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LITURGICAL DIRECTORY**Saturday Vigil Mass**

4:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor
 5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 6:00 p.m. Epiphany

Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 8:00 a.m. Epiphany
 9:00 a.m. St. Benedict the Moor
 10:00 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 10:00 a.m. Epiphany
 12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 12:00 p.m. Epiphany
 12:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor
 5:00 p.m. Epiphany

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 7:00 a.m. Epiphany
 7:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 9:15 a.m. School Mass
 12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 12:05 p.m. Epiphany
 5:15 p.m. Epiphany

Confession Schedule**Monday thru Friday**

11:30–12:00 p.m. Epiphany

Saturday

12:00–1:00 p.m. Epiphany
 5:30–6:00 p.m. Epiphany

Monday thru Saturday

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
 12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy

Saturday

3:30 p.m.–3:55 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor

Sunday School News

Sunday School will resume today at the regular time and the regular schedule will follow on Sundays, January 18 and 25.

Camp Downtown

Camp Downtown will hold an Ice Fest on Saturday, January 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children grades 1 thru 6, at the PPG Ice Rink. Children of grades 7 thru 12 are invited to participate as "Camp Counselors".

The cost is \$12.00 per child and includes lunch, skating, skates and snacks. Please register via flyer on the tables of the church, or call the Parish Social Minister at 412-471-0257 x11 or Cora at 412-4718125. Registration deadline is January 18.

Dr. King Mass and Program

Join Bishop David Zubik for the Annual Dr. King Mass and program this afternoon at the 12:00 noon Mass at St. Paul Cathedral. This Mass is sponsored by St. Paul Cathedral's Race and Reconciliation Dialogue Group in collaboration with the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. The program and refreshments will be held in the church's social hall following the Mass.

Dr. Martin Luther King Blood Drive

This is to remind you of the Blood Drive for Life this Saturday, January 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. This event is being sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries in partnership with the Central Blood Bank, and co-sponsored by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, the city of Pittsburgh and other organizations. To schedule your appointment, call BCM at 412-456-3170 or the Central BloodBank, 1-800-310-9551.

St. Benedict School News

There will be a **School Advisory Council** meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

All School Liturgy will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate this Liturgy with students from St. Wendelin School and their principal, Mr. Robert Childs.

On Monday, January 19 there will be a **free day for students and staff in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King**. Students will also have a **free day on Tuesday, January 20 in celebration** of the inauguration of the president.

Note the change of schedule ~ students will have a full week of classes the **week of January 12**. Faculty in-service scheduled for **January 16** has been changed to **January 20**.

Happy Birthday To You!

Kathalyn Frazier-Howard, Nicholas Monkelis, (Jan. 11); Darren Dolby, Brigitta Horton, Elsie Moore, Harry Orlando, (Jan. 12); Brandon Burwell, Ann Fultz, Benedict Killang, (Jan. 13); Claudia Dykes, Aries Finch, (Jan. 14); Joshua Townsend, (Jan. 15); James Parham (Jan. 16); Frank Harp, (Jan. 17)

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, January 10 **Weekday**
4:00 p.m. In honor of St. Lucy by Mary Ann Pacini

Sunday, January 11, Baptism of the Lord
9:00 a.m. Mary O'Connor † (Anniv)
 Thomas M. O'Connor, Jr.
12:00 p.m. John Bauer † by Bauer Family

Thursday, January 15 **Weekday**
9:30 a.m. (school) In remembrance of
 Rev. Edward J. Duwell †

Saturday, January 17 **Weekday**
4:00 p.m. Marie "Connie" Brescia † (B/Day)
 by Mry Ann Pacini

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Edward Varkondi †
 by Richard & Judy Krall
12:00 p.m. Dolly Schleifer † M/M/ Kenneth Schell

Offertory Collections

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| Dec. 25 | \$ 1,126.72 |
| Dec. 28 | \$ 2,960.15 |
| Jan. 1 | \$ 517.00 |
| Jan. 4 | \$ 6,329.76 |

Pray for our sick and hospitalized

Please keep in prayer the following who request our prayers
 Mary Bropleh, James Burwell, Pricilla Charles, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Cora Holmes, Eloise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Lealeda Stacey, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Dame Mary Walker, Adelaide Wilson.

Include in your prayers those who have suffered and those who continue to suffer in battle.

Pray for world peace.



Black Catholic Perspective Radio Program—Tune in to WAMO

860 AM 6:30 to 7:00 PM radio program featuring Sunday Services from St. Benedict the Moor/St. Charles Lwanga. On the 4th Sunday of each month, there will be a talk show, Black Catholic Forum. For more information, call St. Benedict the Moor Church Office at 412-281-3141, ext. 10, or Black Catholic Ministries at 412-456-3170.

Mass Schedule

We continue to work through the process of “change”, to arrive at a Mass schedule that will meet the needs of parishioners, as well as the working community in the Uptown neighborhood. For those who schedule yearly Masses, please know that you will receive letter with your scheduled Masses after the Mass schedule is decided upon and approved. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

“Epiphany” Catholic Calendars

Epiphany Catholic calendars for 2009 are on sale. These calendars include holydays, holidays, saints days, scriptural reflections and reflections on “stewardship”. The calendars are \$2.00 and are available at the office. You may also purchase one at the Fish Fry.

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wind and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **January** will be offered for **John C. Gaita** requested by the **Gaita** Family. If you are interested in donating this memorial in honor of a loved one or for other intentions, please call the office or make it known through the offertory basket. The donation for a month is \$100.00.

In Remembrance

Our parish community was saddened by the death of a dear friend, “Pat” Gaito, who died this past week. Pat was a long time member of Epiphany and a member of Parish Council. He was extremely dedicated and volunteered his time in so many ways for the needs of the church. Please keep him in prayer and pray also for his wife, “Sissy”, and his family, that God give them comfort at this time of loss. We certainly will miss Pat around the church. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

Membership

We welcome into new membership of Epiphany, Thomas A. Hardy, who recently joined our parish. May you grow in faith and spirituality as you join with us in prayer and worship.

Enjoy Books

We still have Enjoy Books for sale during the month of January. Books are being sold through the office and after the Masses. Please see one of the ushers. Books are also being sold at the Fish Fry. There are many discount prices for theatres, recreation spots, dining and other events. There are more than 1,200 opportunities for use in your own local community. All proceeds benefit our church.

Pray for the sick, homebound and hospitalized

We ask you to remember the following in prayer ~ Mary Barry, Margaret Hagan, Vince Lusardi, Nancy Meinert, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary Beth Starosielec, Diane Stebler, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick.

Let us pray also for those who have
been injured in battle

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPHIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, January 11, *Baptism of the Lord*

- 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory
Willis McCook Miller, Jr.
- 10:00 a.m. Gaita & Abraham Families † *M/M Pat Gaito*
- 12:00 p.m. Henry & Cecilia Bolster † *Myrtle M. Bolster*
- 5:00 p.m. Charles D. Yothers † (*Cynthia Yothers*)

Monday, January 12 *Weekday*

- 7:00 a.m. Craig & Sue Luhanik (Spl Int) *Family*
- 12:05 p.m. Frances Bonasso † (B/Day) *Mary Briggs*
- 5:15 p.m. Anne H. Gross † *Daniel & Joyce Murphy*

Tuesday, January 13 *St. Hilary*

- 7:00 a.m. M/M James McKay † *By Daughters*
- 12:05 p.m. Pawlak Family † *Howard & Mary Burrell*
- 5:15 p.m. Christopher Schenck † *Rick Coleman*

Wednesday, January 14 *Weekday*

- 7:00 a.m. Helen Larkin † *Helene Larkin*
- 12:05 p.m. Frank Capadanno †
M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.
- 5:15 p.m. Respect for All Human Life
Willis McCook Miller, Jr.

Thursday, January 15 *Weekday*

- 7:00 a.m. Assad Family (Liv/Dec) *Helen Assad*
- 12:05 p.m. Walter & Mary Lis † *Marianne Lis*
- 5:15 p.m. James Samuel † *Patricia Morra*

Friday, January 16 *Weekday*

- 7:00 a.m. Dragan Family † *Scott Dragan*
- 12:05 p.m. Sam & Clara Manfredi, Sr. †
M/M. Sam Manfredi, Jr.
- 5:15 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

Saturday, January 17 *St. Anthony*

- 6:00 p.m. Pellegrino (Pat) Gaito † *M/M. Marc Pitta*

Sunday, January 18, *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 a.m. William & Margaret Garvey †
Fr. James Garvey (By Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Stanley & Mary Kirkavitch † *Children*
- 12:00 p.m. Margaret DeCort † *by Family*
- 5:00 p.m. Alice Baldessari † *Mary Florian*

Offertory Collections

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| Dec. 25 | 1st Collection..... | \$ 3,293.50 |
| | 2nd Collection, Christmas Charity... | 1,538.00 |
| Dec. 28 | 1st Collection..... | \$ 1,736.00 |
| | 2nd. Collection..... | 2,579.00 |
| Jan. 1 | 1st. Collection..... | \$ 713.00 |
| | 2nd. Collection..... | \$ 100.50 |
| Jan. 4 | 1st. Collection..... | \$1,825.98 |
| | 2nd Collection..... | \$ 705.00 |

Living with Christ this week.

At his baptism, Jesus is identified as God's beloved Son and empowered by the Holy Spirit for his ministry. The readings from the letter to the Hebrews remind us how Jesus became like us in all things in order to help us. The readings from Mark's gospel recount how Jesus opened his mission to include all those who needed his comforting words and healing touch, regardless of their religious status. Jesus' days are filled with preaching, teaching and healing all who yearn for a new and better way to relate with God. Saints Hilary (Tues.) and Anthony the abbot (Sat.) show how dedication to Christ's way transforms our lives.

Christmas Flower Donations

The following names have been added to the list of those loved ones who were remembered with a donation for Christmas flowers. They were inadvertently missing from the original list. Please accept our apology.

Parents, Clyde and Catherine McCartney by Nancy McCartney and Mike and Jane Cangemi & Family by Neva Cangemi.

St. Mary of Mercy, Catholic Calendars on sale!

The St. Mary of Mercy Catholic calendars for 2009 are being sold at the parish office. The calendar includes holy days, holidays, saint's days, scriptural reflections and thoughts on "Stewardship". They may be purchased at the parish office during the week between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.; Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00.

World Day of Marriage

World Day of Marriage is celebrated the weekend of February 7-8, 2009. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at St. Maurice Parish, Forest Hills. It will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the church with Bishop David Zubik as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Mike Clark of Channel 4 News will follow. Donation is \$10.00/couple. To register please call the Office for Family Life and Catechesis, 412-456-3160.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

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Saturday, January 10 *Weekday*
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention & Thanksgiving
 John T. Collins
 5:00 p.m. Frank Fico/Duane Morris by Family

Sunday, January 11, *Baptism of the Lord*
 8:00 a.m. Patrick Capretto by Sharon Capretto
 10:00 a.m. For the People
 12:00 p.m. Anne Lisjak by Marilyn Ratermann

Monday, January 12 *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m.
 7:30 a.m. Daniel Romaniello by Gemma & Carl Carlson
 12:00 p.m. Mafalda DiVecchio by Deborah B. Brose

Tuesday, January 13 *St. Hilary*
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Helen Larkin by Helene Larkin
 12:00 p.m. Eddie & Jimmy Katus by Mary Katus

Wednesday, January 14 *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Bertha Kotwica
 M/M Randel Kotwica
 12:00 p.m. Anthony & Anne Leone Celio
 by Frank T. & Mary Ellen Anania

Thursday, January 15 *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Vitti by Louis Vitti
 12:00 p.m. Dr. Albert Marrangoni by Carole

Friday, January 16 *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Vera D'Alessio (Anniv)
 Katherine Gaito
 12:00 p.m. Health of Jessica Allen
 by Carole Clifford

Saturday, January 17 *St. Anthony*
 12:00 p.m. Patrick J. McKeegan
 by M. & T. McKeegan
 5:00 p.m. Rosemarie DeGurian
 by Carole Clifford

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Margaret & Albert Falvo
 10:00 a.m. Mary Wisniewski by Family
 12:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Pastoral Team Notes

Have you noticed the days getting longer? Since December 21st we have been gaining minutes to every day. While we may not notice immediately, soon minutes will turn into hours and we will enjoy many hours of daylight with each new day. Today is that day. The Christmas season culminates with the Baptism of the Lord. Today we celebrate Christ bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. By His baptism Jesus begins His public ministry to heal the sick and to comfort the broken hearted.

We, by our baptism have the opportunity with each new day to be apart of His ministry. While we may not notice at first, the days getting longer, we can notice our lives illuminated by the everlasting light of Christ. A life lived in Christ brings about a new day everyday. The year is new, how will you walk out of the darkness into the light?

Speaking of new, with this bulletin you will notice a different format. While the outside has pictures of all three churches, the inside has a page for each individual parish's news. We also have a common news section with announcements from neighboring churches.

Over the last couple of months many people have asked to have a copy of the parish bulletins from all parishes involved in our team ministry. In order to fill this need, be more efficient and save a few trees, we have begun to publish one bulletin for all three parishes, since many times the same information is in all three. While this is the first Attempt, it will take many weeks for this main source of communication to come to fruition. If you have comments or suggestions, please drop them in the collection basket marked "bulletin" or email them to churchoffice@epiphanychurch.net.

Living new in the light of Christ sometimes takes change. Sometimes that change is hard, like the mass schedule, sometimes it is more efficient like the bulletin, but what is really important is that we change our lives and live each new day and walk in the new light of Christ.

Fr. Carmen and Fr. Tom

Weekend Retreat for post-abortion healing

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for post-abortion healing will be held on February 6-8 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information, visit www.ccpgh.org, or call Ann Depner or Karen La France at Catholic Charities at 412-456-6999 before January 30.

Second Collection, January 18

The second collection at all masses next Sunday, January 18, is for St. Anthony School Programs and De Paul School for Healing and Speech. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

Preparing for the Largest March for Life, Ever!

Washington DC and pro-lifers are getting prepared for the largest March for Life in the history of the event. The March which takes place on January 22, 2009 marks the 36th anniversary of the tragic Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton Supreme Court decisions, which legalized abortion in the United States, from conception to birth. If you are interested in attending the March for Life this year in DC on January 22nd, you may contact Southwest Regional Coordinator Bryce McMinn at 724-228-1162. To obtain a full list of churches sending busses, please go to mcminn@paprolife.org.

Magnificat Pittsburgh

An invitation to all women to join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an extra special prayer breakfast on Saturday, January 31 from 9:00 a.m to noon at the Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry Twp. Internationally known Christian singer, Katrina Rae, who will give testimony of fame and change. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Call Kay at 724-772-6749 for more information. Deadline to register is Jan. 23.

Thank you from Fr. Malcolm McDonald

Dear Good people of St. Benedict the Moor, Epiphany and St. Mary of Mercy,
Thank you for your generosity to the women and men here at Allegheny County Jail. The toiletries and the spiritual reading material are very much appreciated. The timing of your collection was Holy Spirit inspired. When I received your donation, I was very much in need of toiletries to make the care packages that go to our most needy inmates. It's much easier to believe in a caring God when His people reach out to those in need. Thank you for showing His love to the people in need here at the jail. May God bless you for your kindness. In Christ's Hope,

Fr. Malcolm McDonald
A.C. J. Chaplain

Readings for the Week of January 11

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
- Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5,11/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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.

MINISTRIES, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS

| St. Benedict the Moor | Epiphany Church | St. Mary of Mercy |
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| <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 last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.</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>Fish Fry operates each Friday from September – June, 11:30 am-6:30 pm.</p> <p>Ministry to the Disabled serves as a resource and advocacy to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul meets the third Thursday of each month, channel 3 and 95 in the city of Pittsburgh.</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, WBGN, and Christian Associates, channel 95, in the city.</p> |

Pastoral Council Chairs

Janice Simmons, St. Benedict the Moor Church
 William Baumgarten, Epiphany Catholic Church
 Tom Feola, St. Mary of Mercy Church

Business Office Hours

St. Benedict the Moor Church
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Epiphany Catholic Church
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 St. Mary of Mercy Church
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Monday thru Friday
 12:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Epiphany**
 1st Saturday of the month
 3:00–3:45 **St. Benedict the Moor**

Diocese of Pittsburgh

Abuse Hotline
1-888-808-1235

CHURCH NAME: CENTER CITY PARISHES

CHURCH NO.:042

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
