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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

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 Does Truly Matter in Life?

With the approach of the Christmas party season, we can get lost in such trivialities as what to buy or how we look. The readings today, however, encourage an interior transformation that will make us attractive to everyone, regardless of what we wear.

Baruch calls for Jerusalem to be joyful because the reason for her sadness is over ~ her children are returning home from exile. The psalmist, like Baruch, also encourages the people to change their attitude from hopelessness to hope and to have confidence in God because he will make them happy again.

Paul's letter also calls the people to adjust their behavior to ensure that they are doing what truly matters in life and that they are ready to meet Christ. Preparation for the coming of Christ is essential, as John the Baptist proclaims in the gospel today. Change is necessary and the Advent season calls us to change.

The readings show us that we can change when our desire is sincere, for we can count on the help of God. At this weekend's Eucharist, let us thank God for the opportunities of change that God gives to us, so that we may become, this Advent season and always, signs of joy and peace for those whom we encounter

~ Living with Christ

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***Year for Priests:*** Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, let us pray that our priests be firm in deepening their prayer life. This week we pray for the following priests:

Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM Cap, Fr. Girard Kohler, CSSp, Fr. William Kohler, Fr. Vincent Kolo, Fr. Albert Koser, Msgr. John Kozar, Fr. James Krah, Msgr. Donald Kraus, Fr. Thomas Kredel, Fr. Stephen Kresak, Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap, Fr. Aaron Kriss, Fr. Gary Krummert

*Pray daily for the priests who serve our parish  
and those who assist them*

*Pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life*

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Epiphany Famous Fish Fry

The Fish Fry opens again this Friday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. For take out orders, call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 am
Join us and bring a friend or two!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 is a Holy Day.

Please refer to your respective parish page to see the Mass schedule for your parish.

Christmas Floral Memorials

The blessed season of Christmas generally brings back memories of those we love who we will share the holiday with, and those who are no longer with us, but who we hold close in memory and prayer. Our Christmas Floral Memorial gives us an opportunity to remember loved ones in a unique way. Please see your respective parish page in this bulletin to know the procedure for participating in the Christmas Floral Memorial.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

The annual *Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass* is planned for Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m and will be celebrated at St. Paul Cathedral. The procession of "Our Lady" begins at 6:30 p.m. A festive reception in the Cathedral's social hall will follow the liturgy. Come join Bishop Zubik and Latino-Catholics from throughout the diocese for the Mass and celebration. Please extend this invitation to those who may not see this bulletin nor the flyer. For more information call 412-681-9365.

A Special Welcome!

We wish to welcome in a special way, Fr. Cornelius McCauley, who has recently retired and was the pastor of St. Stephen, Hazelwood. Fr. Neil will be in residency at Epiphany and assisting in the Center City Parishes. This weekend he will celebrate Masses at Epiphany at 6:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Fr. Neil is most gracious and is looking forward to meeting the parishioners. God bless you Father in your retirement, and may you have many happy years with us.

Readings for the Week of December 6

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



Christmas Floral Memorials

There are envelopes on the tables of the church, for those who wish to participate in the *Christmas Floral Memorials*. Please complete the information on the envelop and return it either by way of the collection basket or mail it to the office. The deadline to receive requests is *Friday, December 18*. Thank you for being prompt!.

STARS meet today!

STARS will meet today, Dec. 6, from 11:30-1:30. Stories of the Saint you read and some surprises are on the horizon for our meeting. So don't miss out ~ we WELCOME you to join us today!

Seton La Salle Honors

We congratulate Christopher Nolen who has achieved *Honors* status for the First Quarter grading period at *Seton La Salle Catholic High School*. Wonderful! Keep up the good work, Christopher!

Blood Drive

The Annual *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life* will be held on Monday, January 18, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Give the gift of life. Call Black Catholic Ministries now to pre-register, 412-456-3170

Hold the Dates!

“*Black Catholic Leadership Conference: Developing Church Leaders to Serve*”, April 23-25, 2010, sponsored by the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. Look for more information from the planning committee in the coming weeks.

Something to Ponder
*Give God what's right...
 not what's left.*

~ Happy Birthday ~

Albertine Doerue, Vincente Helder (Dec. 6); Katharine Dean, Karen McDill (Dec. 7); Marie Holmes, Michael Ngugi (Dec. 8); Ngosa Pepala (Dec. 9); Cynthia Moore (Dec. 10); Krissa Caroff (Dec. 11); Thando Sibanda, Brenda Younger (Dec. 12)

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, December 6 **Second Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 a.m. Jermaine Younger by Younger Family
 12:00 p.m. Mary Pace † by the Pace Family

Tuesday, December 8 **The Immaculate Conception (school)**
 9:15 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 Intention of donor
 6:30 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 Intention of donor

Sunday, December 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 Intention of donor
 12:00 p.m. For the deceased family members of the Belsole family † by Connie & Jack Schanck

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Holy Day Masses**

On *Tuesday, Dec. 8*, the mass schedule is as follows:
 9:15 a.m. School and 6:30 p.m. Church
 There will be no vigil Mass at St. Benedict
Vigil Masses on Monday, Dec. 7:
 5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 5:30 p.m. Epiphany

Field Interviewer Opportunities

University of Michigan has employment opportunities available for candidates interested in conducting in-home interviews in the Pittsburgh area to work on Health and Retirement study. Candidates will be trained on conducting interviews in households with adults and some phone interviewing. The university is interested in English speaking and Bilingual applicants. Spanish/English bilingual candidates receive an additional \$2/hr. Pay rate is \$12/hr. For full description of the project and to apply visit <https://recruit.isr.umich.edu> or call 1-877-712-7284.

Pray for Our Sick and Hospitalized

The following requests our prayers: Dorothy Brisbane, James Burwell, Priscilla Charles, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Elouise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Adelaide Wilson. c k

Last Week's Stewardship

Thanksgiving Day.....	\$ 857.00
9:00 a.m.....	\$1,312.14
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,338.93
Mail-ins.....	\$ 295.00



Mass Change this week ~ again!

Please make note that there will be no Masses said at Epiphany on Wednesday of this week. Duquesne Light cancelled last week's work on the electricity and had to reschedule for this Wednesday. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Christmas Floral Memorials

There is an envelop in the bulletin today for the request for participating in the *Christmas Floral Memorial*. We ask that you complete the information and either drop the envelop in the collection basket or mail it to the office. The deadline to receive requests is *Wednesday, December 16*. We appreciate your prompt attention.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8

Vigil Mass for the Holy Day:

Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Masses for the Day:

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Needed !

We are looking for someone to manage McDowell Hall. This person must be dependable, energetic, detail oriented and in good health. He/she will be responsible in meeting all specifications of the contract between McDowell Hall and the customer. If interested, please submit your resume to Brenda Younger, 202 Stanwix St., Pgh., PA 15222. No telephone calls.

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 **November 29 and December 6** this candle will burn for the **Special Intentions of Robert and Sophia Anisko**.

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **December** will be offered in remembrance of **Margaret DeCort, deceased, requested by the Family**.

Pray for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized

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

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, December 5 **Weekday**

6:00 p.m. Philomena Runco † (B/Day)
Theresa Runco

Sunday, December 6 **Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Robert P. Horgos (spl int)
Robert P. Horgos
10:00 a.m. Gaito Family by Katherine Gaito
5:00 p.m. Pauline Chapman † M/M John Chapman

Monday, December 7 **St. Ambrose**

12:05 p.m. Leonard Scarpino † (B/Day)
Eugene Scarpino
5:30 p.m. Robert P. Horgos (spl int)
Robert P. Horgos

Tuesday, December 8 **The Immaculate Conception**

7:00 a.m. Michael & Helen Horgos †
Robert P. Horgos
12:05 p.m. John Easterday † Ken Scherer
5:30 p.m. Louis J. O'Neil † & Virginia O'Neil †

Wednesday, December 9 **St. Juan Diego**

Masses are cancelled (see notice)

Thursday, December 10 **Weekday**

12:05 p.m. Mary O'Donnell-Quinn †
Leo & Laurene O'Donnell

Friday, December 11 **St. Damasus**

7:00 a.m. Salvatore & Anna Torregrossa † &
Frances Allison † by Rose Torregrossa
12:05 p.m. Josephine Imburgia † (B/Day)
M/M Sam Manfredi

Saturday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

4:00 p.m. *Wedding ~ Sarnowski/Ross*
6:00 p.m. William Scherer † Fr. Carmen D'Amico

Sunday, December 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Erminia Michenzi † Janet Miller
10:00 a.m. In Honor of St. Lucy by MAP
5:00 p.m. Albert Larkin † Helen Larkin

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$1,549.00
2nd Collection (maintenance)	\$ 445.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$1,994.00



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

Vigil: Monday, Dec. 7, 5:00 p.m.

Masses for the Day:

6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12:00 noon

Television Ministry ~ 10th Anniversary

Bishop Zubik will be celebrant for The *Tenth Anniversary* of the television ministry to be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 18 at the 12 noon televised Mass. Please join us at St. Mary of Mercy (or via television).

Christmas Floral Memorials

Envelopes for the Christmas Floral Memorials can be found in the pews this weekend. If you are interested in participating in this Memorial, please complete the information and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. The deadline for receiving requests is Friday, December 18.

Feast of St. Nicholas

The church calendar celebrates the Feast of St. Nicholas, this weekend. Popular legends involve St. Nicholas in a number of stories, some of the most popular are his charity to the poor, his kindness and protection of children and his generosity and gift giving. During his lifetime he performed many miracles, practiced spiritual and temporal works of mercy, and fasted twice a week. Because of his miracles, the Dutch Protestants carried a popularized version of his life to New Amsterdam, portraying him as a magician and wonder-worker. Our modern notion of Santa Claus has grown from this version. Nicholas died on December 6.

Something you may need....

A volunteer has a double antique iron bed frame for a child's bed, and would like to offer it to anyone who has a need. If you are interested, contact Betty Penny, St. Mary of Mercy Social Worker, 412-261-0110, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Last Week's Stewardship

Offertory \$2,464.00
 Television Ministry \$ 563.00

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

Saturday, December 5 Weekday

- 12:00 p.m.** Praxedes & Mari Pfeifer, deceased by Howard W. Pfeifer
- 5:00 p.m.** Virginia Gatto, deceased by Carole Clifford

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m.** Mass for the people
- 9:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate Intention of donor
- 12:00 p.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate Intention of donor

Monday, December 7 St. Ambrose

- 6:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate Intention of Donor
- 7:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate Intention of donor
- 12:00 p.m.** Family of Mike & Jane Luhanik by Christopher & Janet Mostowy
- 5:00 p.m.** Donald W. Falconio

Tuesday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception

- 6:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate Intention of donor
- 7:30 a.m.** Mary C. Brennan, deceased
- 12:00 p.m.** Mass for the people

Wednesday, December 9 St. Juan Diego

- 6:30 a.m.** John Ashton by Betty Ashton Boonie & Family
- 7:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate by Intention of donor
- 12:00 p.m.** Bishop Vincent Leonard Rose Mary Apel

Thursday, December 10 Weekday

- 6:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate by Intention of donor
- 7:30 a.m.** John R. Wargo by Bob & Mary Polinsky
- 12:00 p.m.** Mary Romancik by Pauline

Friday, December 11 St. Damasus

- 6:30 a.m.** John & Veronica Gatdosik by Barbara Gajdosik
- 7:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate Intention of donor
- 12:00 p.m.** Deceased of Dapprich Family by Mary Ann Dapprich

Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 12:00 p.m.** George Pavlisko by nieces, Elaine & Lois Elder
- 5:00 p.m.** Teamo Perkins by David Muehlbauer

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m.** Mary Dolinich, deceased by Martha Jude Dolinich
- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for the people
- 12:00 p.m.** Frieda C. Angst by Alice Angst

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 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 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: 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
 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.

