

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

Second Sunday of Lent



Lent

Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary and Holy Name Societies
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Monday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Joseph Ciccotelli
6:30 p.m. +Fred Boslet

Tuesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Eugene Zernick

Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Wednesday

8:00 a.m. +John Serafin, Sr. (Anniversary)

Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. +Richard Bender

Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League

Saturday, March 7, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Elizabeth
and Cyril Stevens Family

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. +Judy Bedal
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our Parishioner Regis Westrick, father of our Parishioners William and Martin. 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, Lakyn Bernadette Schall, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret. We extend our love and best wishes to Lakyn Bernadette and her parents.



Solemn Vespers

We will have Solemn Vespers with Benediction on Sundays at 4 p.m. beginning March 1st, the Second Sunday of Lent and ending on March 29th, Palm Sunday. All are welcome.

Adult Faith Formation

We are continuing our Adult Faith Formation on Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses in the Boniface Wimmer Room. We will begin the video series "No Greater Love" Session 1 Jesus in Gethsemane.

Saint Benedict School Open House

Saint Benedict School will have an open house for new families, on Wednesday, March 4th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the School building. Please join us and meet our staff. If you are unable to attend, please call the school at 814-344-6512 to schedule a tour.



Monday, March 2, 8:00 a.m.

S. Gregory

6:30 p.m.

B. Fox

Tuesday, March 3, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 a.m.

M.C. Hoover

Thursday, March 5, 8:15 a.m.

SBS Children's Mass

Friday, March 6, 8:00 a.m.

M. Farabaugh

Stations of the Cross

H. Shaffer K. Shaffer
Z. Shaffer J. Hoover

Saturday, March 7, 4:00 p.m.

E. Farabaugh R. Boland K. Farabaugh
M. Farabaugh S. Cronan

Sunday, March 8, 8:00 a.m.

E. Cunningham G. Yeckley L. Huber
S. Cunningham K. Colberg
A. Westrick

10:00 a.m.

K. Shaffer C. Farabaugh M.C. Hoover
Z. Shaffer B. Fox
K. Frederick R. Hoover

School Auction

Saint Benedict School will be accepting new or gently used donations for the Annual Benefit Auction. Please no clothing or shoes. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Hall on Sunday, March 8th between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Join our school and church community for the Saint Benedict School Annual Benefit Auction on March 14th in the Church Hall. For \$30, enjoy a delicious dinner, drinks, and your very own bidding paddle as you compete for great items - all while supporting a great cause! Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner served at 5 p.m.; Live auction begins at 6 p.m. sharp. This is a 21+ event. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the school office at 344-6512, or you can grab one at the door the night of the event. Bring your friends, bring your bidding spirit, and come ready for a great night - we can't wait to see you there!

Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society is looking for new members to keep our very important mission intact. We are responsible for providing hosts, Altar wine, candles and most things in the sanctuary of the church. We have a short meeting 6 times a year, in March, April, May, June, September and October. We are thankful for those who help so much with our fund raising projects (Pierogies, nut rolls, tea rings, pies, etc.), but we also pray the rosary before funerals and do the gathering after the Mass on All Souls Day. If you have the time to give a little more, we would love to see you at our 1st meeting of the year on March 16th.



This week the votive candle will burn in front of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter In Loving Memory of Leo Karlheim From the Family

Pastor's Reflection

Peter, James, and John witnessed a sliver of Christ's glory. Why were they able to receive this gift? They were righteous like Abraham. When we obey God we open ourselves to His blessings and some of these blessings exceed our imaginations.



Peace,
Father Michael

Families and the Gospel
March 1, 2026, 2nd Sunday of Lent (Matthew 17:1-9)
 Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming. ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season - all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others - and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

Parish Mission

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual **Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto**, March 15-19. Rev. Fr. John Petrikovic, OFM Cap is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. with prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Barchak, JCD, presiding. 9 other priests of the area will be available to hear confessions the first night. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector, PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive

The 2026 *Catholic Ministries Drive* begins throughout our diocese this weekend. This year's theme is **Sent to Serve**, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been *Sent To Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

Our *Catholic Ministries Drive* supports 9 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.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives in your mail, and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be returned to our parish. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese's vital ministries.

Movie Night!

Join us for Movie Night on Saturday, March 7th, in the Boniface Wimmer Room, after the 4 p.m. Mass. We will be continuing the next two episodes of *The Chosen*, Season 5. All are invited!

64th Annual Men's Turkey Dinner

Sunday, March 15th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Dine- In for \$14 or Take-out for \$15.

Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Upcoming ZOOM Class: **Patrology** taught by Deacon Michael Russo via ZOOM. Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (Running 8 weeks) beginning March 11. The cost for this class is \$35 and the book is on the registration form and can be purchased through Amazon. To register for this class visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, or contact Jessica, *Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry* at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

Blood Drive

There is a Blood Drive in the Church Hall on Wednesday, March 11 from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

A parishioner at Our Mother of Perpetual Help parish in Ephrata, PA is asking for prayers and the help of a truly generous individual. Jody is in need of a living donor kidney transplant. Due to a genetic condition, both her kidneys are slowly failing. If you would like to learn more about the disease or the donation process, please contact her at: kidneyforjody@gmail.com.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Smith Coal & Oil, 814-948-4708**, 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, Vickie and Paul Baran, Dorothy Bearer, Katie Beckner, Michael Behe, Judy Bender, Cindy Bills, Lyn Bills, Ronald Bradley, Ben Bridgman, Fred Burgeson, Dustan Burkey, Joe Caretti, Tim Caretti, Evan Cicero, John Contorchick, Nancy Crawford, Cindy Daisley, Neta and Harry Elder, Clare Falconi, Dan Farabaugh, Jane Farabaugh, Mike 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, Mary Catherine Hoover, Chuck Horn, Logan Horvath, Kendra Karabinos, Bernice Kline, Ava Koehle, Jason Koshinski, Stephen Kutchman, Bob Lapenna, Janet McNulty, Brother Michael Miller, Camilla Miller, Chuck and Barb Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Jody Panczak, Dorothy Penrod, Joan Polites, Norman and Pauline Polites, Maddox Raptosh, Jim Ropp, Adam Schaeffer, Tim Semelsberger, Sara Sharbaugh, Susan Snyder, Special Intentions (11), 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.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.
-CCD Classes, School
-Solemn Vespers 4 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Holy Hour after Mass; Adoration until 4 p.m.
-Bingo, early birds 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Grief Support Group 6-8 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
-SBS Open House 5:30-6:30 p.m.
-HSA Meeting 7 p.m., Church Hall

THURSDAY

-SBS Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
-Scrip sold 9-10 a.m., Church Hall
-OCIA Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room
-Card Party 7 p.m., Church Hall

FRIDAY

-Scrip sold 8-10 a.m., Church Hall
-Holy Hour after Mass, Adoration until 6:30 p.m.
-Stations of the Cross 1:45 p.m. (School); 6:30 p.m. (Parish)
-Confessions 5:45 and 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

-First Saturday Mass and Devotions 8 am
-Confessions 2 p.m.; Mass 4 p.m.
-The Chosen Season 5, 5 p.m., Boniface Wimmer Room

SUNDAY

-Masses 8 and 10 a.m.; Solemn Vespers 4 p.m.
-CCD Classes, School

Church Support - February 18, 21 & 22, 2026

Offertory	6625.50
Ash Wednesday	2985.00
Church Improvement	1115.00
Maintenance Fund	832.00
Mandeville Diocese	595.00
Black and Indian Mission	535.70
St. Vincent de Paul	236.00
Tree of Life	200.00
School Support	150.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Christmas	50.00
Organ Project	10.00
First Offering	10.00

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.

Card Party, Thursday March 5, 2026



M/M Cody Anna, M/M Dave Anna, M/M Don Baker,
M/M Steve Balog, M/M Benjamin Bard, M/M Benno
Bearer, Mr. Don Bearer, Mrs. Dorothy Bearer,
M/M Dave Bearer, M/M Ken Bearer, M/M Nathan Bearer,
Mrs. Patricia Bearer, M/M Tom Bearer, M/M Tim Behe,
M/M Brian Besong

From other parishes and organizations...

Lenten Fish Dinners: New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill; every Friday during Lent including Good Friday, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per meal; children: \$7.50. Take out (drive-thru) meals \$15.

Visitation Parish, Johnstown: Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$14.

Saints Gregory and Barnabas: Fridays during Lent. Dine-In and Take-Out orders. St. Gregory, 120 Boltz St, Johnstown and St. Barnabas 408 Luzon Ave, Johnstown; from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Good Friday meals at St. Gregory from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Queen of Peace: Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday, from 4-7 p.m. Eat-in, Upper Level of Social Hall and Take-out, Lower Level of Social Hall. Adults (13+) \$15, Children (5-12) \$7, Children under 5 (Free)

Bishop Carroll Bingo: Sunday, March 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg. All cash prizes, complimentary beverages and desserts, \$25 admission. For information and tickets please call (814) 472-7500.