

December 31, 2017 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

# Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church



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## DIRECTORY

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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday:  
7:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Friday: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday.....8:00am, 12:05pm\*  
Saturday ..... 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm  
Sunday..... 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am  
\*School Mass Usually 9:00 am Thursdays

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Night Before ..... 6:30pm  
The Day of .... 7:00am, 12:05pm, 6:30pm

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday following the 8:00  
am & 12:05 pm Masses  
Saturdays ..... 3:00pm  
Other times listed in bulletin.

## EUCCHARISTIC DAYS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
begins after 12:05pm Mass and  
continues until 7:00pm on Tuesday.

## Saint Benedict Parish Mission Statement:

“To proclaim and live the message of Jesus Christ; through the power of the Holy Spirit, pray and work to build up His Church; and to do the will of the Father always and everywhere.”

## Parish Motto:

“Ora et Labora” - Latin for “Pray and Work” - comes from the Benedictines who were the first to staff our Parish.

## PARISH STAFF

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**BAPTISM:** Parents are to be examples to their children by being registered, active members of the Parish. First time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please call the Rectory Office to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to marry are to make arrangements at least nine months prior to their wedding date. Diocesan Guidelines regarding Marriage Preparation must be followed. The Catholic party/parties is/are to be registered, active members in the parish.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Those confined to their homes by sickness or age may arrange to receive Holy Communion by calling the rectory office at 266-9718. Our priests and deacons visit all St. Benedict parishioners once a week at Memorial Medical Center or other hospitals as requested.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** New members are always welcome! If you are moving into, within, or out of the Parish please call the rectory Office and let us know.

**BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:** Wednesday of the week prior to publication.

## Mass Intentions For This Week

### School Mass will be Thursday, January 4th

<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Louise Niton (Edward Milavec)
	12:05pm	John T. "Jack" Barlick, Jr. (Music Ministry)
<b>Tues</b>	8:00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	12:05pm	Edward B. Stofko (Mick Muto)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	B-day Ronald Hornick (Family)
	12:05pm	Anniv. Mary Hummel (Family)
<b>Thurs</b>	8:00am	B-day John F. Burns (Daughter: Becky A. Sease)
	9:30am	Kevin Cyburt (Marian & George Cyburt)
	12:05pm	Jeff Gasper (Mr/s William Billetdeaux)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Anniv. 1/18 Cathleen Endler (Regis Endler)
	12:05pm	Eleanor Zalewski (Becky Lear)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Mary Kmecak (Peles Family)
	5:00pm	Anniv. Bobby Iachini (Mother & Sisters)
	7:00pm	Anniv. Charles Gavin (Family)
<b>Sun</b>	7:30am	B-day 1/11 Lou Ann (Luke) Petronick (Brian & Lisa Moore)
	9:30am	Anniv. 2/5 Joan Feyock (Children)
	11:30am	Mass for the Parishioners

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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My eyes have seen your  
salvation, which you prepared  
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

## Religious and Social Event

### Sunday, December 31st, New Years Eve

#### Helping Hands Collection Weekend

<b>Sun</b>	7:30am	Sunday Mass
	9:30am	Sunday Mass sung by our Liturgical Choir
	11:30am	Sunday Mass

**All Choir Members** are invited to  
sing with us at the Arbutus Manor  
Chapel today, Sunday, December  
31st at 2:00 pm

### Monday, January 1st, New Years Day

#### Solemnity of Mary / Rectory Office Closed

<b>Mon</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary
	8:00am	Mass
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary
	12:05pm	Mass

#### Eucharistic Day

<b>Tues</b>	8:00am	<b>No Mass</b>
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	12:05pm	Mass Opens our Eucharistic Day followed by Confessions
	5:30 - 6:30pm	Pro - Life Holy Hour
	7:00pm	Schola Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 - 8:00pm	Good News Prayer Group <u>will not</u> be Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary
	8:00am	Mass
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	12:05pm	Mass
	6:30pm	RCIA / St. JP II / Room # 2
	6:30 - 7:45pm	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

#### Altar Server Schedule

##### Next Saturday, January 6th

5:00pm -	Jonah & Lindsay Weaver, Charlize Amper
7:00pm -	Grace & Billy Wyandt, Eli Zasadni

##### Next Sunday, January 7th, Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am -	Alex Brisko, Gregory Kutsick, Madalynne Eaton
9:30am -	Kristiana & Luke Cascino, Adrian Onguda
11:30am -	Danika Billow, D'Naysia Herring, Valyn Robison

**There will be training for all altar servers on Sunday,  
January 14th at 7pm.** See page 5 in today's bulletin for  
more information.

**Religious and Social Events This Week**

**Thurs** 7:40am Recitation of the Rosary  
 8:00am Mass followed by Confessions  
 9:30am **School Mass** sung by our Alpha Choir  
 10:00am Sr. Cindy Adult Ed / St. JP II / Room # 2  
 11:40am Recitation of the Rosary  
 12:05pm Mass followed by Confessions  
 3:00pm **Confessions for First Friday**  
 6:30pm Liturgical Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 - 8:00pm Nocturnal Adoration / St. Anne

**First Friday**

**Fri** 7:40am Recitation of the Rosary  
 8:00am Mass  
 11:40am Recitation of the Rosary / Church  
 12:05pm Mass

**Knights of Columbus Food Drive Weekend**

**Sat** 7:00am Men's Group / Kiniry Hall  
 9:00am Mass  
 3:00pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Mass to fulfill Sunday Obligation sung by our Contemporary Choir  
 7:00pm Mass to fulfill Sunday Obligation

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sun** 7:30am Sunday Mass  
 9:30am Sunday Mass sung by our Liturgical Choir  
 11:30am Sunday Mass  
 3:00 - 5:00pm Confirmation Sessions 9B, 10B, 11C / St. JP II

**Luke 2:22 - 40**

*The gospel shows Mary and Joseph weren't perfect parents. Have you ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company - so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.*



**May this New Year Bring Joy and Happiness to You and Your Family!**

**Pray For...**

**the repose** of the soul of Patricia Fisher who has entered eternal life. May Pat rest in God's peace and may the comfort of the Lord be with her family.

**remember in your charity** the homebound, elderly, sick and hospitalized members of our Parish Family, especially Austin Birus, Dawn Marie Stull, Roy Hockey, Sarah, Bobbi Salliese, Donald Rybar, Michael Krestar, Jr., Maureen Argie, Lincoln Ashcom, Mark Williams, Dave Deitle, Heidi Allison, Kathryn, Mandy Keim, Jim Stiffler, Bob Jeschonek, Alan Klaum, Bobby Cates, Deanna, Rose Cale, Bryson Miller, Michael Krestar, Sr., Stella Neuder, Edward A. Nowacki, Wyatt Price, Christopher Norton, Chris Davis, Jeremy Minor, Zach Womer, Russ Bobkoskie, Lois Gaunt, Jillian, Joe, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Rosemary Stump, Marilyn Danchanko, Steve Faher, Judy Koshute, Helene Barron, Jack Slezak, Ray, Betty Karafa, Larry Krestar, Terry Shustrick, Elizabeth Wilson, Margarete Riederer, Donna Cooper, Eileen Leuser, Robert Kormanik, Nori McGowan, John Lowes, Margaret Brown, Lloyd (Mac) Hughes, Alan Klaum, Deanna Henderson, Nancy Boes, Cindy Leonard, Ruth Boes, Gary Single, Nancy, Brett Greenhill, Jeffrey Hope, Joann Reiser, Baby Ashlyn, Chad, Sylvia Drozdik, Joan Parks, Pat Bendick, Doris Pepple, Cindy Rummel, Ashley Bassette, June Shaw, George Lulos, Frank Fratrigh, Jan Seitz - Molchany, Harry Cox, Mildred Kluchar, John Jordan, Barry Vill, Nina Roman, Lee Herdman, Noah, Hilda Natta, Pat McClafferty, Sandy Kloo, Lynn Lubinsky, Doug Osborne, Kay Gorczycki, Jewel Jordan, Basil Constantino, Ron Rayman, Kathleen Hennessey, Jill, Rosemary, Ann, Zack, Andrew, Patricia Renaud, Jan, Rose Marie, Ann, Zack, Ken Julian, Chris Howie, Krista Walker, Bettie Washington, Josh, Rudy Lapid, Leonora Sakony, Justine, Edith Gargon, Allison Krischer, Darin Roles, Amy, Vincent Spinelli, Jim Stem, Dorothy Markovich, Charles Donald Jacobs, Kathy Kohan, Pat Roebuck, Mary Susan, Lissa Gindlesperger, Ken Blasko, Helen Rizzo, Pat Smith, Mary Louise Pollock, Maurice Herdman, Jr., Sylvia Latchney, Judy Furfari, Sue Williams, Joe Walbeck, Jill, Harry Gorman, Jonathan W., Mark, Braden Schofeld, David Dabbs, Jacob Sutton, Danielle Sopich, Sharon Wilson, Betty Horner, Gia Bucci, Bob Bark, Derek Brozowski, Maria Zubak, Antonia Ramirez, Jessi, Lance Hupkovich, Janet S., Atlas, Charles Sklar, Jack Drummer, Ashley Maciejewski, George, Regina Hoover, John Orlosky, Rebecca Boring, Brayden Yorchak, Evelyn Velenski, Louann Clites, Mary Goas, Cheryl Bailey, John Vitez, Sean Aveni, Andi, Carol, Idela Robison, Rich Blaschack, Judy, John Glenn, Theresa Balon, Rudy, Nicholas, Bryan Mahon, Ethan Wirfel, Bob Liddell, Nicole Mickolick, Ted Bishof, John Williams, Larry Sedlemeyer, Andrea, Douglas Shaffer, John Dilko, Dawn, Jacqueline Beltz, Connie, Heather, Stephanie Cleary, and their courageous families who are caring for them. May they be united in a special way with the suffering Christ.

**also, Lord, please watch over** the men and women serving in our armed forces, and also those civilians whose work puts them in harms way.

**and also, for more vocations** to the priesthood, Permanent Deacons, and religious life, all our volunteers and all the ministries.

Friday of this week is the **First Friday** of the month. Masses will be 8:00 am and 12:05 pm. Confessions will be heard following Masses on Tuesday and Thursday and at 3:00 pm on Thursday.

Our **Eucharistic Day** will open with our 12:05 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 26th, followed by private adoration in Church until 7:00 pm when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. **The Pro - Life Hour will be from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.**

**Nocturnal Adoration** is Thursday from 7:00 - 8:00pm at St. Anne's Parish.

**Good News Charismatic Prayer Group** will not meet the months of January, February and March. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, April 3rd from 7-8:30 pm in the St. JP II / Room # 1 with Fr. Bob Hilz, TOR. All are welcome to join us in thanking God for his many blessings. If you have any questions, please contact Joe or Connie at 266-7109.

**The Men's Group** will hold its monthly meeting this Saturday, January 6th at 7:00 am in Kiniry Hall. All men of the parish and your friends are cordially invited to come and share in prayer, meditation and conversation. These sessions are most enlightening and refreshing. Come and share with us!

### St. Benedict 2018 Winter/Spring Bible Study Schedule

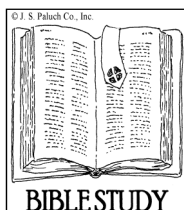
The letter of St. Paul that is heard more often than any other as the Second Reading on Sundays in the three-year Catholic lectionary, is his Letter to the Romans. This letter is the longest, the most influential and most rewarding of Paul's undisputed letters.

The Letter to the Romans is a powerful exposition of the doctrine of the supremacy of Christ and of faith in Christ as the source of salvation. It is an implicit plea to the Christians at Rome, and to all Christians, to hold fast to that faith.

Deacon Michael will facilitate an in-depth study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please bring your Bible. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036 or [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

**Where:** School Music Room

**When:** 9:30-11:30 am (Saturdays)  
January 6th, 13th, 27<sup>th</sup>  
February 3rd, 17th, 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 3rd, 10th, 24<sup>th</sup>  
April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 12th, 19th



### Notes from Music Ministry

**All Choir Members** are invited to sing with us at the Arbutus Manor Chapel today, Sunday December 31st at 2:00 pm.

**The Schola Cantorum** will rehearse on Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

**The Contemporary Choir** will rehearse on Wednesday at 6:30 pm and sing the 5:00 pm Mass on January 6th.

**The Liturgical Choir** will rehearse on Thursday at 6:30 pm and sing the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 7th.

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**Adult Ed with Sr. Cindy:** Class will be held on Thursday, January 4th at 10:00 am. During the winter months be sure to watch for school cancellations. Divine Mercy may come up on cancellations as DMCA. If school is cancelled, all events are cancelled, including Adult Ed!

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD SCHEDULES:** High School CCD Schedules for Winter 2018 are in the bookracks for pick up. Don't forget to get your schedule and plan your CCD classes. High School CCD classes will resume on January 14th. **Registrations must be in by January 13th.**



**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** The next Confirmation Sessions for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be held next Sunday, January 7th from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will be another opportunity for these sessions on April 8th from 9:00 -11:00 am. Please choose one date and plan on attending. These are mandatory sessions for ALL Confirmation.



Olympic athletes spend several thousand hours a year training. Doctors, surgeons, and nurses spend several years training. Training is helpful to not only learn particular skills, but to practice and refine skills that have already been learned. The Holy Mass is something sacred, so serving at the Mass also requires some training and practice. **There will be training for all altar servers on Sunday, January 14th at 7pm** at the Church. This is required training for all altar servers. If you have been serving several years, you are expected to attend. This is also training for new altar servers, so if you have never served before, now is your chance to begin.

**Please attend with at least one parent / legal guardian.**

Please contact Fr. Crowe with any questions: 266-9718, Ext. 507. If you cannot attend, please contact Fr. Crowe to schedule a training/retraining time.

**“Marketing Minded” Parishioners** please come forward! The Reunion Committee is looking for a volunteer group to take over the Reunion Car Project for our 2018 Reunion. The purpose of this sub-committee is to solely focus on marketing the car to increase the revenue made from the car. This committee could have numerous people to do specific jobs so as to not overwhelm any one person. Possibly the specific jobs could be as follows: find venues to sell tickets, calling volunteers to sell tickets, promoting the raffle online, paper flyers and signs plus other duties the “Car Committee” deems useful. The car has been generously donated by a parishioner so we need to capitalize on the opportunity to make as much money as we can on this raffle! Please call Debbie Mendillo at 266-6963 with questions or to join our team!

### Helping Hands Collection



December 31st is Helping Hands collection weekend, your donations will help with our groups charitable efforts. We only solicit donations four times a year on the fifth Sunday of the month. Any contributions large or small will certainly be appreciated. If you are not prepared this weekend, just drop your donation in the collection basket at your earliest convenience.

**Next weekend is our monthly Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection.** We only ask for non-perishable grocery items, canned meats, personal care products and laundry and cleaning supplies. Please check all expiration dates. Please help those that are less fortunate.

The **Yellow Ribbon Campaign** at St. Benedict will be held next weekend of **January 6th - 7th** before and after all Masses. This is the Citizens Concerned for Human Life’s (CCHL) main fundraising project for the year. The money raised assists with our pro-life education efforts, the March for Life and other expenses. Checks should be made payable to CCHL / Cambria Somerset. Please prayerfully consider donating your time and money to this important event.



### Citizens Concerned for Human Life and St. Benedict Church is coordinating a bus to the



**March for Life on Friday, January 19, 2018.** The bus will depart from St. Benedict Church at 7:15am. Mass will be offered at 6:30am at St Benedict. The cost to reserve a seat is \$10/student and \$15/adult. Money must be received prior to January 19th. All people under the age of 18, we ask you to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please do not let the cost of a ticket defer you from attending - if you need financial assistance, please contact Fr. Crowe at the rectory. The bus will return back to St Benedict at about 10:00pm the same day. We will stop for dinner, but please pack a breakfast and lunch.

If you are unable to physically attend, financial assistance is also greatly appreciated to help cover the cost of the bus reservation. This is a very rewarding experience and a powerful witness for life at all stages of life. Please contact Heidi Bence to register at [\(814\) 536-7335](tel:8145367335).

**Alpha Group** Don’t forget to turn your paperwork in via the collection basket as soon as possible. Questions, please contact Linda at 266-7484. All are welcome to join us! Watch next weekend’s bulletin for more information.

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