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Betty Penny, Social Concerns Outreach Minister
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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

What would Jesus Do?

A few years ago that question became a popular slogan appearing on bracelets and bumper stickers. Perhaps it can suggest a useful approach to today’s readings about rules and laws.

Laws are a good and necessary component of human society. Thus, Moses exhorts his people to obey the “statutes and decrees” of God’s law. James points out that obedience to the letter of the law is not enough, and he challenges his community to be “doers” and not merely “hearers” of God’s word.

Mark’s gospel shows what happens when the letter of the law is slavishly followed. The scribes and Pharisees criticize the disciples for their failure to observe the laws about hand-washing.

In the gospel Jesus himself is often challenged for breaking the rules ~ healing on the sabbath, or ignoring barriers of class or gender. Here he reminds us that what is important is not what the rules dictate but what is inside a person’s heart.

Discipleship is never as straightforward as simply following the rules. For one thing, rules can be unjust, or too rigid, or discriminatory. Sometimes we are called to question such rules in order to serve God and our neighbor in generosity and truth.

What would Jesus do? Simply, he would act according to the demands of justice, compassion and love.

- *Living with Christ*



Year for Priests: God has given us St. John Vianney as patron saint of priests; through his intercession, may they be inspired with love and gratitude for their sacred calling. This week we pray for the following:

Fr. James Bruney, Fr. Edward Bryce, Fr. Donald Buchleitner, Fr. Dennis Buranosky, Fr. Thomas Burke, Fr. James Burnie, CSSp., Fr. Vernon Busch, OFM Cap., Fr. Frederick Cain, Fr. Howard Campbell, Fr. Norbert Campbell, Fr. John Carey, OFM Cap.

*Pray daily for our parish priests and priests who assist us.
Pray for the deacons and seminarians of our diocese.
Pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.*



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 your church office or drop us a note, **no later than September 6, 2009.**

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.

Festa Italia!

Did you hear the Center-City parishes are sponsoring Ethnic Feasts throughout the year! The first stop will be Italy and the celebration is Sunday, October 4 from noon until 4:00 p.m. The offerings are food, music, food, dancing, food, raffles, food, basket auction and yes, food...see the trend! Please see the flyer in today’s bulletin for details on this first dinner Festa Italia! If you would like to help, there will be a meeting of the Festa Committee (formerly the Festival Committee) on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in McDowell Hall of Epiphany Church. Many hands make the work light ~ so come, join us and let’s have a Festa!!!

Readings for the Week of August 30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27/Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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.

CCD Registration

All parents should have received a letter and registration form from Fr. Tom. Please send completed registration form to the rectory by September 27th. Our Sunday School year will kick off with a blessing of teachers and students at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 20th, with the formal classes beginning Sunday, September 27th at 10:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call Suzanne Davis, 412-371-8677 or Fr. Tom at the Rectory.

Worship Meeting

The Worship Meeting scheduled for September 14th has been cancelled. We will continue our regular scheduled meeting on October 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Second Collection Today

This 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.

Happy Birthday To You!

Fola Babatunde, Peggy Bullard (Aug. 30); Albertline Doerue, Adrienne Binda Ngoma, Jordan Thompson (Aug. 31); Serge Gasana (Sept. 2); Margaret Hart, Cierra Heriot, Iyscis Paul (Sept. 3); Sandra Johnson (Sept. 4); Neil Barclay (Sept. 5).

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

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

Sunday, September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. For the deceased of our parish
12:00 p.m. For the sick, hospitalized and homebound

St. Benedict the Moor School ~ 2009-2010

Welcomes our Teachers and Staff!

Principal.....	Sr. Margaret Kundar
Ass't Principal.....	Sr. Jean Uzupis
Kindergarten.....	Ms. Kathleen McCartney
Grade One.....	Sr. Donna Cronauer
Grade Two.....	Ms. Jennifer Harker
Grade Three.....	Sr. Maria Harden
Grade Four.....	Ms. Laura German
Grade Five.....	Ms. Judith Squeglia
Grade Six.....	Ms Maria Domino
Grade Seven.....	Ms. Amanda Pittman
Grade Eight.....	Ms. Heather Hilterman
Classroom Music.....	Ms. Charlotte Heim
Instrumental Music.....	Ms. Phillippe Koval
Piano Instructor.....	Ms. Peggy Bullard
Physical Education.....	Ms. Karen Hall
Religion.....	Ms. Yvonne Evans
Computer.....	Ms Ida Joiner
Algebra.....	Sr. Sandy Kiefer
Librarian.....	Ms. Ida Joiner
Art.....	Sr. Mary Agnes Spampinato
Assoc. Teachers.....	Ms. Yvonne Evans
	Mr. Tyrone Johnson
Counselor.....	Sr. Cynthia Comiskey
Title I Reading.....	Ms. Kate Koutsavlis
Speech.....	Ms. Janet Byrnes
School Secretary.....	Ms. Kathleen Woods
Office Financial Ass't.....	Sr. Sandy Kiefer
Playground Supervisor.....	Ms. Henrietta Wilson
Cafeteria Manager.....	Ms. Patricia Topley
Cafeteria Chef.....	Ms. Becky Moore
Maintenance.....	Mr. Robert Davis/Mr. Joseph Davis
Classroom Volunteers.....	Mr. Fred Gory, Ms. Idella Davis
	Ms. Elmira Sizemore, Mr. Jack Walsh
	Ms. Cecelia Zamarripa

Last Week's Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....	\$1,464.42
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,156.20
Mailed in contributions.....	\$ 160.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$2,780.62



Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to thank the seven individuals who contributed to the “*painting of the vestibule project*”! We received a generous amount which took us over the sum of \$100.00 which was originally requested. Thank you again for your generosity; because of you we will have a transformation of the vestibule!

Mission Appeal

Next weekend, Fr. Benedict Mwangi will be at Epiphany to speak at all the Masses concerning the needs of the people and the mission in the Muranga diocese in Kenya, East Africa. We ask you to be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

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.

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 **September** is offered **for the intentions of Edith and Louis Vitti.**

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

Please take note!

Masses on September 24 & 25 will be 12:05 only. There will be no 7:00 a.m. on Friday, nor will there be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The church doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and close immediately after the Mass on both days. Confessions will be heard at 11:15 a.m.

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

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.

Monday, August 31 *Weekday*
 12:05 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Beinbauer †
 M/M Leo O'Donnell

Tuesday, September 1 *Weekday*
 12:05 p.m. William & Margaret Garvey †
 Fr. James Garvey & Garvey Family

Wednesday, September 2 *Weekday*
 7:00 a.m. Mary McCaffrey †
 M/M Thomas McCaffrey
 12:05 p.m. Anne Biondo † (B/Day)
 M/M Peter & Judy Biondo

Thursday, September 3 *St.. Gregory the Great*
 12:05 p.m. Judy Webber Wakefield (B/Day)
 John F. Webber

Friday, September 4 *Weekday*
 7:00 a.m. Mary E. Garvey-Vercoe †
 Fr. James Gavey & Garvey Family
 12:05 p.m. Intentions of the Sorrowful Mother
 Dario Lorenzi

Saturday, September 5 *Teresa of Calcutta*
 6:00 p.m. John P. Harris Family † by Harris Family

Sunday, September 6 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Blessed Mother
 Janet E. Miller
 10:00 a.m. John Hannan † (Anniv)
 Pat Doherty
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$1,933.00
Restoration	\$ 404.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$2,337.00



Second Collection ~ this weekend

The second collection this weekend 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 today.

Our T.V. Ministry

Our Noon Mass is televised live seven days a week on Christian Associates (City of Pittsburgh Channel 95). WBGN-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.

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). Please join us as we thank God for the talent He has given our Television Ministry directors and volunteers. Through the past ten years our Television Ministry has achieved their many goals and accomplishments. We will outline those in next week's bulletin.

Mission Statement

The Interim Pastoral Council has developed the following Mission Statement for our parish using these criteria -- who we are, what we've done, and what are our future plans. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 AM in Lawless Hall for a gathering to talk about Saint Mary of Mercy Parish.

History – With roots that began at Fort Duquesne in 1754 Saint Mary of Mercy remains the sacramental presence at Pittsburgh's "Point."

Identity – Through daily celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are a place of welcome and refuge for downtown visitors, workers, shoppers, students, homeless and our television congregation.

Mission – We will serve the ever-changing needs of all of God's children as we answer our call to grow in faith and extend ourselves in the service of Jesus Christ.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

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

Monday, August 31 *Weekday*

- 6:30 a.m. For the living & deceased of the parish
- 7:30 a.m. In Gratitude for God's Love
by Ann Flaherty
- 12:00 p.m. William Ponticella, deceased

Tuesday, September 1 *Weekday*

- 6:30 a.m. For the intentions of our Priests
- 7:30 a.m. For Religious Vocations
- 12:00 p.m. Frieda Angst by Alice Angst

Wednesday, September 2 *Weekday*

- 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
- 7:30 a.m. Shirley Schurman
- 12:00 p.m. Frank Lojeski by niece, Flo

Thursday, September 3 *St. Gregory the Great*

- 6:30 a.m. William F. Kern
- 7:30 a.m. William Stangl by Nieces & Nephews
- 12:00 p.m. Edith L Maffeo by the Skalniak Family

Friday, September 4 *Weekday*

- 6:30 a.m. Alice Johns by Eileen Fogarty
- 7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
- 12:00 p.m. Mary Wisniewski by family

Saturday, September 5 *Weekday*

- 12:00 p.m. John Nash by Janet Brunner
- 5:00 p.m. M. Virginia O'Neil, deceased,
by Jennie Marino & Marguerite Morgan

Sunday, September 6 *23rd Sunday, Ordinary Time*

- 7:30 a.m. For the People
- 9:30 a.m. Wall Family
- 12:00 p.m. Mildred Ziegler, deceased,

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$1,250.00
Parish Share	\$ 161.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$1,411.00

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.

We do not proofread pages 2 and 7. Please let us know if changes are ever made to these two pages.