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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

Scriptural Insights

John's writings teach his contemporaries that the risen Christ is in their midst through what we now call the Church and the sacraments.

To teach this lesson, John tells us about seven signs that Jesus performs. A sign is something that points to something else, and the stories about the seven signs each have more than one level of meaning. A helpful way to look at these stories of the seven signs is to consider what deeper meaning each element in the story might reveal. For example, the wedding represents the relationship between God and his people. Jesus' mother, who is never named in John's account of the Gospel, but who, both here and at the foot of the cross, is called "Woman", stands for the Church. The empty ablution jars stand for the ineffectiveness of the law, the old way of being in right relationship with God.

Jesus fills (fulfills) the law, He fills the jars with water that becomes wine. Water and wine stand for Baptism and Eucharist, the sacraments that we call the sacraments of initiation. Through these sacraments we are born again. After this story, John pictures Jesus teaching Nicodemus that unless a person is born again of water and the Spirit, that person cannot enter the kingdom of God (John 3:1-6).

Through this first sign John is teaching that Christ, in his glory, is not absent, but present. He wants us, like the disciples, to be able to see Christ's glory and to believe in him.

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**Year for Priests:** Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, let us pray that our priests become more prayerful and deepen their spiritual lives. This week we pray for the following priests:

Fr. Joseph Mele, Fr. Robert Mellott, Fr. Gabriel Mendy, Fr. David Menegay, Fr. Paul Merkovsky, Fr. Warren Metzler, Fr. Robert Meyer, Fr. Filbert Mhasi, Fr. John Michaels, Fr. Gerald Mikonis, Fr. Robert J. Miller, Fr. Robert M. Miller.

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

*Pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.*

**Famous Fish Fry !**

Come down to our Fish Fry and meet some friendly folks and enjoy good camaraderie this Friday . Service is from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. Take out orders available by calling 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m.

**Health Care Reform, Urgent!**

Catholics need to make their voices heard insisting that health care reform protects the lives, dignity, consciences and health of all. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill. Unless and until these criteria are met, the final bill must be opposed. As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U. S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life of all human beings from conception until natural death. Please review the insert in today's bulletin and contact your Representative and Senators immediately! Thank you!

**Healing Mass**

The Church of the Epiphany is pleased to welcome the Pittsburgh/Greensburg Fraternity of Priests on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Our own Fr. Tom is a long time member of this group of priests who gather each week for a time of prayer, adoration and fraternity. Part of their mission is to hold a Healing Mass once a month throughout the year. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. and feature worship and praise music. All are invited to participate.

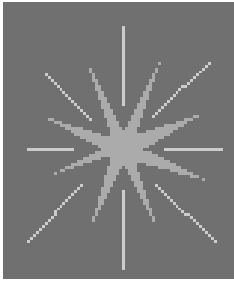
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
7th Annual Blood Drive**

Save a life by supporting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life on Monday, January 18 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. This event is sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries in partnership with the Central Blood Bank and several community organizations. Contact the BCM Office (412-456-3170), or the Central Blood Bank (1-800-310-9551) to schedule your appointment or log on [ww.centralbloodbank.org](http://www.centralbloodbank.org), then enter sponsor code G0040259.

*Readings for the Week of January 17*

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27/Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21





**Mass Book 2010**

The Mass Book for the new year is open and we have open dates for Mass intentions. If you are interested in particular dates and times, we encourage you to call the office and register in at this time. Thank you!

**The White Mass**

The *White Mass* for healthcare personnel will be held on Sunday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik, Fr. Donald Breier, Rector/Pastor of St. Paul Cathedral, and Fr. Lawrence DeNardo, Catholic Medical Association Chaplain, will be the concelebrants at the annual Mass. The Mass honors all persons who provide any service in the healthcare arena throughout the diocese. This would include, but not limited to, administrators, chaplains, all hospital and nursing home personnel, hospice workers, caregivers as well as priests and men and women religious in health care ministry. All faiths are invited to participate, and non-Catholic clergy are invited as well.

**Faith Based End of Life Care**

If you or a loved one is in need of life care, find peace in knowing that there are medial professionals to minister to you at this time of life. Catholic Hospice, a **non-profit** Medicare-certified hospice program, upholds Church doctrine while providing quality comfort care when curative treatments are no longer an option. For more information call 1-866-933-6221.

**Monthly Remembrance**

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **January** will be offered in remembrance of **the living & deceased of the Pawlak & Burrell Families**, requested by **Mary Burrell**.

**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.

**Help! Help!**

We are in need of more hands and hearts to volunteer with us at the Fish Fry. If you can spare a couple of hours on Thursdays or Fridays, we would like to hear from you. Please call the office or give your name to Pat at the Fish Fry. Thanks for considering your stewardship!

The perfect prayer .....

A little boy was overheard praying:  
 “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy,  
 don’t worry about it.  
 I’m having a real good time like I am”.

**MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY**

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Saturday, January 16** **Weekday**  
 6:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

**Sunday, January 17** **2nd Sunday , Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Epiphany Parish  
 10:00 a.m. John Allen † Marc & Josie Pitta  
 5:00 p.m. James Samuel † (B/Day) Patricia Morra

**Monday, January 18** **Weekday**  
 12:05 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

**Tuesday, January 19** **Weekday**  
 12:05 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

**Wednesday, January 20** **St. Fabian, St. Sebastian**  
 7:00 a.m. For the living & deceased of the parish  
 12:05 p.m. Intentions of Eleanor McAndrews  
 Mary & Bill Belack

**Thursday, January 21** **St. Agnes**  
 12:05 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

**Friday, January 22** **St. Vincent**  
 7:00 a.m. For the living & deceased of the parish  
 12:05 p.m. Anthony Francis † (Anniv)  
 Rosalie & Frank Francis

**Saturday, January 23** **Weekday**  
 6:00 p.m. For the living & deceased of the parish

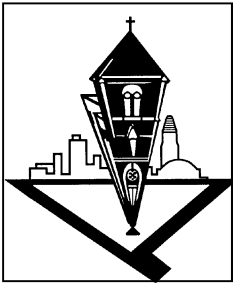
**Sunday, January 24** **3rd Sunday , Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany  
 10:00 a.m. For the living & deceased of the parish  
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

Let us pray that America may reject the *Culture of Death* and work toward establishing a *Culture of Life* in which each person is respected and protected, especially the unborn.

**Last Week’s Stewardship**

1st Collection .....\$1,667.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$ 685.00

**Thank you!**



**Mass Book of Intention,  
2010**

Reminder ~ the Mass Book of Intentions for 2010 is now open. Please call the office or stop in to request your Mass intentions for this year, 2010.

**March for Life, 2010**

The Rose vs. Wade decision was issued on January 22, 1973. This will be the 37th consecutive year that groups will go to Washington to March for Life. The March will take place on Friday, January 22. The list of buses, phone numbers and points of departure can be found on the link of [www.pcuc.org](http://www.pcuc.org). For those interested, but do not have access to find this information, may call Mary Lou Gartner at 412-793-0807. If you cannot attend the March, we ask for your prayers for those who are traveling, and for the intentions of this special event.

**St. Mary of Mercy Food Drive**

St. Mary of Mercy participates with the Downtown Ministerium of Churches with the "Walk-in" Ministry Program for those in need. Beginning this Sunday and continuing every third Sunday of the month, we will be collecting canned food goods and other food products. Bring your items with you to Mass and place them in the boxes provided in the front of the church. If you have questions, call Betty at 412-261-0110. Thank you!

**Catholic High Schools:**

**Open House/Information Night**

**Mt. Alvernia** is holding an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 1:00-3:00 p.m for 7th & 8th grade girls and their families. Placement testing is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6. For more information, call 412-821-3858.

**Seton-La Salle** is hosting an informational night on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Parents/Guardians of junior high students interested in finding out more about the financial aid process, scholarships available and SMART tuition, are recommended to attend. Call Nancy Rizza at 412-561-3583 ext. 129 or [rizzan@slshs.org](mailto:rizzan@slshs.org).

**Last Week's Stewardship**

Collection..... \$4,047.00

**Thank you!**

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

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Saturday, January 16 Weekday**

12:00 p.m. In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus  
5:00 p.m. Ellen Palko †  
by Stephanie & Jim Baumgartner

**Sunday, January 17 2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Mass for the People  
9:30 a.m. Leon Yagmin † by Irene Stacer  
12:00 p.m. Margaret & Mary Basial †  
by Rose Mary Apel

**Monday, January 18 Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
7:30 a.m. Stanley P. Kendra † (4th yr. Anniv)  
by Loving Family  
12:00 p.m. Mary Wisniewski † by Family

**Tuesday, January 19 Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mother by Dario Lorenzi  
7:30 a.m. Dr. Frank Cafaro † by M/M Lorenzi  
12:00 p.m. Frank & Josephine Anania †  
by Frank T. & Mary Ellen Anania

**Wednesday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian**

6:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
7:30 a.m. Mrs. Ruth Bosh † M/M Lorenzi  
12:00 p.m. Monica Przywara †  
by Donna & Scott Bowes

**Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes**

6:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
7:30 a.m. William Taylor †  
12:00 p.m. Louise Angst † Alice Angst

**Friday, January 22 St. Vincent**

6:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
7:30 a.m. Dr. Frank Cafaro † by M/M Lorenzi  
12:00 p.m. Monica J. Przywara † by Trish Metz

**Saturday, January 23 Weekday**

12:00 p.m. Sr. Rosemary Davidson †  
by Aileen Risko  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the people

**Sunday, January 24 3rd Sunday, Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mother by Dario Lorenzi  
9:30 a.m. Mass for the people  
12:00 p.m. For the living & deceased of the parish

**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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <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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