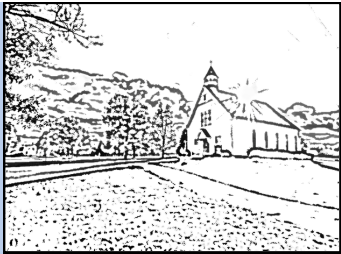


Ministries & Schedule



Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Alter Server	Offertory Counters	Greeters
March 30th	Scarlet	Dustin	Rob	Andrew & Cindy	Rose Rush
April 6th	Dustin	Anna Q	David	Rose & Betty	Ricky & Jeannine Cyr
April 13th	Chris	Tom	Anna Q	Harold & John	Ricky & Jeannine Cyr

Sacristan Schedule

March - Cindy
April - Mike
May - Chris

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 30th, 2025 fourth Sunday of Lent; Laetare Sunday ~ Year C



Pastor's Corner

WEEKLY REFLECTION

#BIBLICAL REFLECTION

The readings of today's 4th Sunday of Lent, year C, invite us to reflect deeply on God's unfathomable merciful love and the joy of reconciliation and of coming home to God and our families. In the first reading, having arrived in the promised land, by way of pass over feast, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress. God told them,

"Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you."

This was a powerful image of renewal and restoration. It signified the end of their time of wandering. Similarly, in the Gospel text, the father of the Prodigal son celebrates with him, the end of his wandering as he returns after squandering his inheritance. We too can experience renewal, restoration and joyful celebration if we come back to from our sinful wonderings during this period of Lent.

Today's Psalm encourages us on this journey back home to your loving father when it says "taste and see that the lord is good."

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that in Christ, we are a new creation and can no longer allow our past mistakes and failures to define us. We are empowered through reconciliation to reach out in love and forgiveness to those around us.

The profound story of the Prodigal son in today's Gospel text on the one hand, demonstrates the desperation brought about by wandering away from God, the Church and our biological families. And on the other hand, it demonstrates the astonishing grace of the father's love upon our return to him nor matter how much we stray. He always awaits our return. So where do we need to seek reconciliation for our omissions, thoughts, actions, reactions, squandered opportunities, our jealousies and the barriers we put on the way of reconciliation like the elder son in today's Gospel did. Let us remember that in Christ, We are always offered a way back home. Now is the favourable time because tomorrow may be too late.

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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

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Call Deacon Dan (207) 731-8111

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Readings for the Week:

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b 4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1 45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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.



“The Lord is near to all who call on Him”
~Psalm 45:8



Cathy Cyr Duffy

Riley Wheaton

Ann Cunningham

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† Families Afflicted by Addiction

† Our Men and Women In the service



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It's a good source for information:

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Faith Formation News

April 6th - 9:30am Class

6:30pm Youth Group

April 11th - Shadow Drama “The Stations of the Cross”



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

March 23rd	Offertory	April 6th:
Regular	\$927.00	Regular
Heat & Electric	\$332.00	Heat & Electric
Easter Flowers	\$145.00	

March 30	April 13th:
Regular	Regular
Catholic Relief Services	Capital Campaign*

*Sorry for the misprint on your offertory envelopes. Capital Campaign be April 13th and not the 6th



Capital Campaign

Raised: \$27,545.50

Funds needed for: Dispersed: \$0

New Roof & Chimney Repair - \$60,000

Please mark your donation “Capital Campaign”
Thank you for your support!

ST. BENEDICT’S FINANCE COUNCIL

Will meet at the Parish Hall on

Wednesday, April 22nd

@10:00am

Observances for the week of March 30th, 2025

Wednesday: *St. Francis of Paola*. Hermit

Friday: *St. Isidore*. Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: *St. Vincent Ferrer*. Priest

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 29th 4:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: A Living Intention for **Dick Berry**
from his sister Margaret, Steve and Brenda

Sunday, March 30th 10:30 am St. Benedict’s: *(D) Jane & (D) Bob Cummings* by Robert & Christine Cunningham
8:30 am St. Peter’s: *(D) Dimpy & (D) Lefty Doe* by John, Sharon, Chris, Sammie & Teddy
3:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: *(D) Rose Gantnier* (3rd Anniversary)
by her sister in law, Sharon Darling and Family

Monday, March 31st: 8:30 am St. Peters: **Parishioners & Visitors**

Tuesday, April 1st: 4:30 pm St. Peters: **Amanda Daigle** by Steve & Stephanie

Wednesday, March 26th: Father Justin’s Day Off

Thursday, March 27th 2:00pm Sweet Seniors: *(D) The Souls in Purgatory*
4:30pm St. Martin of Tours: *(D) Zemmie Saucier* (1st Anniversary) by Leo & Family

Friday, April 4th 3:00pm St. Martin of Tours: First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet; Adoration followed by Mass @4pm
4:00pm St. Martin of Tours: *(D) The Family of Mary Teresa Daly* by the Dan Ahern Estate
5:30pm St. Benedict’s: **Stations of the Cross**
6:00pm St. Benedict’s: *(D) Richard McAvoy* by Rose Rush

Saturday, April 5th 4:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: A Living Intention for **Dick Berry**
from his sister Margaret, Steve & Brenda

Sunday, April 6th 10:30 am St. Benedict’s: *(D) Jim & (D) Richard Cunningham* by Robert & Christine Cunningham
8:30 am St. Peter’s: *(D) Dot Thibodeau* by Kristen & Cody
3:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: *(D) David Trainor* by Thomas & Elizabeth Griffin

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,
207-531-0280

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

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as though you were to live forever.” ~St. Isadore

