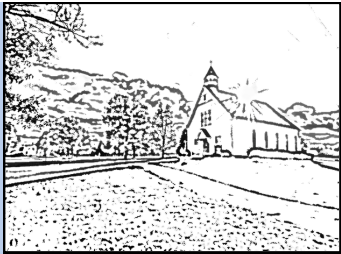


Ministries & Schedule



Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Alter Server	Offertory Counters	Greeters
March 16th	Earl	Rob	David	John & Harold	Rose Rush
March 23rd	Brenda	Chris	Silas	Rob & Deb	Rose Rush
March 30th	Scarlet	Dustin	Rob	Andrew & Cindy	Rose Rush

Sacristan Schedule

January - Mike
February - Chris
March - Cindy

Sacristans

Cindy Qualey
Chris Cunningham
Pat Qualey
Mike Guiggey

Eucharistic Ministers

Chris Cunningham
Dustin Qualey
Anna Q Robinson
Tom Robinson
Rob Meinders
Brenda Watson
Pat Qualey
Lynn Qualey

Parish Council

Anna Q. Robinson
Anna Robinson
Brenda Watson
Danny Watson
Cindy Qualey
Rob Meinders
Pat Qualey
Brittany Arbo

Lectors

Brenda Watson
Scarlet McAvoy
Dustin Qualey
Lana Robinson
Chris Cunningham
Earl Cummings
Sue Ellis

Lazarus Ministry

Danny Watson
Rose Rush
Anna Robinson
Joanne McGillivray

Worship and Spirituality Council

Brenda Watson
Danny Watson
Rose Rush
Rob Meinders
Joanne McGillivray
Maggie Wade
Linda Harrington

Finance Council

Danny Watson
Andrew Qualey
Scarlet McAvoy
Anna Q. Robinson

Altar Servers

Anna Q Robinson
David Amirault
Ezekiel Ellis
Silas Arbo
Rob Meinders

Greeters

Earl & Sue Cummings
John & Jill Duffy
Ray & Deb Bryant
Mike & Betty Elwell
Tom & Di Robinson
Mike Guiggey
Rose Rush
Ricky & Jeannine Cyr
Mona Craig & Sandra Albert
The Arbo Family

Offertory Counters*

Pat Qualey
John Duffy
Rose Rush
Deb Bryant
Andrew Qualey
Harold Robinson
Cindy Qualey
Betty Elwell
Rob Meinders
Ken Kuntz

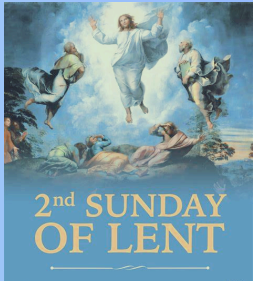
*Diocese requires two parishioners, not married to one another.



St. Benedict's Parish

St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!

March 16th, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent ~ Year C



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Weekly Reflection

We often concentrate on the painful sides of what we go through in life but fail to see that joy and glory are hidden behind pains. Hence the saying,

"Rather than being sad that roses have thorns, be happy that thorns have roses."

In today's first reading, Abraham's total trust and obedience to God, sets him before us our father in faith. His faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, and he is promised descendants as many as the sand and stars in the sky. This reminds us that our faith, trust, and obedience to God is not in vain. The second reading calls us to a daily life of dying and rising with Jesus. The Gospel presents the Transfiguration of Jesus which is a prefiguration of the transformation in Glory of those who suffer for love of God and neighbors.

The Transfiguration is intended to strengthen the faith of the disciples for the coming trial of Jesus's passion and death and for their own future suffering and death as His witnesses to the world. It is also directed to increase their faith, hope and love for him and to empower them for endurance in times of hardships and persecution. This applies also to us his present disciples.

Peter is carried away by the Transfiguration scene and wants to remain in this experience. There are moments like that in our spiritual journey, when we long to prolong the experience we have, especially when we too feel the nearness of God. However, our journey to heaven is a mixture of of the Transfiguration and the passion, the sweet and the bitter, the wine of Cana and the Vinegar on hyssop. The good news is that the God of the Transfiguration is also the God of the Agony in the garden. When He gives us the Transfiguration experience, it is to strengthen us to trust Him in our agonies.

The voice from Heaven confirms this in the life of Jesus. So listen to Him and follow Him. No cross, no transformation. No sweat, no sweet. No good Friday, no Easter Sunday.

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in Heaven, may the Faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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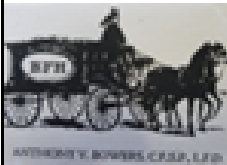
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St. Benedict's Winter Mass Schedule

Sundays 10:30am

Fridays 9:00am-Adoration & Confession @8:00am

Confessions:

Friday 8:00am-9:00am (or by appointment)

Marriage, Baptism or ministry to the Sick:

Parish Office (207) 365-4294

Communion for the HomeBound

Call Deacon Dan (207) 731-8111

St. Benedict's Parish Office

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Readings for the Week:

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11 12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

"The Lord is near
to all who call on Him"

~Psalm 45:8



Cathy Cyr Duffy

Riley Wheaton

Ann Cunningham

Ryan Robinson

Beckham Willett

Janie Cummings

Irene Heath

† Families Afflicted by Addiction

† Our Men and Women In the service



Faith Formation News

March 23rd - Class resumes
March 30th - Class

We are proud of our two catechumens,



Breana Lane
&
Elizabeth Lane

as they participated in the Rite of Election and
the Call to Continuing Conversion
at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Presque Isle on
March 7 with Bishop Ruggieri.
We were represented by 15 people, including the catechumen's
Godparents and Sponsors.
Thank you all for your support and presence.

Shadow Drama - The Passion of Christ

Will be performed by St. Benedict's Youth Group

Friday, April 11th @7:00pm



I arise today
Through the strength of heaven: Light of sun,
Brilliance of moon, Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning Swiftuess of wind
Depth of Sea, Stability of Earth,
Firmness of rock.
~St. Patrick

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

Monday: St. Patrick; St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Offertory		March 23rd
March 9th		Regular
Regular	\$424.00	Heat & Electric
Native American		March 30
& Black Missions	\$139.00	Regular
March 16th		Catholic Relief
Regular		Services



Capital Campaign

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In Memory of:

Joseph J. McAvoy
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)



Wesley "Jim" Cunningham
(10/26/31 ~ 01/11/08)
Richard M Cunningham
(03/14/62 ~ 11/06/21)

Lovingly Remembered
Anders Staats Nielsen
07/07/2019

Basil & Margaret McAvoy
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969; 9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)

Linda McAvoy Bouchard
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)

Mary McAvoy Lowe
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)

Anna McAvoy
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)



Fred Lewis
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)

Ethel Lewis
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)

W. H. Lewis
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)

Helen Lewis
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)

Susan L Brooks
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)

Lovingly Remembered

James C. (Buster) Guiggey
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)

In Loving Memory Of

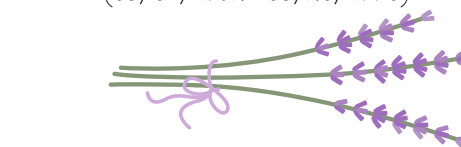
Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)
Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)

In Loving Memory Of

Joseph P. Rush, Jr.
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)

Jane M. Rush
(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)

Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)



"The poor and the sick are the
heart of God.
In serving them, we serve
Jesus Christ."
~Saint Camillus de Lellis

Ministry to the Sick and Home Bound

Fr. Justin will be available to the homebound
after Mass on Fridays.

Please call the parish office with name, address, phone
number and condition of the person seeking a home visit.

In case of an emergency, call
Fr Justin on his emergency cell,
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In Loving Memory
Chris Marston
(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)

Aaron Marston
(04/04/1975~ 10/19/2022)

In Loving Memory Of:
Frank Duffy (7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)
Bobby Duffy (3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)

Arthur Qualey
(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)

Rita Qualey
(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)

Lovingly Remembered
Joan Filanowski
(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)

John J. Cummings
(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)

Lucile E. Cummings
(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)

Cecelia R. Cummings
(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)

Earl L. Cummings
(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)

Lovingly Remembered
Leo Joseph Crowe
(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)

In Loving Memory Of

Leo Crowe
(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)

Molly Crowe
(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)

Mary Crowe McDonough
(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)

In Memory of:
Robert Taylor
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)
Charlene Taylor
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)



In Loving Memory Of
Richard Rush
(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)

Celine Rush
(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)

Christopher Rush
(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)



In Loving Memory Of:
Robert Allen (10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)
Andrew Allen (06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)

Albert J. Qualey
(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)

Rowena Qualey
(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)

In Loving Memory
Martin Qualey
(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)

Edward Rush
(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)

Mary Rush
(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)

John W. Allen
(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)

Margaret L. Allen
(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)

Otis M. Hunt
(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)

Mary Ellen Hunt
(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)

Francis H. Qualey (5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)
Margaret R. Qualey (11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)
Peter Qualey (12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)

"Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have led me
to the Holy Altar."

A Remembrance of the Ordination to the
Priesthood of

Rev. James Clifford Brown
(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)

Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.
(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)

Sons of St. Benedict's Parish

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 15th 4:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Dot Thibodeau by Bob & Sandy Willard

Sunday, March 16th 10:30 am St. Benedict's: (D) Nick Hall by Robert & Christine Cunningham
8:30 am St. Peter's: (D) Theresa Hebert by Edward (D) & Cecile Page
3:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: Parishioners & Visitors

Monday, March 17th: 8:30 am St. Peters: (D) Adam Hartman by Patty & Barry Bryant

Tuesday, March 18th: 4:30 pm St. Peters: (D) John & (D) Lucille Welch by Steve & Stephanie

Wednesday, March 19th: 8:00am St. Peter's: Rosary followed by Mass for St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, March 20th 11:00am St. Benedict's: Funeral Mass for Sandra Albert
4:30pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Terrance "Digger" Leavitt by Council #680

Friday, March 21st 11:00am St. Martin of Tours: Funeral Mass for Dean Fitzgerald
5:30pm St. Benedict's: 5:30pm - Stations of the Cross
6:00pm - Mass for (D) Celine Rush by Diane

Saturday, March 22nd 4:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Nazzarone Acchione by Mrs. Beverly Bubar

Sunday, March 23rd 10:30 am St. Benedict's: (D) Jane & Bob Cummings by Robert & Christine Cunningham
8:30 am St. Peter's: (D) Donald Morin by Diane & Jerry Khiel
3:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: Parishioners & Visitors