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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

The Advent Story.....Benny

Conclusion

The shepherds had been the first to arrive. Some were carrying lambs. They fell to their knees before the Baby in the manger. The sheep told the other animals that a large host of angels had told them to come. Luke nodded wisely. "I told you," he sniffed smugly. Camel bells grew louder and louder. Benny wondered if Claude was coming. No, Claude never had that many bells. The bells approached then slowed as the beasts stopped just outside the stable. Settling slowly to their knees the camels stared into the stable. Slaves scurried about the three camels helping the riders to the ground.

Who were these visitors? Benny had never seen such garments, even the humans looked different somehow. They talked among themselves in rapid, lowered voices but Benny could still tell that theirs was a language he had never heard. "Who are they?" he whispered to Ollie. "Never saw anything like this before," said Ollie. "There had better not be trouble. You know how these humans are with different humans," said Anna, in a scolding tone.

Then all three were in the stable and had dropped to their knees before the haystack where Mary held the infant cradled to her breast. Was it his imagination, was the light playing tricks? It seemed as if the baby was holding his hand out to these strangers. Lifting their heads in unison, the three men extended their arms in offering. Each was holding an ornate golden box.

"Look," said Benny, "Mary is smiling, the Baby seems to be welcoming them and they are bringing gifts. Maybe everything is going to be different now." Wally shook his large head. Ollie looked skyward. Anna tilted her head toward Benny while Goldie and Luke shook theirs. "Oh, Benny, you are so naïve." They chorused. "What? Can't we hope?" said Benny.

The end.

*Epiphany Fish Fry opens again on Friday,
January 7 from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm.
Take out orders: 412-471-1008*

Our Gratitude

We wish to thank all those who had a hand in cleaning and decorating our churches so beautifully during this Christmas Season! We thank the sacristans, the musicians, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, greeters and those who served at the altar. Please know that your leadership, time and talent are gifts to the parish and to all who are visiting with us. God bless you for your stewardship of love and service to the church.

Special Thank You!

The priests and staffs of the Center City Parishes wish to thank you for the prayers, cards and other expressions of good wishes received during this Christmas season. May you always experience the love of Christmas in your hearts; that love that God gives through His son, Jesus.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
not by shielding you from sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
not by making your path easy,
but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
not by taking hardships from you,
but by taking fear from your heart;
not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
not by making your life always pleasant,
but by showing you when people
and their causes need you most,
and by making you happy to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for this New Year of 2011!

Readings for the Week of January 2

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday: Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: Jn 4:19-54/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



Christian Mother

The Christian Mothers will meet on
January 9, 2011
at 10:30 instead of January 2.

From the Finance Council

The finance Council of St. Benedict the Moor Church is very pleased to announce our very own Rochelle Chapman as the winner of the Holiday 50/50 Raffle. Thanks to your generosity, Rochelle gets a \$200 bonus. Thanks for your support in making this a success.
(The Finance Council)

A Generous Gift

Our Church has received a very generous donation of \$10,000. This donation was bequeathed to us by a benefactor who asked that we use it for general operating purposes. The amazing thing about this donation is the person is not a member of St. Benedict the Moor Church. We thank God for the generosity shown to us by this donation. We will deposit that money into our savings account and hope to raise enough to begin an endowment fund. Please keep this benefactor in prayer.

Blood Drive for Life

How do you plan to observe *Martin Luther King* holiday on **Monday, January 17**? Sign-up now for the 8th Annual MLK, Jr. Blood Drive for Life. At this event, you can donate blood, have adult or children tested for Siclle Cell, or register as a bone marrow donor. Call Black Catholic Ministry Office to register or for more information: 412-456-3170.

Oops....Correction!

In the bulletin of December 19, it was noted that the "mail-in" collection was \$22.20. It should have read \$2,220. Sorry for this error.....

~ Happy Birthday~

Georgette Aganga-Williams, Gwendolyn Young (Jan. 2); Fr. Carmen D'Amico, Ira Ritter (Jan. 3); Ajani Adegbindin, Patricia Yvonne Dykes, Aarielle Sagbohan, Evan Warren (Jan. 4); Taylor Corn, Vivian Igwe, William Muse III (Jan. 5); Tammy Harp-Jagers (Jan. 6); Deanne Lewison, Dominic Odom, Aneesha Pierce (Jan. 7); Betty Muse (Jan. 8).

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners
12:00 p.m. Harry Orlando †
by Marilyn Bresolin

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners
12:00 p.m. Victoria Davis †
by mother, Juanda Burch

Family Celebration Committee

The Worship Committee would like to celebrate "family" in a meaningful way for our parish families. We need a couple of parents or other interested parishioners to come forward and join this committee. Please call the parish office or speak to one of the Worship Committee members.

Disability Ministry, Toiletry Drive

We are looking for help for our persons with disabilities. Items needed are: Kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet tissue (four packs please) and soap. For more information please call Damitra at 412-628-2400.

Pray for Our Sick, Homebound, Hospitalized

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

Stewardship for December 19, 2010

9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,295.00
12:00 p.m.....	\$ 1,684.00
Mail-ins.....	\$ 1,420.00
Development Fund & Parish Share.....	\$31,402.73

Thank you!



*The Men's Choir
This Sunday*

The Men's Choir will sing at the 5:00 Mass this Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany. We thank the members of the choir and in particular, J.R. Daniels, organist and Dick Marshall, who coordinates the Men's Choir. We are grateful for their gift of music.

Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign officially closed the end of December, 2010. We thank all those who faithfully made contribution to our efforts; some of you have been extremely generous. Please know of our appreciation in the way of any sacrifices your contributions may have caused. The \$20,000 collected enabled us to provide furnishings and other needed items for the rectory.

Epiphany has been blessed again!

Our Church has received two very generous donations in the amount of \$150,000 each. This donation was bequeathed by a benefactor who was not a member of Epiphany, but a very dear friend of his is a member. We are using this money to the various improvements you notice around the church: the electrical work and the lighting of our two parking lots, the creation of the shrine, necessary roof work and the restoration of the front doors of the church. We are planning to use \$50,000 to begin a maintenance endowment fund. Please keep this generous benefactor in prayer.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp for the weeks of **December 26 and January 2** will burn in memory of **Rev. Richard P. Scherer** requested by **Ken Scherer Family**.

Pray for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized

We ask you to remember the following in your prayers
Pat Andrews, Mary Barry, Gene Begandy, Robert Delaney, Chrystil Dougherty, Joe Franze, Margaret Hagan, Dorothy Hill, Karen Kraeer, Vince Lusardi, Carmella Magnelli, Susan McCaffrey, Dr. George Paustenbach, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Jerry Skweres, Mary Beth Starosielec, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, January 1 **Mary, Mother of God**
2:30 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
10:00 a.m. For the people of Epiphany
4:00 p.m. *Wedding ~ Molchen/Duffy*

Vigil for Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany
6:00 p.m. Rev. George T. Leech †

Sunday, January 2 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Maurice Hibschan † (Anniv)
by Pat Doherty Hibschan
5:00 p.m. Jessica & Matthew Molchen by Family
In honor of their marriage yesterday

Monday, January 3 **Most Holy name of Jesus**
12:05 p.m. Al & Anna Marie Larkin †
by Helene A. Larkin

Tuesday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
12:05 p.m. Nino Joseph (living) by Jorge Frontera

Wednesday, January 5 **St. John Neuman**
7:00 a.m. For the well being of Colleen Lynch
by Patrick Lynch
12:05 p.m. Mary Burns † by Mary Voelker

Thursday, January 6 **Blessed Andre Bessette**
12:05 p.m. Irene Bedzik by Margie & John Petruna

Friday, January 7 **St. Raymond of Penafort**
7:00 a.m. Assad Family (living & deceased)
by Helen Assad
12:05 p.m. Begandy, Waddell & Gorra Families †
by Gene & Linda Begandy

Saturday, January 8 **Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)**
6:00 p.m. Kenneth A. Scherer (special intention)
by Pat Doherty

Sunday, January 9 **Baptism of the Lord**
8:00 a.m. James Manfredi † B/D)
by Sam & Marilyn Manfredi
10:00 a.m. Pat Gaito † by K. Gaito
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Epiphany Parish

Stewardship for December 19, 2010

1st Collection.....	\$ 2,637.31
Church doors to date.....	\$ 4,387.34
Parish Share to date.....	\$18,807.25
Capital Campaign.....	\$19,466.00

Thank you!



*Countdown to
St. Mary of Mercy
Diamond Jubilee*

(thirty-fifth in a series)

“Stained Glass Windows”

Stained glass windows in houses of worship are used primarily to tell a story, and the windows in our church tell many stories and contain symbols to depict the Trinity, the seven sacraments, the Passion of Our Lord, scenes from the Old Testament, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, Faith, Hope, Charity and Love, the persons of the Trinity, the Four Evangelists and Mary with the Christ Child. “Stained glass” is actually glass that has been colored by adding metallic salts during its manufacture. Small pieces of the colored glass are arranged to form patterns or pictures. They are traditionally held together by pieces of lead and supported by a rigid frame. Painted details and yellow stain are often used to enhance the design. In some forms of stained glass, colors have been painted onto the glass and then fused to the glass in a kiln.

A gift to the Red Door

Our Church has received a very generous donation of \$10,000. This donation was bequeathed to us by a benefactor who asked that it be used for the Red Door so that we can continue feeding the homeless. The benefactor was not a member of St. Mary of Mercy Parish but felt it important that the work of the Red Door is supported and continues. We thank, and ask your prayers for blessings for this benefactor.

Concert in Celebration

In celebration of the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, there will be a concert given at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. Featured will be the Pittsburgh Compline Choir, Directed by Dr. Alastair Stout and the Musicians of the Downtown Churches. The church is located at 615 Grant St., across from the U.S. Steel Tower. For more information, call 412-471-8125.

Stewardship for December 19, 2010

Offertory.....	\$ 1,624.00
Parish Share to date.....	\$19,356.00
Hungry & Homeless.....	\$ 1,545.00

Thank you!

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, January 1 **Mary, Mother of God**
12:00 p.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary

Vigil for Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany
5:00 p.m. Living & deceased of St. Mary

Sunday, January 2 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
7:30 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary
9:30 a.m. John & Agnes McElligott †
 by Charles McElligott
12:00 p.m. John & Elizabeth Moon †
 by daughter

Monday, January 3 **Most Holy Name of Jesus**
6:30 a.m. Rev. Francis P. Plantes †
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the parish
12:00 p.m. Fr. Carmen D’Amico
 by Elizabeth M. Jedrzejewski

Tuesday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
6:30 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary
7:30 a.m. Rev. Francis P. Plantes †
12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Utz &
 Murray Families by the Family

Wednesday, January 5 **St. John Neuman**
6:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the parish
7:30 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary
12:00 p.m. Birthday Blessings for Angelo Bruni
 (living) by R. Lawson

Thursday, January 6 **Blessed Andre Bessette**
6:30 a.m. Cynthia Del Bianco † by Feather Family
7:30 a.m. Giuseppe & Maria A. Costa † by
 Francesco & Diana Gualtieri & Family
12:00 p.m. Michael Hammond †
 by Regina & Chris Harm

Friday, January 7 **St. Raymond of Penafort**
6:30 a.m. Rev. Francis P. Plantes †
7:30 a.m. Deceased of the parish
12:00 p.m. Living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, January 8 **Christmas Weekday**
12:00 p.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary

Vigil, Baptism of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Frank Fico & Duane Morris †

Sunday, January 9 **Baptism of the Lord**
7:30 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary
9:30 a.m. Deceased of the parish
12:00 p.m. Deceased of Betrose & Petriga
 Families

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, 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

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.

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