

May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 am - Noon. Until further notice. Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday ... 8:00am and 12:05pm
 Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday following the 8:00 am and 12:05 pm Masses
 Saturdays 3:00 pm
 All Confessions will be heard in Church (please note the new location).
 Weekday Confessions are heard in the Nursery / Cry Room to the right of our altar. Weekends are heard in the Priest Sacristy and the Nursery / Cry Room.

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.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Masks are required in Church

Mon	8:00am	Rose Rovida (Do Barbera)
	12:05pm	In Honor of the Suffering of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Jerry)
Tues	8:00am	Charles & Rita Tourney (Pat Bendick)
	12:05pm	John (Jack) Jordan (Janet & Rich Horvath)
Wed	8:00am	B-day John A. Knapp (Daughter: Joanne)
	12:05pm	Anniv. Anne Likar (Dolores Misinko)
Thurs	9:00am	B-day Brook Biesinger (Biesinger, Jordan, Neff & Kaser Families)
	12:05pm	B-day Mac Hughes (Family)
Fri	8:00am	Anniv. 5/9 Catherine Enderlein (Children)
	12:05pm	Matthew Oravec (Kena & Jim Vizzini)
Sat	5:00pm	Intentions from Mother's Day Envelopes
Sun	8:30am	Intentions from Mother's Day Envelopes
	10:30am	Intentions from Mother's Day Envelopes

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab,21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18



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Religious and Social Events This Weekend

First Communion Today at 2:00 pm

Sun	8:30am	Mass / Church
	10:30am	Mass / Church
	1:00pm	Distribution of Communion / Church
	2:00pm	First Communion Sunday
Mon	7:00 - 8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	8:00am	Mass / Church
	12:05pm	Mass / Church
	6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council / Parish Hall
Tues	7:00 - 8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	8:00am	Mass followed by Confessions
	12:05pm	Mass followed by Confessions
Wed	7:00 - 8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	8:00am	Mass / Church
	12:05pm	Mass / Church
Thurs	8:00 - 8:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9:00am	Mass followed by Confessions
	12:05pm	Mass followed by Confessions

First Friday

Fri	7:00 - 8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	8:00am	Mass / Church
	12:05am	Mass / Church
Sat	9:00am	Distribution of Communion / Church
	9:30am - 11:30am	Bible Study / ZOOM
	3:00pm	Confessions will be heard in the Priest Sacristy and the Nursery / Cry Room
	5:00pm	Mass / Church



Sun	8:30am	Mass / Church
	10:30am	Mass / Church
	1:00pm	Distribution of Communion / Church

John 15: 1-8

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

Frozen Homemade Perogies are leftover from our Italian Sausage Take out sale and available for purchase. We are asking \$10 a dozen.

Leftover Sausage (in sauce) being sold by the pound for \$5.00 a pound. We also are selling a bag of 6 sandwich rolls for \$2.00 a bag.

Please contact the Parish Office 814-266-9718 ext. 501 and make arrangements for purchase and pick up Monday - Friday. Thank you!

Our next parish take-out fundraiser will be a **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 23rd** from 10:30 am—1:00 pm in our Parish Hall! The meal will be \$9.00 and include: Spaghetti and 2 meatballs, side salad, dressing and a dinner roll and butter. Plan to join us.

Save the Date to blast off on a fun Bible School space adventure, "Miraculous Mission - Jesus Saves the World." Bible School will be held on June 21st - 25th from 9:00 - 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. Due to Covid - 19 restrictions, a limited number of students will be registered on a first - come, first - served basis. [See Page 7 for Registration.](#)

Baskets and More

We are happy to announce plans for a **Basket Raffle to be held in our Parish Hall on July 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2021.**



Please consider a cash donation and we will do the shopping to fill the basket or donate a filled basket with a value of \$75.00 - \$100.00, a new small appliance, designer purse, gift card, or cash for the basket raffle. All donations must be submitted by June 1st so that we can photograph the items to advertise them on our website. Please contact Barb and Don Walkovich with any questions. 814-266-1341. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

St. Benedict Church Bible Study continues to meet on Saturday Mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The St. Benedict Church weekly Bible Study continues on Zoom. The study is titled, **"Understanding the Word of God Written in the Words of Man.** Here is the remaining schedule for classes before we take a break for summer: May 8th, No Bible Study on May 15th and the last class will be May 22nd.

Pray For . . .

. . . **the repose** of the soul of Aurora A. Ochoco who has entered eternal life. May Aurora 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 Becky Petrosky, Betsy Bender, Carmen Edwards, Carolyn Paros, Maxwell Orr, Daniel Pisano, Bob Mihalik, Cassidy Gates, Jean Edwards, Michelle Roberts, Mary Ann Hrabosky, Ric Szelong, Twin Baby Girls: Lucia and Palmer Santichen, Mary Jo Hall, Albert Keith, Sr., Alan Klaum, Ron, Paul Piatek, Fr. Sean Cody, Richard, Bernard and Patricia Paruch, Mary Magro, Florence Nagle, Joyce Motter, Bob Kamler, Rita Kaina, Norma Jean Simmons, Patty Mainhart, Brittney Diveley, Heather, Maryann, Kelsey, Marilyn Peles, Steve Ulanowski, Frank Arcurio, Ernie Esposito, Susie Sharpe, Mary Bertino, Mary Burns, Sandy Kloo, Susie Newcomer & family, Cora Rhodes, William Willet, Ruth Villa, Mary Ann, Paul Harnish, Dave Ellis, Marie Slanac, Fr. Walter Moll, Arthur Munjone, G. Gehlman, Michelle Herdman, Tracy Mowery, Angie Krestar, Nancy Calafiore, Marg, Tim B., Michael Calafiore, Jr., Sandy & John Hunsinger, Fr. Chuck Bridges, Pat Mikulsky, Martha Banda, Tom & Barbara Sharpe, Ian McCue, Evelyn Maria Zubak, Greg, Lisa Moore, Mary Ann Townsend, Jim Vizzini, Rick Novella, Jay, Arlene, Noah Latronica, Averis, Mary Ann, Diane, Betty, John Schultz, Robbie Wright, Ernest, Nancy Russo, Dorothy Katcher, Nancy Tipton, David Grigg, Linda Bettel, Evelyn Yost, Baby Ryder, Paul Yeager, Linda Urban, Judy Furfari, Chris Smith, Jordan, Baby Charlotte Trabold, Joye Stephens, Eric Tipton, Michelle Kuruzovich, Nina Debias, Patti Sliko, Michelle Smith, Kathleen Miller, Margaret, Richard, Frederick, Steve Knowlton, William Eggert, Robin Sorch, Joel Rivera, Carolyn and Donna Markum, Mercedes, Robert C., Mary Ann Barnes, Dan Delp, Danielle Gleason, Jimmy Brothers, Dana Wilson, Maurene Romano, Ben Berkebile, Sylvia Latchney, Mary Ann Edsall, Suzie Gredesky, Patricia Hillegas, Jackson Kneib, Ben, Irene Zanke, Christopher Norton, Mary & Bob Goas, Jeffrey, Penelope Sopich, Jerry, Angie Naskali, Lynn Lubinsky, Austin Birus, Sarah, Mark Williams, Kathryn, Jim Stiffler, Bob Jeschonek, Bobby Cates, Deanna, Rose Cale, Bryson Miller, Stella Neuder, Rosemary Stump, Jeremy Minor, Russ Bobkoskie, Jillian, Joe, Helene Barron, Ray, Elizabeth Wilson, Margarete Riederer, Eileen Leuser, Robert Kormanik, Margaret Brown, Ruth Boes, Gary Single, Brett Greenhill, Jeffrey Hope, Baby Ashlyn, Chad, Joan Parks, Doris Pepple, Cindy Rummel, Ashley Bassette, June Shaw, George Lulos, Frank Fratrigh, Jan Seitz - Molchany, Barry Vill, Nina Roman, Lee Herdman, Noah, Pat McClafferty, Doug Osborne, Kay Gorczycki, Basil Constantino, Ron Rayman, Kathleen Hennessey, Patricia Renaud, Ken Julian, Chris Howie, Krista Walker, Josh, Rudy Lapid, Justine, Allison Krischer, Darin Roles, Amy, Jim Stem, Charles Donald Jacobs, Kathy Kohan, Mary Susan, Lissa Gindlesperger, Ken Blasko, Helen Rizzo, Pat Smith, Mary Louise Pollock, Maurice Herdman, Jr., Sue Williams, Joe Walbeck, Jill, Harry Gorman, Jonathan W., Mark, Braden Schofeld, David Dabbs, Jacob Sutton, Danielle Sopich, Betty Horner, Gia Bucci, Bob Bark, Derek Brozowski, Antonia Ramirez, Jessi, Lance Hupkovich, Janet S., Atlas, Ashley Maciejewski, George, Regina Hoover, John Orlosky, Rebecca Boring, Brayden Yorchak, Sean Aveni, Cheryl Bailey, John Glenn, Theresa Balon, Rudy, Nicholas, Bryan Mahon, Nicole Mickolick, Ted Bishop, John William, Douglas Shaffer, Jacqueline Beltz and their courageous families who are caring for them. May they be united in a special way with the suffering Christ.

If you wish to have your name removed, please contact the parish office at 266-9718 ext. 501. Thank you.

ORIENTATION FOR FRESHMEN FOR NEXT YEAR: Orientation for students entering the Confirmation process or High School Religious Education will be held Sunday, June 13th, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the school gym. This will explain and begin both Confirmation and CCD so all High School students who will begin 9th grade in September, whether in public school, Bishop McCort or Homeschooled, must attend with at least one parent. In order that social distancing can be arranged, please register with Sr. Cindy (266-9718, ext. 301 or srcindy@stbenedictchurch.org) that you are attending and the number of people who will attend. If you are not available for this date, another option will be made available at a later date.

Mother's Day Remembrance If you would like your mother, living or deceased, remembered on Mother's Day and throughout the month of May, please complete and return the Spiritual Bouquet Cards found on the church windowsills. Please complete the envelopes and return your intentions to the Parish Office, the collection basket or our drop boxes. Please remember to print clearly.

If you were not prepared for our **Knights of Columbus Food Drive** last weekend, you can drop your donated items off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. **We are in need of condiments, Manwich sloppy joe sauce, hand soap and toothpaste.** Thanking you in advance for your generosity and support.



2021 Bonanza Ticket Winners

Thank you to the many parishioners who have purchased bonanza tickets! If you are not purchasing your ticket, please return it to the Parish Office so that someone else may have the opportunity to purchase it.

Week #5 Winners - Sunday # 640, Monday # 388, Tuesday # 792, Wednesday # 571, Thursday # 823, Friday # 606 Saturday # 535. Checks will be mailed to all our winners.

Just a note to keep in mind: Our bulletin is submitted for publication on Wednesday morning of each week. Sometimes last minute announcements do not make the bulletin deadline. Please remember to check our parish website at www.stbenedictchurch.org for all the latest parish updated information. Thank you!

Our parish missal is now available as an app! The *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app is a USCCB-approved digital worship aid to help you more fully participate in the liturgy – whether at home or at church. It is available in the App Store or on Google Play for \$4.99. Check our website for more information www.stbenedictchurch.org.

Several years ago, Bill Wingard gave a wonderful presentation on the **Shroud of Turin** at **St. Benedict Parish**. He used our video team at the diocese to create a professional CD of the presentation. He has given us permission to **share this fascinating video on our website**. Enjoy!

Just a reminder that you can view our St. Benedict Sunday Mass on Atlantic Broadband Channel 9 each week at 8:30 am and also on our website - stbenedictchurch.org.

We are now be receiving Communion at the regular time during Mass and no longer at the end of Mass.

Stephen Ministers are gifted to care

Our congregation cares about people who are hurting. That is why our Parish is committed to Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to provide the best spiritual care for people who need it. God gives spiritual gifts to each of us, and we pass them along by using them to serve others. Is God calling you to take a more active role in Christian caregiving? Then Stephen Ministry may be just what you are looking for. Becoming a Stephen Minister is an opportunity to serve God, help others, and grow in faith. A Stephen Minister is someone who can make a difference in someone's life who is hurting. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 814-266-9718 ext. 501 or Steve and Kathy Knowlton at 814-410-2303.

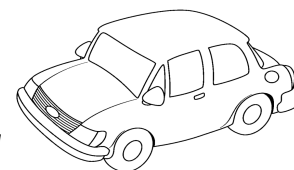
Many thanks to the members of the St Benedict Men's Group who assisted the Garden ministry in mulching the parish property Saturday, April 24, 2021.

The group included the following volunteers: Father Dave, Judy Zubal, Renee & Nick Debias, Sandy & Dave Burnheimer, Rose Rifulato, Dave & Sue Vella, Bud Berkebile, Joe Boito, Michael Noel, Ed Olshesky, Cury Costlow, Mike McClusky, Ray Gados, Jeff Philipin, Tim Trabold, Tom Halza, Sean, Chris, McKenna, Cullen, Braden, Kyla & Shawna O'Dowd, Sharon & Todd Trabold

If you enjoy gardening and would like to join the Garden Ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 814-266-9718 ext. 501.

Places to go and Things to do:

VISITATION FIRST FRIDAY FISH FRY—*this FRIDAY, MAY 7th from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Menu includes: 8oz. Haddock sandwich, coleslaw, choice of mac & cheese or fries and a beverage. Cost is \$10 for TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY! TO ORDER CALL: 814-418-5017.*



Martha & Mary Homeless Shelter is sponsoring a Covid - 19 Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, May 13th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Coopersdale Homes, 255 Cooper Avenue and from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at 899 Bedford Street, Dale Borough. Vaccine shots are available to anyone 16 years of age and older. Reservations can be made by calling 814-254-4413. Remember to spread the word and not the virus! Get vaccinated for the coronavirus and stay healthy!

St. Francis of Assisi Fish Fry will take place on Friday, May 14 at the Activity Center corner of D St. and Barron Ave. from 2:00PM until 6:00PM for PHONE ORDERS ONLY. Orders will be taken on Thursday, May 13th from 9:00AM until 11:00AM and on FRIDAY, May 14th from 10:00AM UNTIL 5:00PM. Please call 814-539-3518 to place your order.

PUBLIC ROSARY— In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima and to Pray for Our Country, **Saturday, May 15th - NOON** at St. Clement Church Parking Lot, Corner of Goucher Street & Lindberg Avenue. Covid Precautions.

Fatima Devotions are back: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating a Mass for the Ascension of Lord with Fatima Devotions following immediately after. We will begin at 6pm and they will be held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Francis University. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember you loved ones on **Sunday, May 30, 2021 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 pm on the Atlantic Broadband 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 at 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. Deadline to register is May 24, 2021. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.

Today, Sunday, May 2nd, our Parish Family celebrates with the children who have prepared to receive First Holy Communion and their families. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to grow closer to God in the Eucharist.

Caitlyn Albright

Grace Bassett

Connor Beblar

Giovanni Benford

Saharie Ann Brejwo-Robinson

Colton Brock

Jackson Clawson

Dane Diamond

Santino Furnari

Owen Golesich

Addison Jones



Michael Krawczy

Logan Martone

Ava McClelland

Kelsey Michlena

Braden Naylor

Kaylee Paronish

Milena Radkowski

Colton Ropp

Jack Tatarko

Brynn Tresnicky

Gabriel Weaver



2021 Vacation Bible School

DATE: June 21st—25th

PLACE: St. Benedict Parish Hall

TIME: 9:00 am—11:30 am

WHO: All Students ages 4-11 years

Dear Parents:

This summer your children are invited to a delightful, faith-filled week at the “Miraculous Mission - Jesus Saves the World” Vacation Bible School. Here the children will learn how their lives can be transformed by God’s great love for them. Each day’s lesson, including games, songs, snacks and crafts, will connect the daily Bible story and theme in fun and memorable ways.

The safety plan used during the school year will be strictly enforced, including social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, etc. The rooms will be sanitized nightly as they are during the school year. Safety will be our number one priority, but we still promise a fun week to deepen our Faith in our God who loves us so much!

To include your child in this worthwhile experience, please complete the form below and return it via the mail or collection basket as soon as possible. Due to COVID - 19 restrictions, a limited number of students will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be NO WALK-IN registrations during Bible School week. DON’T DELAY! PLEASE REGISTER TODAY! Also, due to COVID-19, student helpers will not be utilized this year. Thank you.

----- Detach Here and Return -----

Child’s Name	Grade in 2020-2021	Phone Number
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Parent Signature: _____

Address: _____

Emergency name and phone number of someone knowing your whereabouts that week

Please check and initial authorizing the use of photographic images of your child

_____ I grant permission to St. Benedict Church to use my child/children’s name, likeness and / or photographic image in the publication of materials pertaining to 2021 Vacation Bible School.

FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

In order to help meet the cost of materials, you are requested to pay a registration fee of \$5.00 per child with this registration form. In the event of financial hardship, please contact the Parish Office. We would like all our children to participate.