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St. Benedict the Moor Church

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Parish Staff

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Betty Penny, Social Concerns Outreach Minister
Dennis Johnson, Music Ministry
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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.

Epiphany

Wednesday, following 7 a.m. Mass - 11:45 a.m.
Friday, following 12:05 p.m. Mass - 5:00 p.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

*The glorious duty of man:
to pray and to love.*

“My children reflect on these words: Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is the honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.

Prayer also makes time pass very quickly and with such great delight that one does not notice its length. Some people immerse themselves as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. There is no division in their hearts. Saint Francis of Assisi and St. Colette used to see our Lord and talk to him just as we talk to one another. Can we model them?

How often do we come to church with no idea of what to do or for what to ask. I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living faith and with a pure heart. When we pray, pray with faith, with confidence and with love.”

- St. John Vianney

Year for Priests: Priesthood is an indispensable mission for the church and for the world. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, let us pray for our priests that they may always be faithful to their sacred calling. This week we pray for the following:

Fr. Charles Bober, Fr. Raymond Boccardi, Fr. David Bonnar, Fr. William Bovard, Fr. Douglas Boyd, Fr. Robert Boyle, Fr. Dennis Bradley, Fr. Donald Breier, Fr. John Brennan, Fr. Gregory Brown, OFM Cap.

*Pray daily for our parish priests and priests who assist us.
Pray for the deacons and seminarians of our diocese.*

RCIA News

Have you ever thought about becoming in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church? Then come journey with us through the RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) process. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15, and continuing for the next ten Tuesdays ending November 17, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor rectory. Also if you are just interested or want to know more about the Roman Catholic Church, please join us as we study the Gospel of John and discern God’s call in your life. For more information see Deacon Reynold or call the church office at 412-281-3141.

Second Collection ~ this weekend

The second collection this week-end is for Catholic Communication and Catholic University of America Campaigns. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support!

Golden Wedding Celebration

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding celebration for couples who have been married 50 years. This year’s celebration will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2009 with a Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. A reception will follow in the lower hall of the Cathedral. If you are a couple celebrating 50 years and would like to receive an invitation, please call the church office or drop us a note, **no later than September 6, 2009.**

Health Care Ministry

Calling all members of Center City Catholic Parishes interested in educating and serving our church body through health care ministry. Who should come? Those who are now actively working in the medical field, and those who have interest in medicine. We welcome new and past members to join. Please don’t hesitate...just come!! The church is calling you to make a difference not only at work or home, but also with our family through Christ! Want to come, but can’t make it? Contact Ms. Farrah N. Holmes at email holmesfn@upmc.edu. Meeting date and time as follows: August 30, Health Care Ministry’s meet and greet, St. Benedict the Moor Church, 11 a.m. or 1:45 p.m. (after the noon Mass). Hope to see you there!

Catholic Men’s Fellowship

The CMF meets this Thursday, August 27 after the 6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of Mercy Church in Lawless Hall. We hope you will join us!

Readings for the Week of August 23

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32/Jn 6:60-69
 Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32a
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27/Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



St. Benedict the Moor School

Registrations for the 2009-2010 school year is open during this summer for children Kindergarten through 6th. Grade. Applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Call the school office at 412-682-3755 for further information.

We remind you that the first days of school are Thursday and Friday, August 27th and 28th. These will be half days with dismissal at 11:30. There will be no lunch service these two days. The first full day of school is Monday, August 31st with dismissal at 3:00 p.m.

Are You Being Called?

Are you being called to spread the *Word* among our young people? We are looking for a few more teachers for our religious education program to begin this September. While it is the duty of the parent to teach the faith, we as a parish community, are responsible for assisting them in raising their children to love the Lord our God with all our heart, our mind and our soul. If you are interested in helping us hand on the faith as a teacher or teachers aid, please contact Fr. Tom at the rectory or Mrs. Suzanne Davis at 412-371-8677.

Congratulations!

We congratulate *Karen Hall*, parishioner at St. Benedict the Moor Church and former Team Leader of the Diocesan National Black Catholic Congress Leadership Team, who will receive the Prestigious Women of Excellence Award in sports on September 3 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel. The 50 Women of Excellence luncheon and award is sponsored by *The New Pittsburgh Courier*.

“Holiness consists not in extraordinary actions, but in performing your duties toward God, yourself and others, well.”

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Happy Birthday To You!

Melanie Frazier, Bettina Lee (Aug. 23); Helen Jackson, D’Andre Marquis Lee, Evan Melendez (Aug. 24); Diana James, Kamsi Odigboh (Aug. 25); Edward Harris, Jenell Younger, Jermaine Younger (Aug. 27); Greg Muse (Aug. 28); Lavota Carmen Carter (Aug. 29).

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. Warren Tucker † by the Ritter Family
 12:00 p.m. June H. Davis † by the Penny Family

Sunday, August 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. For the unborn, elderly, handicapped and all causes of life
 12:00 p.m. For the Parish

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next Sunday the second collection will be taken up for St. Benedict the Moor Youth Group. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you for your support!

Pray For Our Sick and Hospitalized

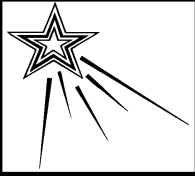
The following requests our prayers: Mary Bropleh, James Burwell, Rosemary Carter, Priscilla Charles, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Elouise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O’Connor, Mary Seay, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Adelaide Wilson.

Great Opportunity for a Scholarship!

Syracuse University has **10 Partial Scholarships for African American Men and Women** interested in studying Architecture. Mark Robbins, Dean of the School of Architecture is seeking young men and women of color interested in pursuing a **five year professional degree in Architecture**. He says he is deeply committed to bringing diversity to his field and has scholarship money set aside to partially cover education costs for 10 students. Syracuse University’s School of Architecture has a great reputation and this seems to be a terrific opportunity. Contact Mark Robbins, 315-443-2256 or Michelle Klock, 315-443-0790. Go for it!! Who wouldn’t?

Last Week’s Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....	\$1,639.00
12:00 p.m.....	\$ 892.31
Mailed in contributions.....	\$ 277.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$2,808.31



Our "P. T. V." Project

We are preparing to *paint the vestibule* of our church. I'm sure you have observed a much needed *new look!*

We are looking for donors to help us ~ if 4 people would contribute \$25.00 or 5 people contribute \$20.00, that could purchase the paint we need. However, any contributions are welcome; if we receive more than this quote, the remainder will be given to the *restoration fund*. Place your contribution in an envelope for the second collection and mark it "PTV", (*painting the vestibule*) or you may mail it directly to the church office. Thank you for any donation you can afford!

Construction Update

The construction point of attention now is the construction of the bridge from the church to the new building. You will notice benches being removed from the far right side aisle between the 9th. and 10th. Station of the Cross, to begin the entrance to the bridge. Lest you have fear, the stained glass window will be safe during this period. The Renaissance Glass Works have been here to examine the structure and assure us that the window will be very stable and that removing it during this time, will do harm to the window. Please note, there will be no disruption in the Mass schedule nor other church services during this time of construction. Church schedules will proceed as normal.

Parking Lot ~ alert!

Within the next week or so, the sidewalk at the entrance of our parking lot will be opened to provide for a new gas line for the arena. You will have access to the lot for church functions, but please be cautious as you enter and exit. Thank you for your attention to this notice.

Sanctuary Lamp

The 14 day candle burns at the Blessed Sacrament Altar to signify the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle and His sacred presence in the Church. During the weeks of **August 23 and 30** this candle will burn for the **priests of our parish**.

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **August** is offered in memory of **Louis J. and M. Virginia O'Neil**, deceased.

Pray for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized

We ask you to remember the following in your prayers ~ Mary Barry, Dee DiPofi, Chrystil Dougherty, Margaret Hagan, Vince Lusardi, Carmella Magnelli, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary Beth Starosielec, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, August 22 **Queenship of Mary**
 4:00 p.m. *Wedding ~ Peters/Scalise*
 6:00 p.m. Kenneth Cook Hahn † by Family

Sunday, August 23 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. Antoinette Conti † (Anniv) by Daughters
 10:00 a.m. John Bonasso † (B/Day) Mary Briggs
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

Monday, August 24 **St. Bartholomew**
 12:05 p.m. Richard Bernosky † (Anniv)
 M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.

Tuesday, August 25 **St. Louis of France**
 12:05 p.m. Robert P. Horgos (Spl Int)
 Robert P. Horgos

Wednesday, August 26 **Weekday**
 7:00 a.m. Tom Foerster † Georgeann Foerster
 12:05 p.m. William P & Mary F. Murphy †
 Michael Murphy

Thursday, August 27 **St. Monica**
 12:05 p.m. Helen Larkin † Helene Larkin

Friday, August 28 **St. Augustine**
 7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Sorrowful Mother
 Dario Lorenzi
 12:05 p.m. John Shull † M/M John Chapman

Saturday, August 29 **Martyrdom of John the Baptist**
 4:00 p.m. *Wedding ~ Policarpio/Oswald*
 6:00 p.m. Josephine Vallagno † (Anniv) by G.D.

Sunday, August 30 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany
 10:00 a.m. Sam & Clara Manfredi, Sr. †
 M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.
 5:00 p.m. Willis McCook Miller, Sr. † (B/Day)
 Willis McCook Miller, Jr.

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$2,114.00
Restoration	\$ 899.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$3,013.00



Diocesan Choir Auditions

Auditions for the 2009-2010 Diocesan Choir Season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at the St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year.

Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Captistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office at 412-456-3042 before Tuesday, August 25th.

Second Collection ~ next Sunday

The second collection next Sunday is for Mission Appeal. Fr. Avitus Kazi will be speaking on behalf of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary and their ministry in Tanzania, Africa. Please be generous in the second collection next weekend.

Our T.V. Ministry

Our Noon Mass is televised live seven days a week on Christian Associates (City of Pittsburgh Channel 95). WBGH-TV (Verizon Cable Channel 22) and some Comcast systems. Please check with Comcast to find out which channel number serves your neighborhood. With unwavering commitment and abilities of our volunteers, we are able to televise everyday to homes, hospitals, extended care facilities and workplaces. Please keep our dedicated volunteers in your prayers. We will take a second collection on the weekend of **September 6th** for the benefit of St. Mary of Mercy Television Ministry.

Looking ahead...Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant at the Noon Mass at St. Mary of Mercy on Friday, December 18 to recognize the 10th anniversary of the first televised Mass from our parish (December 17, 1999). All will be invited to join us as we thank God for the talent He has given our Television Ministry directors and volunteers. More on this next week.

Today's Gospel

Jesus put all the cards on the table in today's gospel and "many walked away" because they found it too "hard". Are you committed to the relationship in your family as they *really are* or to the mental fantasy of *how you want them to be*?

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

- Saturday, August 22** *Queenship of Mary*
 12:00 p.m. Edward Elder
 by Elaine & Lois Elder, Daughters
 5:00 p.m. P. David Finks, deceased
 by Carole Clifford
- Sunday, August 23** *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 9:30 a.m. Margaret Schatz by Peggy & Larry
 12:00 p.m. Dario Lorenzi, living
 by Daria Lorenzi, Daughter
- Monday, August 24** *St. Bartholomew*
 6:30 a.m. For the living & deceased of the parish
 7:30 a.m. Meredith Berman (health)
 by John Polteno
 12:00 p.m. Regis Aguglia, deceased
- Tuesday, August 25** *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Catherine Eberlein by Paul Eberlein
 7:30 a.m. Emily Zreliak by Daughter
 12:00 p.m. Marie Anania by
 Frank T. & Mary Ellen Anania
- Wednesday, August 26** *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Edna Snodgrass by Peggy & Larry
 12:00 p.m. Ray Zajac by Family
- Thursday, August 27** *St. Monica*
 6:30 a.m. John Kowalski (birthday) by Family
 7:30 a.m. Parish Intentions
 12:00 p.m. Mary DiGuillio
 by Daughter, Dolores Molinaro
- Friday, August 28** *St. Augustine*
 6:30 a.m. Rose Viloski, deceased
 by M/M Francis Corbett
 7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
 12:00 p.m. Michael Sweeney, deceased,
 by Bernice Ward
- Saturday, August 29** *Martyrdom of John Baptist*
 12:00 p.m. Charles Rogers
 by Sister, Sr. Adele Rogers, SC
 5:00 p.m. John Scalo, deceased, by Carol Clifford
- Sunday, August 30** *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of our priests
 9:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 12:00 p.m. Rosalia Apel by Rose Mary Apel

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$2,319.00
Parish Share	\$ 350.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$2,669.00

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, Fr. Tom 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 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Garden City Fire Hall, Monroeville. Call church office for details.</p>	<p>Fish Fry operates each Friday from September–June, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; in addition during Lent, each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</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 attend one of the meetings.</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: channel 3, WBGH, and Christian Associates, channel 95, in the city.</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
 Epiphany Catholic Church
 Interim Pastoral Council, 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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