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LITURGICAL DIRECTORY

Weekend/Sunday Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy (Vigil)
6:00 p.m. Epiphany (Vigil)
7:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
8:00 a.m. Epiphany
9:00 a.m. St. Benedict the Moor
9:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
10:00 a.m. Epiphany
12:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor
12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
5:00 p.m. Epiphany

Weekday Mass Schedule

St. Benedict the Moor

9:15 a.m. Thursday (according to school schedule)

Epiphany

7:00 a.m. Wednesday and Friday
12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday

St. Mary of Mercy

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Benedict the Moor

8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Sunday

Epiphany

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday
5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Saturday

St. Mary of Mercy

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Monday through Saturday
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Benedict the Moor (1st. Saturday of the month)

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary of Mercy

Tuesday, following 7:30 a.m. Mass - 11:45
Thursday, following 12:00 p.m. Mass - 5:30 p.m.

Epiphany

Novena to the Sorrowful Mother
Fridays following 12:05 Mass
Novena to St. Rita of Cascia
Mondays following 12:05 Mass

St. Mary of Mercy

Miraculous Medal **Novena**
Mondays 12:30

St. Benedict the Moor

Novena to St. Benedict the Moor
February 1 to March 29

How do we meet Jesus?

Today's reading, from John's gospel of the man born blind invites us to reflect on how we receive Jesus. Do we, with the Pharisees, attempt to limit God with rules and judgments? Or are we open to possibility, to transformation, as we journey with Jesus into the Easter mysteries, through resurrection to Pentecost? Together with the man born blind, we see anew through our encounter with Jesus; we can learn ever more deeply to view everything through the lens of committed discipleship.

In the Gospel John uses the image of Jesus as the light of the world. In the second reading today, Paul assures us that "in the Lord" we are light. Not a light that is nebulous or diffused, but light incarnated ~ light with a purpose. We become a people who can reflect Christ in our words and attitudes, through our actions and our presence, here and now. With the man born blind, let us affirm with confidence, "Lord, I believe".

(Living with Christ, adapted)

Confession Heals

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin.... Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession."

St. Isidore of Seville,
Feast, April 4

Confessions will be heard: (2 priest will be available)

(Mon. thru Fri) **April 11-15 & April 18-20**

Epiphany: 11:15 to 11:45

St. Mary of Mercy: 11:00-11:45 & 12:30-1:15

Penance Service, Wed., April 13, 6:30 pm

St. Benedict the Moor

4 priests will be available

Epiphany Lenten Fish Fry ...

The biggest and best fish in town!

Fish Fry continues each Friday during Lent. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and service continues until 6:30 p.m.

For take out orders, call Thursday between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm or Friday after 9:30 am 412-471-1008

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline

1-888-808-1235

Child Abuse Hot Line

1-800-932-0313

Gathering of Catholic Men

The 6th annual Gathering of Catholic Men will take place at the A.J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University on Saturday, April 9. Doors open at 8:30 am (program begins at 9:00 am) and the closing Mass begins at 4:00 pm. With Bishop David Zubik celebrant. See flyers in the church for registration or for more information call 412-400-1002.

This weekend, the annual collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* will be taken. This combined collection assists: *Catholic Home Missions, National Collection for Black and Indian Missions and the Campaign for Human Development.* There is an envelope in your packet for this purpose. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Feast of St. Benedict the Moor

Come celebrate with us on the *Feast Day of St. Benedict the Moor* on Monday, April 4 with Mass at 6:30 pm. Deacon Reynold Wilmer will preach. Join the parish of St. Benedict the Moor, located at Centre Ave. & Crawford St. (above the Mellow Arena), for this special observance for the patron saint of African Americans and Black missions, and for whom there is a large devotion in Latin America and Sicily. A reception will follow the Mass.

Something to Ponder

Meditative prayer has proven to help lower blood pressure and stress levels, contributing to better heart health and peace of mind.

Sponsor of the Week

~ Ellis Insurance Agency ~

Patricia A. Ellis, Agent

Readings for the Week of April 3

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45



*Lenten Series
Our Visiting Celebrant
and Homilist this week*

we are pleased to welcome to Epiphany,
this Friday at the 12:05 Mass,

*Most Rev. Bishop David A. Zubik, DD,
our Bishop of Pittsburgh*

Please come and join us for this liturgy

The Way of the Cross
will be prayed Fridays after the 12:05 Mass

Lenten Series at Epiphany

There will be a series of two Lenten Sessions to be held in the Conference Center at Epiphany: the first will be held this *Tuesday, April 5* entitled, “*DATELINE Jerusalem*”: The trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus as TV news would cover it today. (Approx. 2 hrs.) The second session is scheduled for *Tuesday, April 12* entitled “*The Last Supper*”. (Approx. 1 1/2 hrs.) Both sessions begin at 6:30 pm. Hope you will join us!

Palm Sunday, Home Coming

Please see the flyer in the bulletin regarding Palm Sunday Home Coming. An RSVP is a MUST to be assured of a seat! Follow the “prompts” on the flyer.

Easter Flower Memorials

Envelopes are enclosed in the bulletin this weekend for offerings for Easter Flower Memorials. The deadline for returns is Sunday, April 17.

In Remembrance

The hosts and altar wine used at the Masses offered during the month of **April** will be offered for the **Miranda, Palencia, Tchou, Benito, Rogacion, Estonina and Gapac Families.**

*Pray for the Sick, Homebound and
Hospitalized*

We ask you to remember the following in your prayers
Pat Andrews, Mary Barry, Gene Begandy, Robert Delaney, Robert Doherty, Chrystil Dougherty, Joe Franze, Margaret Hagan, Dorothy Hill, Bob Kaniecki, Karen Kraer, Vince Lusardi, Carmella Magnelli, Susan McCaffrey, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary Beth Starosielec, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, April 2 **Vigil**
6:00 p.m. Dorothy & Stanley P. Rutkowski, Sr. †
(Patrick Passanante & Tony Milone)

Sunday, April 3 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. Fr. Nicholas Pesanka † (Fagan Family)
10:00 a.m. Pasqua Pacini † (B/D) (MAP)
5:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

Monday, April 4 **St. Isidore, St. Benedict the Moor**
12:05 p.m. Al & Anna Marie Larkin †
(Helene A. Larkin)

Tuesday, April 5 **Lenten Weekday**
12:05 p.m. Fr. Martin Stefanec, SVD (living)

Wednesday, April 6 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Maylena Walsh † (Battaglia Family)
12:05 p.m. Jenny Leopardi Shultz †
(Dino Ciabattoni)

Thursday, April 7 **St. John Baptist de la Salle**
12:05 p.m. Anna P. Balzer † (Anniv)
(Keenan Family)

Friday, April 8 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Anna Torregrossa † (Anniv)
(Rose Torregrossa)
12:05 p.m. Sam Manfredi, Sr. †
(Sam & Marilyn Manfredi)

Saturday, April 9 **Vigil**
6:00 p.m. Veronica Muraco † (G.D.)

Sunday, April 10 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Peter A. Kocian † (Family)
5:00 p.m. Fr. Cyprian Constantine, OSB (living)

~ Last week's Stewardship ~ Thank you!

1st Collection.....	\$2,901.27
Upkeep of church to date.....	\$8,360.89
Parish Share to date.....	\$2,157.38
Human Development.....	\$ 607.90
Japanese Relief	\$2,049.00



**Lenten Services,
St. Mary of Mercy**

Our parish is happy to be offering its parishioners and friends, who share the Eucharist through its television ministry, a Lenten-themed homily each Friday at noon. This Friday, Fr. Raymond Utz's text from the responsorial psalm will be:

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted."

(Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass on Friday)

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Way of the Cross

Christ's New Commandment

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Holy Thursday, April 21st.* Our televised liturgy (Verizon Cable Channel 22 courtesy of WBGN-TV) will be at 5:00 p.m. Mass. At his last supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet as the sign of loving service. In the former liturgy, only the bishop washed feet. In today's liturgy, the washing of feet is carried out at every Mass of the *Lord's Supper.* Thus, we all are able to experience this awesome sign of Christ's new commandment. *Our arrangements committee cordially invites parishioners and friends of the parish to have their feet washed.* (3 men and 3 women will be involved.) Please call the parish office to be included: 412-261-0110. Written instructions will be provided; no rehearsal will be needed.

Our Televised Mass

St. Mary of Mercy's noon Mass is televised seven days a week on Verizon Cable Channel 22, Comcast Cable Channel 190 and in the City of Pittsburgh on Channel 95 (Christian Associates). Not all Comcast local systems carry the Mass. If you are unable to access our mass and you are a Comcast subscriber, please call 1-800-COMCAST. Thank you!

The Second Collection

this weekend is the Annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Easter Flower Memorials

Envelopes for Easter Flower Memorials are in the church this weekend. The deadline for returns is April 17.

~ Last Week's Stewardship ~

Offertory.....	\$ 2,951.00
Parish Share to date.....	\$ 1,330.00
Japanese Relief.....	\$ 1,534.00

Thank you!

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, April 2

12:00 p.m. Pearl Wesolowski † (Theresa A. Wigle)
5:00 p.m. Frederick Voitko †
 (M/M Francis Corbett)

Lenten Weekday

Sunday, April 3

7:30 a.m. For the people of St. Mary of
9:30 a.m. Charles M. Bossong †
12:00 p.m. Henry L. Bechtold †
 (wife, Betty, Paul & Carolyn)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, April 4 St. Isidore, St. Benedict the Moor

6:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Gajdosik †
 (Barbara Gajdosik)
7:30 a.m. John "Russ" Homer †
 (M/M Francis Corbett)
12:00 p.m. Kathleen DiPietro †
 (Bill & Diane Kaychak)

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 a.m. William McElligott † (Charles McElligott)
7:30 a.m. Lillian Nath †
12:00 p.m. Frances A. Gutowski † (Lorraine Burt)

Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 a.m. Regis Fogarty †
7:30 a.m. Deceased of Betrose & Petruga Family
12:00 p.m. Shannon Schipani †
 (Jean & Stan Chelkowski)

Lenten Weekday

Thursday, April 7

6:30 a.m. Charles M. Bessong †
7:30 a.m. Edna Callahan †
12:00 p.m. Darrell Johnson †
 (Mary Jo & Nck Corsetti)

St. John Baptist de la Salle

Friday, April 8

6:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mother (D. Lorenzi)
7:30 a.m. Danny Pugh † (Ray & Christine English)
12:00 p.m. Albertha Hudak † (Family & Friends)

Lenten Weekday

Saturday, April 9

12:00 p.m. Peter P. Dimperio † (Children)
5:00 p.m. Elizabeth T. Hrehocik †
 (Tom & Betty Walcott)

Lenten Weekday

Sunday, April 10

7:30 a.m. For the people of St. Mary of Mercy
9:30 a.m. Anniversary of 1st Mass in Pittsburgh
 (Knights of Columbus)
12:00 p.m. Deceased of Kutarna Family †
 (Sons, Valent & Mchael Kutarna)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

Infant Baptism: To schedule, call Deacon Reynold Wilmer, 412-281-3141, x 5.

Adult Baptism and Children (RCIA): Call Deacon Reynold Wilmer.

Reconciliation (Confession): See the Directory for the schedule or call for an appointment.

Holy Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick: For those who are sick and confined to home or those who are seriously ill, call the Parish Office for a priest to visit.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples planning to marry are to contact our Deacon at least six months before the desired date. Marriage preparation is required.

Religious Vocations: If you feel called to the Diocesan Priesthood or Religious Life, contact Fr. Carmen or Sr. Marlene.

Inactive Catholics are warmly welcomed back to our Faith. Call the Parish Office.

New parishioners are invited to join our Catholic community. Call the Parish Office.

MINISTRIES, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS		
St. Benedict the Moor	Epiphany Church	St. Mary of Mercy
<p>AJAPO (Acculturation for Justice, Access & Peace Outreach): ministry to African and Afro-Caribbean, immigrants and refugees, 412-391-4985.</p> <p>Bereavement Ministry meets every 5th Sunday after 9:00 am Mass.</p> <p>Christian Mothers meets 1st Sunday of each month after 9:00 am Mass.</p> <p>Evangelization meets in March and September.</p> <p>Food Pantry Distribution 10th & 25th day of each month, 11:00 am-1:00 pm.</p> <p>Health Ministry meets as needed.</p> <p>Ministry to the Disabled serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Youth Ministry meets for 12:00 noon Mass and meeting on 4th Sunday of each month.</p> <p>Bingo, Fridays from 10:00 p.m.-12:45 a.m., Garden City Fire Hall, Monroeville. Call church office for details.</p>	<p>Fish Fry operates each Friday from September–June, 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. For take out orders, call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m. on Fridays.</p> <p>Ministry to the Disabled serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The Pittsburgh Downtown Cluster of St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the third Thursday, 412-281-2582</p> <p>Third Order of Carmelites meet the third Sunday, 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. If interested, you may call 412-303-7392.</p>	<p>Ministry to the Disabled serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Red Door Ministry serves food to the poor Monday thru Saturday, 10:30-11:30 am.</p> <p>Television Ministry: Noon Mass: televised on Verizon Cable Channel 22 (WBGN-TV); Comcast Cable Channel 190 (with Digital Service); and Channel 95 (City of Pittsburgh)</p> <p>Catholic Men’s Fellowship members meet every other Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in Lawless Hall.</p> <p>Walk-in Ministry provides hunger assistance, clothing and toiletries to the homeless and less fortunate.</p>

Pastoral Council Chairs

Janice Simmons, St. Benedict the Moor Church
 Arlene Gallagher, Sue Pavick, Epiphany Church
 Carole Clifford, St. Mary of Mercy Church

Business Office Hours

St. Benedict the Moor Church
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Epiphany Catholic Church
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 St. Mary of Mercy Church
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Center City Parishes Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

CHECK ONE: New Registration Change of Address

Moving Out of Parish Need Envelopes

CHECK ONE:
 St. Benedict the Moor
 Epiphany
 St. Mary of Mercy

Please drop membership form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory.

Note: Use of this form does not automatically register you with the church. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Thank you.

CHURCH NAME: CENTER CITY PARISHES

CHURCH NO.: 042

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Any special instructions go here.

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