petrunyak, Optometrist, 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 Michelle Stehman at 717-774-8833.



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: Denny Abrams, Dorothy Anna, Bob Antesberger, Vickie and Paul Baran, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Cindy Bills, Lyn Bills, Ronald Bradley, Samantha Brady, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Nancy Crawford, Cindy Daisley, Nevaeh Delgado, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike Farabaugh, Tim Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Olivia Ferguson, Frannie and Bill Findley, Denise Fogle-Robbins, Jr. Gailey, Mary Kay Gallagher, Ida Gobris, Anthony Gwizdak, Eva Hart, Irene Haycisak, Dorothy Henry, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Kendra Karabinos, Herbie Kirsch, Bernice Kline, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Stephen Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Bob Letavish, Janet McNulty, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Jessie Murphy, Denny O'Shea, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Joan Polites, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Tim Semelsberger, Sara Sharbaugh, Ron and Nancy Smychynsky, Susan Snyder, Special Intentions (13), Debbie Stephenson, Edward Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Jodi Stevens, Eric Stoltz, Fred Strittmatter, Joseph Thomas, Owen Thomas, Benedicta Veneskey, Sara Weber, Jean Westover, and Sarah Wilson.

Church Support - April 18 & 19, 2026

Offertory	5146.93
Church Improvement	985.00
Cemetery Maintenance	185.00
Easter	75.00
Ascension	55.00
Altar Fund	50.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	50.00
Adopt a Student	35.00
Catholic Home Mission	25.00
Maintenance Fund	20.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	15.00
Organ Project	10.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Catholic Communications	5.00
Tree of Life	5.00

Bingo on Tuesday



Join us every Tuesday for a fun night of Bingo
Doors Open @ 4 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5 p.m.
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow

- Admissions \$16 20 Regular Games
 - 5 Specials • Early Bird
 - Fast Bingo
 - \$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

- Rite of Sending at 8 and 10 a.m. Masses
- Parish Breakfast 8 a.m. to Noon, Church Hall
- Soulcore 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

MONDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Monthly Communion Calls
- Confirmation Practice 6 p.m., Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

TUESDAY

- Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
- Holy Hour after Mass; Adoration until 4 p.m.
- Monthly Communion Calls
- 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
- SBS Spring Concert 6 p.m., Church

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
- First Friday Mass and Devotions 8 a.m.

SATURDAY

- First Saturday Mass and Devotions 8 a.m.
- 2nd Grade First Communion Practice, 10 a.m.
- Confessions 2 p.m., Church; Mass 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Masses 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; First Holy Communion Mass 12 p.m.
- Soulcore 6:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

Card Party Thursday April 30, 2026



Ms. Deborah Clark, Mrs. Judith Colberg, Mrs. Mark Colberg, Mrs. Dave Commons, Mr. Randy Connah, M/M Angelo Crimaldi, Stacey Cornelius, M/M Chuck Deckard, Mrs. Theresa Deckard, M/M Mike Dindios, Mrs. Sarah Greene, M/M Dan Ludwig, M/M Emily Lieb, Mrs. Nichole Douglas, M/M Kevin Drahnak

From other parishes and organizations...

Murder Mystery Dinner: Queen of Peace Activities Committee invites you to attend "**A Murder Mystery Dinner**" on **Saturday, May 16** at the Queen of Peace Social Hall (600 Palmer Ave, Patton). Come join us for a delicious dinner, BYOB, then mystery, music, and comedy provided by "Musical Mysteries and More" of Pittsburgh. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sale tickets are \$40 and you **must purchase before May 8**. For more info, call Jay or Patti at 814-674-5434 or Jack at 814-674-8948 .

Rabies Clinic: Sunday, May 17, 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. Bring previous registrations if available. Dogs/Cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be 12 weeks to receive a rabies shot. Benefits Patton Fire Co. #1.

Pilgrimage Day in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi: Join the Franciscan Friars, TOR for a Pilgrimage Day in honor of the Holy Year of St. Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, May 20th at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Rd, Hollidaysburg. The pilgrimage begins at 10 a.m. and includes reflection, Holy Mass, and lunch with the friars. A free will offering will be accepted. Call 814-695-3802 by May 15 to register.