

# St. Benedict Church

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**3rd Sunday of Lent March 7, 2010**

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Geistown, PA

## All CANDY ORDER FORMS DUE TODAY!

**Gardner's Candies/Blaine Boring's Chocolates Sale:** Today all candy order forms are due. Please complete the order forms, along with your check made out to St. Benedict Church. The orders will be back and available for pick up the weekend of March 20-21st in our John Paul II Education Center.

### Parish Staff:

**Rev. David S. Peles, Pastor** ..... Ext. 107  
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 (Business Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am-Noon/1-4:30pm)  
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**Sacrament of 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.

**Sacrament of 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.

**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.

### 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 first staffed our Parish.

### Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday ..... 8:00am and 12:05 pm  
 Saturday ..... 9:00 am, (Vigil: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm)  
 Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

### Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:00 pm. Other times as listed in the bulletin.

**Announced Masses Scheduled This Week:**

<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Anniv George Kleban (Sons: Tom & George)
	12:05pm	Ann Mihalick (Steve & Cindy McAneny)
	6:30pm	Richard Sandmaier (Faye Jock)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	Dorothy Neral (Family & Friends)
	12:05pm	Kathy Delusa (Janet & Dick Lozanoff)
	6:30pm	Carmaline Greagor (Andrew Gabrarino)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Flo Seftic B-day (Husband & Family)
	12:05pm	Anniv. Joanne Endler (Regis Endler)
	6:30pm	Phil Vaught (Louise Gavin)
<b>Thur</b>	8:00am	Catherine Porada (Walt & Joan Ronan)
	9:00pm	Stephen King (Wife)
	12:05pm	John Bomba (Kathleen Datko)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Evelyn Foltz (Clyde Gindlesperger)
	12:05pm	Ethel Wass (Sharpe Family)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Msgr. Joseph Kiniry (Will Request)
	5:00pm	Anniv 3/20 Bill Legdon (Wife & Fm)
	7:00pm	Ethel Lenyo (Ann & Bill Liharchik)
<b>Sun</b>	7:30am	Julie Verhovsek (M/M John Frieko & Family)
	9:30am	Mass for the Parishioners
	11:30am	Jim Litzinger (Richard Respa)

**Altar Server Schedule**(Monday - Friday 8:00am Mass)

8:00am AJ Papcunik, and Samuel Musselman

(Friday - Stations of the Cross)

2:00pm Assigned by the School

6:30pm Lara McGlynn, Mitchell Mirabile and Lea Holtz

(Saturday, March 13th)

5:00pm Katie Szczur, Jacob &amp; Allyson Adam

7:00pm Carissa &amp; Stefen Vyhonsky and Abby Szelong

(Next Sunday, March 14th)

7:30am Jessica &amp; Jacob Schulte and Megan Sedlemeyer

9:30am Marissa Birus, Kayla Orr and Lauren Forte

11:30am Austin Towns, Dane Webb and Derek Malkin

**Families and the Gospel****Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

The owner of the orchard in today's gospel was disappointed with the fig tree and ordered it cut down. When others disappoint us, today's gospel tells us to imitate the gardener. Don't cut them out of your life by silence or ignoring them. Rather give them more time and assistance. Families don't give up on each other. When others reject, family accepts!

**Religious and Social Events This Week:**

<b>Today</b>	7:30am	Mass /Food Pantry Appeal Weekend/Candy Orders Due/ Girl Scout Cookies for sale after Mass
	8:00-9:15am	Elementary CCD Classes and <u>Confessions</u> / JPEC
	9:00-11:00am	High School CCD
	9:30am	Mass sung by our Liturgical Choir / RCIA 1st Scrutiny/ Catechumen Sunday/Food Pantry Appeal Weekend/ Candy Orders Due/Girl Scout Cookie Sale after Mass
	11:30am	Mass/Food Pantry Appeal Weekend/Candy Orders Due/ Girl Scout Cookie Sale after Mass
	3:00 - 5:00pm	High School CCD
<b>Mon</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	8:00am	Mass
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	Noon -1:30pm	Gift Card Sale / JPEC Room #2
	12:05pm	Mass
	1:00pm	Legion of Mary Meeting / JPEC Chapel Room
	6:30pm	Mass followed by <u>Confessions</u>
	7:00pm	Oblates / JPEC Room #2
<b>Tue</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	8:00am	Mass followed by Confessions
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	12:05pm	Mass opens our Eucharistic Day - Confessions
	12:20-6:15pm	Private Adoration Throughout Day / Church
	6:30pm	Mass followed by <u>Confessions</u>
	7:00pm	Sr. Cindy's Adult Ed Class / JPEC Room #2
	7:00-8:00pm	Pro-Life Holy Hour / Church
	7:45pm	Marriage Prep Training / JPEC Chapel
<b>Wed</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	8:00am	Mass
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	12:05pm	Mass
	3:30-5:30pm	Sr. Carol Ann's Adult Ed Class / JPEC Room #2
	6:30pm	Mass followed by <u>Confessions</u>
	7:00pm	RCIA Session / JPEC Room #2
	7:30pm	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal / Church
<b>Thur</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	8:00am	Mass followed by Confessions
	8:15-9:15am	Gift Card Sale / JPEC Room #2
	9:00am	All School Mass sung by the Junior Choir
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	12:05pm	Mass followed by Confessions
	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting / JPEC Room #2
		Liturgical Choir Rehearsal / Kiniry Hall
	7:00-9:30pm	Marriage Prep Class/School Hall/Gym
	8:15pm	Schola Choir Rehearsal / Kiniry Hall
<b>Fri</b>	7:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	8:00am	Mass
	11:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	12:05pm	Mass
	Noon - 7:00pm	<b>Parish Lenten Fish Fry</b> / School Hall/Gym
	2:00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> / Church
	3:00-7:00pm	Eat In Fish Fry Dinners Served / School Hall/Gym
	6:30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> / Church
<b>Sat</b>	7:00-9:00am	Blood Screening/School Hall/Gym
	8:40am	Recitation of the Rosary / Church
	9:00am	Mass/Catholic Relief Collection
	3:00pm	<u>Confessions</u>
	5:00pm	Mass to Fulfill the Sunday Obligation/ sung by our Contemporary Choir /Catholic Relief Collection
	6:00-10:00pm	Winter Formal Dance/School Hall/Gym
	7:00pm	Mass to Fulfill the Sunday Obligation
<b>Sun</b>	7:30am	Mass / Catholic Relief Collection
	8:00-9:15am	Elementary CCD Classes for Grades K-8/ <u>Confessions</u> /JP
	9:00-11:00am	High School CCD
	9:30am	Mass sung by our Liturgical Choir /RCIA 2nd Scrutiny/ Catechumen Sunday/Catholic Relief Collection
	11:30am	Mass / Catholic Relief Collection
	3:00-5:00pm	High School CCD
	7:00pm	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00-8:30pm	Youth Group Meeting/School Hall/Gym

**Lenten Fish Dinner**  
**Friday, March 12th**  
**In Our School Hall / Gym**

To place an order call 266-3837 ext. 206 or  
fax your order to 269-4220 **BEFORE 4:00pm.**

**Takeouts** available from Noon - 7:30pm.  
**Sit Down** dinners will be served from 3:00 - 7:30pm.

**MENU INCLUDES:**

- Fish Dinner ..... \$8.50**
- Child Dinner ..... \$5.00**
- 8-pc Shrimp Dinner ..... \$8.50**
- Child 4-pc Shrimp Dinner ..... \$4.50**
- Combo Dinner 1/2pc Fish &**
- 4 pc Shrimp Dinner ..... \$8.00**
- 2-pc Crab Cake Dinner ..... \$7.00**

**Dinners Include:**

- Baked OR Fried Fish**
- Macaroni & Cheese OR French Fries**
- Cole Slaw OR Applesauce**
- Roll and Cake (cake available while supplies last),**
- Hot Tea OR Coffee available for Eat-In-Dinner**

**Extra Side Orders and Beverages:**

- Pierogies 3-pc. .... \$2.00**
- Piece of fish ..... \$5.00**
- Shrimp 1-pc. .... \$1.00**
- French Fries ..... \$1.50**
- Macaroni & Cheese ...\$1.50**

- Fish Sandwich .. ..... \$5.50**
- Crab Cake Sandwich ..\$4.50**
- Cole Slaw ..... 75 cents**
- Applesauce ..... 75 cents**
- Cake ..... 75 cents**
- Soda ..... 75 cents**
- Coffee ..... 75 cents**
- Iced Tea ..... 75 cents**
- Chocolate Milk .... 75 cents**
- Bottled Water .. .... 75 cents**

**Stations of The Cross**  
**Friday at 2:00 and 6:30PM**

For those attending the 6:30pm Stations of The Cross...  
Please note that we have extended our dinner hours so  
you may stop by the fish fry for your dinner after  
Stations.

**Lenten Mass Schedule** is as follows: Monday / Tues-  
day / Wednesday Masses will be 8:00am, 12:05pm and  
6:30pm. Thursdays at 8:00am, 9:00am (School Mass)  
and 12:05pm. Friday's 8:00am and 12:05pm. Stations  
of the Cross will be held on Friday's at 2:00pm and  
6:30pm.

The **Legion of Mary** will meet Monday afternoon at  
1:00pm as usual in our John Paul II Education Center Chapel  
Room.

Our **Eucharistic Day** will open with our 12:05 Mass on  
Tuesday followed by private adoration in Church until  
6:15pm when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. There  
will be a 6:30pm Mass followed by the **Pro-Life Holy Hour**  
from 7:00-8:00pm.

Our **Gift Card Sale:** We will be selling gift cards tomor-  
row/Monday from Noon to 1:30pm and again this Thursday  
from 8:15-9:15am in Room #2 of our John Paul II Education  
Center.

You may drop your order form in the collection basket at  
Mass any weekend. You will be called when your scrip is  
ready for pick up! Thank you.

**Youth Group News:**

"Mark your calendars! The Youth Mass and Action Zone  
Lock-In sponsored by St. Benedict Youth Group has been  
rescheduled for the **weekend of Saturday, March 20th into**  
**Sunday, March 21st.** We will begin on Saturday at 9pm with  
a Youth Mass (which fulfills the Sunday obligation). Immedi-  
ately after Mass we will load the bus in St. Benedict's parking  
lot and leave for Hollidaysburg by no later than 10pm. You  
may want to bring extra money for ticket and video games,  
but everything else is free. The bus will arrive back at St.  
Benedict by approximately 8am Sunday."

Today is our monthly **K of C Food Pantry** collection. On  
the first full weekend of each month we ask each family in our  
Parish to donate at least one item of non-perishable food,  
laundry or cleaning supplies, personal care items or paper  
products. If you'd rather not carry them to Mass, you are wel-  
come to drop them off at the Rectory Office anytime during  
regular business hours. We are in from 7-Noon and 1-4:30pm  
Monday-Friday). Thank you!

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This past week you received a letter from Fr. Dave detailing  
our need for increased revenues in our weekly envelopes.  
This week you will receive a personal letter of appeal with a  
special envelope, mark your new weekly giving amount, and  
return in next week's collection basket. After that, please  
return to your usual envelopes. This appeal is for your weekly  
envelope only. I thank you for your past generosity and that  
you will respond likewise to this appeal. May God Bless  
You.

**THANY YOU ALL...**

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Rectory, Parish & School Staff who over the years made my 46 years of working for St. Benedict Parish enjoyable.

Also to everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts, well wishes and thoughtful notes. Thank you for your friendship and caring notes which means so much. I'll always remember your kindness.

God Bless You,  
Mary Ann Shull

**Our 2010 Bonanza Ticket Program...**

Our program for this year is just two weeks away! We still have many tickets available for sale. Either call the office and we will mail you out a ticket or just simply stop in at the Rectory during business hours this week.

Tickets are \$40.00 for this 40-week program (that is only a \$1.00 a week!) and can be paid for in full or in payments. Winners are based on the 7pm drawing of the PA Lottery Sunday-Saturday. Winners are awarded \$50.00 each day!

If you received a ticket through the mail, we hope you will purchase it or sell it to a friend or neighbor. Please make all returns as soon as possible. You may also make returns thru the collection basket next weekend. Anyone not interested in purchasing the ticket you receive we must have the ticket back.

**Adult Education:**

Sr. Cindy's Adult Education Class schedule for this week is Tuesday, March 9th at 7 pm. There will NOT be class on Friday this week.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the **St. Benedict Fish Fry** in our School Hall/Gym. Take-Out Dinners are available from Noon until 7:30pm. Call 266-3837 ext. 206 or fax your order to 269-4220 until 4:00pm only. Sit-Down Dinners are served in the School Hall/Gym from 3:00pm-7:30pm every Friday during Lent. **Thank you for your continued support!**

**Stephen Ministry Training**

This week our Stephen Ministry trainees will be focusing on, "Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly." They will learn the difference between passive, assertive, and aggressive behavior and gain skills that will help both in relating to others and in affirming their own worth.

**Please Pray For...**

...The repose of the souls of Frank Fabina and Joan Jaskula who has entered eternal life. May Frank and Joan rest in God's peace and may the comfort of the Lord be with there families.

...Remember in your charity the homebound, elderly, sick and hospitalized members of our Parish Family, especially DonCuster, Deacon Bruce Becker, Rosemarie Krenjeck and Christopher Bukovich. May they be united in a special way with the suffering Christ.

...Also, pray for the safety of all the men and women serving in the military.

**Confessions and Penance Services**

Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday, March 8th @ 6:00pm
St. John Gualbert Cathedral	Monday, March 22nd @ 6:30pm (with Bishop Joseph)
St. Clement's	Tuesday, March 23rd @ 7:00pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Tuesday, March 23rd @ 7:00pm
St. Clare of Assisi	Wednesday, March 24th @ 7:00pm
Church of the Transfiguration	Friday, March 26, @ 7pm
Visitation	Sunday, March 28th @ 5:00pm
<b>Here at St. Benedict's</b>	Monday, March 29th @ 5:00pm
St. Patrick's	Wednesday, March 31st @ 6:30pm



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30	Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

... Notes from our Music Ministry ...

The Contemporary Choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30pm and sing the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 13th. The Liturgical Choir will rehearse on Thursday at 6:30pm and sing the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, March 14th. The Schola Cantorum will rehearse on Thursday at 8:15pm. The Junior Choir will sing the School Mass on Thursday, March 11 at 9:00am. The Adult Bell Choir will rehearse Today/Sunday evening at 7:00pm (March 7th).

Congratulations to John Durica for being on the honor roll! John was omitted from our prior list. Sorry for the mistake John.

Are you missing a set of keys? There was a set of keys turned into the office last week. If you can identify them please call 266-9728 ext. 101.

Winter Storm Warning...

We wish to remind everyone of our policy concerning all activities (Classes, meetings and sport practices) "Whenever our School is dismissed early because of the weather or when School is cancelled for the day... ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO CANCELLED." This has been the directive for the past several years, and will continue to be the same for this winter.

Don't forget we're collecting items for St. Patrick's Day, Easter / Spring to make up baskets for our Chinese Auction Reunion booth. A lot of these items are already marked down! Just drop your donations off at the Rectory Office during business hours

Family Ritual

Keeping Lent: Lent activities include prayer, fasting, almsgiving in order to bring us closer to Christ. Each day pray in your own words to God, fast from one unhealthy food, and set aside a set amount of money for the poor. Do these little things with great love for the God who loves you.

Stand Up and Be Counted The Manhattan Declaration: A Call of Christian Conscience is an unprecedented document, which unites the voices of Catholics, Eastern Orthodox and Evangelical Protestants. Its purpose is to give a common witness to three foundational principles of justice and the common good, namely:

- \*The sanctity of human life in all stages and conditions
\*The dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of husband and wife.

\*The rights of conscience and religious liberty. The statement can be found at www.manhattandeclaration.org. At that site additional resources and answers to frequently asked questions can be located. It would be wonderful if you would go to that site, read and add your signature to the document. More than 300,000 people have already signed it.

Hopefully you will join in what may become an historic moment to turn our culture toward a true respect for human life and conscience.

Our 77th Annual Parish Reunion July 16,17 and 18th

This year we are featuring:

Gift Card Booth

Anyone interested in donating gift cards with a minimum denomination of \$10.00/and please use our Parish Scrip Program when purchasing.

Dime Pitch Booth

Please donate NEW DRINKING GLASSES, SHOT GLASSES, VASES or COFFEE or TRAVEL MUGS that have sport logo, holiday, Mother's Day or pop culture ... glassware may have.

We are looking for Large Roasters in good working condition or a cash donation to purchase some for our Reunion.

We will also have some beautiful new jewelry this year!

Watch the bulletin every week for more details on upcoming

Easter is just around the corner. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held again this year on Palm Sunday. We are asking for your help. Plastic Easter Eggs are on the shelves already. If you would purchase any for our egg hunt they may be dropped off at the Rectory Office during regular office hours. We thought we would try something new this year... someone has suggested we collect any unwanted plastic eggs following the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Sunday to be recycled for next year. Sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt will be in next weekends bulletin.

We have had a request for a ride to Church. Anyone who might be able to assist a fellow parishioner get to Mass please call the Rectory Office.

PLACES TO GO AROUND TOWN:

(Today, March 7th)

All are invited to join today in a Lenten Afternoon with Fr. Alan Thomas. He will speak on "The Year of the Priest" at St. John Gualbert Activity Center. Admission is free and refreshments are served. Today from 2-3:30pm

St. Benedict Church, Carrolltown, PA is sponsoring an Ethnic Dinner from 11-2pm in the Church Hall. Dinner includes stuffed cabbage, progie, haluski, green beans, roll, desert and drinks. Cost is \$8/Adults and \$3/Children under 12.

St. Agnes Church, Cassandra, PA is holding a Spaghetti Dinner today from 11:30-2PM at the St. Bartholomew Church Hall, Wilmore. Adults/\$5.50 and Children \$3.00. Take-outs available. Tickets may be purchase in advance at the parish office or at the door.

(Today March 7 - 15th) St. Andrew's Parish is holding its annual Novena to the Infant of Prague. Novena Devotions/Mass each evening at 7pm. Confessions each evening after devotions.

(Next Saturday/Sunday, March 13th & 14th) St. Clement's Church is holding a Craft Fair from 9-3pm featuring stained glass, jewelry, floral, sports items, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Mary Kay and over 50 Crafters and Vendors/bake sale and much more.

(Next Sunday, March 14th)

Annual Men's Turkey Dinner/Bazaar at The Basilica of St. Michael The Archangel, Loretto, PA from noon - 4:00pm.

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We are not using a colored picture on the front page this week. Just our Fish Fry Ad.  
Thank you - have a good week.

Contact: Mary Beth Pudliner

P.S. Mary Ann has retired as of Feb 1, 2010