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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

**Scripture Insights**

In today’s readings, God offers new beginnings out of desert experiences. As Lent begins, we are challenged to look for the new beginning that God provides for us.

In the First Reading, Moses, in the desert, teaches the people how to offer thanksgiving to God for the Promised Land. Priest and people both have their roles in offering homage to God for the abundance of food from the land. Moses tells the people to recount the story of Israel’s slavery in Egypt and how God “brought us out of Egypt” and gave Israel this gift of the Promised Land. While still in the desert, Moses saw how God created new beginnings for Israel: the beginning of freedom from Egyptian slavery and the beginning of a new life in the Promised Land.

The Gospel reading recounts Jesus’ desert experience. The desert was a powerful image for the ancient Israelites. They had sinned in the desert and failed to meet God’s expectations for them. But the desert was also the pathway that led them to the Promised Land. The “good news” of Jesus’ desert experience is that unlike his ancestors, Jesus did not fail the test of faith and fidelity to God. A new beginning was unfolding for Israel in the desert experience of Jesus.

For Paul, God’s new beginning was revealed in the universal salvation now being offered through Christ. There is no longer a “distinction between Jew and Greek”: all who believe in Jesus are saved.

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**Year for Priests June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010:** Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, let us pray that our priests remain faithful in their ministry. This week we pray for the following priests:

Fr. Gary Patriquin, Fr. John Pavlik, Fr. Nicholas Pesanka, Fr. John Petrarulo, Fr. John Pfannenstiel, OFM cap, Fr. Peter Pilarski, Fr. David Poecking, Fr. Kevin Poecking, Fr. Michael Polak, Fr. Richard Portasik, OFM, Fr. Phillip Pribonic, Fr. Phillip Przybyla, Fr. Joseph Pudichery  
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**Epiphany Fish Fry**

Our Fish Fry continues through all the Fridays of Lent. Serving begins at 11:00 am. and continues until 6:30 pm. Please join us for the best (and largest) fish in town.....this is no fish story! Enjoy good fellowship in a friendly, home-like dining room. Bring a couple of your friends. Eat in or take out. For take out orders, please call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m.

**Lenten Regulations**

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refrain from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider the obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful, are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or acts of charity.
4. Priests and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

**Census 2010**

**A Vital Civic and Faithful Obligation**

You should be receiving your national census form in Mid-March. We ask that you be faithful in completing it and returning it by April 1, which is National Census Day. Census information provides population statistics that impact on our representation in the United States House of Representatives. The statistics are also used to help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds will be spent locally each year on hospitals, roads, schools, low income family support, senior centers, social services, public works projects and so much more. In the following bulletins, we will keep you informed more about this census, its purpose and importance.

*Readings for the Week of February 21*

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/  
 Lk 9:28b



**Black Catholic Leadership Conference: Developing Church Leaders to Serve**

We remind you to send in your signed registration form for the April 23-25, 2010 conference. For any information call 412-456-3170 at the Black Catholic Ministry Office.

**Lenten Schedule this week**  
**Novena in honor of St. Benedict the Moor**  
 Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.  
  
**Stations of the Cross**, Friday at 6:30 pm

**Camp Downtown "Ice Fest"**

The Downtown Ministerium's winter event for children K thru 6th grade will be held Feb. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to serve as camp counselors. Donation of \$15 covers skating, lunch and a tee shirt. For more information and registration, call Cora at 412-471-8125. A few scholarships are available

**Coming, May 20-23**

Come join the 15 fabulous years of the *Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival* at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC. For travel, accommodations and tickets, call 412-871-3495 or email: bferguson7@comcast.net.

**Pray for Our Sick and Hospitalized**

The following request our prayers: James Burwell, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Elouise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Adelaide Wilson.

**Happy Birthday!**

Prema Mutiso (Feb. 21); Alyssa Alim, Stella Lowden, Deborah McKenzie, Lorayne Powe (Feb. 22); Carla Drew, John Moran, Rene Tchatehoua (Feb. 23); Francis Javier Alim, Charelise Davis, James Williams (Feb. 24); Samantha Bettes, Margretta Tucker (Feb. 25); Marirose Radelet (Feb. 26); Wanda Jones, Shelley Sims (Feb. 27).

**MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR**

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Sunday, February 21** **First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
 12:00 p.m. Priscilla Charles †

**Sunday, February 28** **Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. For the unborn, elderly, handicapped and all causes of life.  
 12:00 p.m. Julian Alexander Bush †  
 by Mom, Justin, Breanna & cousins

**Sons of Civil Rights Legends at Duquesne University**

The *Race & Reconciliation Dialogue Group* urges its members and friends to attend an historic "Living Legends" event at Duquesne University this **Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 3:00 pm.** at Duquesne's Power Center Ballroom, Forbes Ave. The sons of civil rights legend Thurgood Marshall and Charles Hamilton Houston will meet to discuss the remarkable achievements of their fathers. These are the sons of two of the most significant civil rights figures in American History. This event is being co-sponsored by the Homer S. Brown Law Associates. It is free and open to the public.

**Still Looking.....**

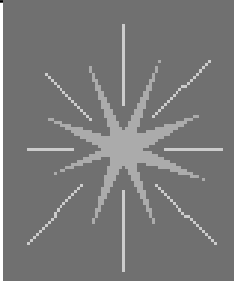
...for someone to manage our display case in the church between 10:30-11:30 on Sundays. If you are available, please call Brenda at 412-261-0110. Thank you!

**PSO in the Hill**

The third annual Hill District Community Engagement Concert is scheduled for Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Features of this concert are Thomas Hong, conductor; Toi Derricote, poet and reader; a string orchestra from the PSO and music by Mendelssohn, Vivaldi, Britten and Higdon. For tickets call 412-392-6479, or purchase at the door on the night of the concert. Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Students (K-college) \$4. Proceeds benefit the arts program of the Hill House Association.

**Your Stewardship**

February 7	
12:00 a.m.....	\$ 932.00
Mail-ins.....	\$ 527.00
February 14	
9:00 a.m.....	\$2,588.50
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,651.07
Mail-ins.....	\$ 875.00



**Mass Book, 2010**

The Mass Book of Intentions is open. If you are interested in scheduling particular dates and times, we encourage you to request your intentions as soon as possible.

**Lenten Schedule this week**

Welcome *Very Rev. Robert Guay, Vicar General*, as celebrant and homilist for the 12:05 Mass this Friday, Feb. 26.

As Regional Vicar, Fr. Guay represents the Bishop in our area, which is known as Vicariate 1. We look forward to his Lenten message.

**Stations of the Cross**, Friday following 12:05 Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, Friday from 1:00 -5:00 pm.; Evening prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Monday thru Friday ~ 11:00-11:45 am; Saturday ~ 5:15-5:45 pm.

**Blood Pressure Screening**

Blood pressures will be taken after the 10:00 Mass next Sunday, Feb. 28. The location will be in the last pews near the Vestry in the church.

**Monthly Remembrance**

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of February are offered in remembrance of **Florence Fagan** by **Michele Fagan**.

**The Sanctuary Lamp**

During the weeks of **February 21 and 28**, the 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in **memory of Bruno and Marie Tripodi, deceased**, requested by G.D.

**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.

**MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY**

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Saturday, February 20** **Weekday**  
 6:00 p.m. Caroline Sanfilippo † (B/D)  
 by Nancy Davis

**Sunday, February 21** **First Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. Hirsch Family (dec) † by Michele Fagan  
 10:00 a.m. Leo A. Webber, Sr. † (Anniv)  
 by John F. Webber  
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

**Monday, February 22** **Chair of St. Peter**  
 12:05 p.m. Amelia Mazur † (B/D)  
 by Georgeann Foerster

**Tuesday, February 23** **St. Polycarp**  
 12:05 p.m. Shirley Burke † by Mary & Bill Belack

**Wednesday, February 24** **Weekday**  
 7:00 a.m. Florian/Gilberti Families (liv & dec)  
 by Mary Florian  
 12:05 p.m. Pawlak Family † by Mary Burrell

**Thursday, February 25** **Weekday**  
 12:05 p.m. Curt A. Schmidt † (Anniv)  
 by R.S. Wisdom

**Friday, February 26** **Weekday**  
 7:00 a.m. For the deceased of the parish  
 12:05 p.m. Mary C. Reagan † by Joan Reagan

**Saturday, February 27** **Weekday**  
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †

**Sunday, February 28** **Second Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. Giuseppina Bellisario † (B/D)  
 10:00 a.m. Alice & Russell Semplice †  
 by Paul & Sandy Dacey  
 5:00 p.m. Mary McCaffrey †  
 by Thomas & Susan McCaffrey

**Your Stewardship**

February 7	
1st Collection.....	\$ 825.75
February 14	
1st Collection.....	\$1,228.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 723.00

**Thank you!**



**Mass Book, 2010**

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**Lenten Schedule this week**

**Stations of the Cross,**

Friday following 1200 Mass at noon.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,**

Tuesday morning, 8:00 –11:30 am.;  
Thursday afternoon, 12:30-5:30 pm.; Evening prayer and Benediction at 5:30 pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation,** 11:00-11:50 am.; and 12:30-1:15 pm. Monday thru Saturday

**Volunteers Needed**

Allegheny General Hospital is inviting members of the Catholic community to join them as Eucharistic Minister volunteers. Orientation and training will be provided. Volunteer opportunities are available on weekdays, evenings and weekends. Call 412-359-3067

**Diocesan Adult Series**

“10 Things I’ve Learned about Living a Godly Life” will be presented by Theresa Tomeo, on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 at St. Paul Seminary. Ms. Tomeo is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, professional speaker and media consultant. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**Vincentian Academy - Duquesne University**

The Theatre Arts Program of Vincentian Academy—Duquesne University will present the production of “Beauty and the Beast”.; Feb. 21 at 2:00 pm.; Feb. 26 & 27 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for children (12 and younger). The productions will take place at The St. Benedict Center, Ross Twp. For ticket information and directions, please call 412-364-1616, ext. 219.

**Last Week’s Stewardship**

Offertory .....\$1,518.00

**Thank you!**

**MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY**

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Saturday, February 20** **Weekday**

12:00 p.m. Cormac Leonard † by Rpse Mary Apel  
5:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo † by intention of donor

**Sunday, February 21** **First Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
9:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo † by intention of donor  
12:00 p.m. Peter Leonard † by Rose Mary Apel

**Monday, February 22** **Chair of St. Peter**

6:30 a.m. Raymond Johns † by Eileen Fogarty  
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
12:00 p.m. Gary Duleba † by Family

**Tuesday, February 23** **St. Polycarp**

6:30 a.m. Dorothea De Vera † by De Vera Family  
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
12:00 p.m. Shelen McKeegan † & Mary Coyle † by Family

**Wednesday, February 24** **Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
7:30 a.m. Patricia Mansfield † by Family  
12:00 p.m. Anne Leone Celio † by Frank T. & Mary Ellen Anania

**Thursday, February 25** **Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
12:00 p.m. Rita Bendick † by Elaine & Lois Elder

**Friday, February 26** **Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
12:00 p.m. Elizabeth “Betty” Murphy † by Charles McElligott

**Saturday, February 27** **Weekday**

12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †  
5:00 p.m. Elizabeth McDonnell † by Stephanie & Jim Baumgartner

**Sunday, February 28** **Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish  
9:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
12:00 p.m. Joseph F. Torregrossa † by Elaine Brunwassel

**THE CENTER CITY CATHOLIC PARISHES—THREE PARISHES, ONE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**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.

<b>MINISTRIES, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS</b>		
<b>St. Benedict the Moor</b>	<b>Epiphany Church</b>	<b>St. Mary of Mercy</b>
<p><b>AJAPO</b> (Acculturation for Justice, Access &amp; Peace Outreach): ministry to African and Afro-Caribbean, immigrants and refugees, 412-391-4985.</p> <p><b>Bereavement Ministry</b> meets every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 9:00 am Mass.</p> <p><b>Christian Mothers</b> meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after 9:00 am Mass.</p> <p><b>Evangelization</b> meets in March and September.</p> <p><b>Food Pantry Distribution</b> 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month, 11:00 am-1:00 pm.</p> <p><b>Health Ministry</b> meets as needed.</p> <p><b>Ministry to the Disabled</b> serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Youth Ministry</b> meets for 12:00 noon Mass and meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.</p> <p><b>Bingo</b>, Fridays from 10:00 p.m.-12:45 a.m., Garden City Fire Hall, Monroeville. Call church office for details.</p>	<p><b>Fish Fry</b> 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><b>Ministry to the Disabled</b> serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p><b>The Pittsburgh Downtown Cluster of St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> meets the third Thursday, 412-281-2582</p> <p><b>Third Order of Carmelites</b> meet the third Sunday, 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. If interested, you may attend one of the meetings.</p>	<p><b>Ministry to the Disabled</b> serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Red Door Ministry</b> serves food to the poor Monday thru Saturday, 10:30-11:30 am.</p> <p><b>Television Ministry:</b> 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><b>Catholic Men’s Fellowship</b> members meet every other Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in Lawless Hall.</p> <p><b>Walk-in Ministry</b> 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:  St. Benedict the Moor

Epiphany

St. Mary of Mercy

CHECK ONE:  New Registration  Change of Address

Moving Out of Parish  Need Envelopes

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:**

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Any special instructions go here.

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