

PASTORAL TEAM

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Reverend John F. Walsh

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Clergy in Residence

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 Reverend Thomas M. O'Donnell
 Reverend Nicholas I. Nwokoh

Parish Staff

Lois Elder, Director of Television Ministry
 Dennis Johnson, Music Ministry
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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

Catholic Schools Week ~ January 25-30

The Parish and School Communities will celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 11:00 this Sunday. Students from all grades will be participating in the Liturgy with readings, liturgical dance and musical selections. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

There will be open house at the school all week from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 26: Students of Grades 2 and 6 will be participating in the Dental Sealant Program.

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 27 & 28: There will be Parent-Teacher Conferences and Report Card distribution on both days.

Friday, January 30: Ice Cream Social for students.

Thank you for your prayers for our school during this very important week of gratitude for our Catholic School!

Sr. Margery Kundar, CSJ
Principal

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Idella Davis** who will be honored with the **Manifesting the Kingdom Award!** This award will be presented to Idella by Bishop Zubik this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Thank you Idella, for your ministry to the people of God and your dedication to the church!

Black Catholic Forum

Black Catholic Forum welcomes Mr. Janard Pendleton as its guest for the January 25 radio show at 6:30 p.m. on WAMO 860 AM. Mr. Pendleton, who has an MSW, was educated in Catholic schools from grade school through college. He coordinates academic counseling and retention Services at the University of Pittsburgh, and previously was a therapist for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. The focus of the show is Catholic education and the challenges for adolescents today. Contact Black Catholic Ministries, 412-456-3170 for questions or comments.

Needed

There is a single women in need of a sleeping room for approximately 6 months. She is willing to pay \$500.00 per month for residency. If you have a spare room and willing to rent it out, please call the church at 412-281-3141 and leave your name and telephone number at the office. Thank you!

Happy Birthday To You!

Osasu Igbineweka, Lucy Moran (Jan. 25); Adeline Kombo (Jan. 27); Steven Leonard (Jan. 28); Gabriella Cox, Karen Jackson (Jan. 29); Sam Babatunde, Lynn Woods (Jan. 30);

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, January 24 Sunday Vigil
4:00 p.m. Catherine Brozovick † by Maryann

Sunday, January 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. Mass for the People

Catholic Schools Week Celebration

Sunday, February 1 Fourth Sunday, Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Cofne Family by Diane Cofne

12:00 p.m. Rose Delli † by Margaret T. Kraly

Last Week's Stewardship

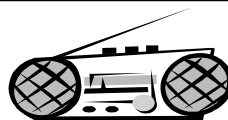
4:00 p.m. Mass.....	\$ 170.55
9:00 a.m. Mass.....	\$ 913.50
12:00 p.m. Mass	\$ 951.96
Mail in Donations.....	\$ 543.00
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Pray for our sick and hospitalized

Please keep in prayer the following who request our prayers

Mary Bropleh, James Burwell, Priscilla Charles, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Cora Holmes, Eloise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Leaclea Stacey, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Dame Mary Walker, Adelaide Wilson.

Include in your prayers those who have been injured and/or disabled due to violence in our streets and in battles that continue in the world.



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.

Change of Mass Schedule and Mass Requests

For the past weeks you have been informed of the changes in the Mass schedule. Relative to changes in eliminating some Masses, there is necessarily a change in fulfilling Mass requests. For those of you who have in the past, received annual letters with your requested intentions, please know that there will also be a change with this. We have held up the letters until the Mass schedule was approved. Within the next few weeks you will receive your letter as usual, but know that the number of your Mass intentions will be lessened. We have made an effort to keep as many (birthdays and anniversaries of your deceased) intentions satisfied. And once again, we thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Congratulations!

We congratulate **Bill Baumgarten** who will be honored with the **Manifesting the Kingdom Award!** This award will be presented by Bishop Zubik this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Thank you, Bill, for your ministry to the people of God and dedication to the church! See the Pittsburgh Catholic for particulars of this award.

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp

The 14-day candle burns at the Blessed Sacrament altar daily to signify the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. During the weeks of **January 25** and **February 1**, this candle will burn for the intentions of **Father Carmen A. D'Amico** requested by **EMJ**.

Membership

We welcome into our parish, Michael Frank who has recently joined our parish. May Michael grow in faith and spirituality as he joins with us in prayer and worship.

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.

Fish Fry and More!

"Special" this week at the "Fry" is Stuffed Pork Chop, Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable, Roll & Butter. Serving is from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. For take-out orders, call 412-471-1008 after 9:00. Come down and enjoy good food with good fellowship!

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, January 25 Third Sunday, Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Edward Kocian † (*Anniv*)
Douglas & Josephine Crame
- 10:00 a.m. Robert A. Brannigan † (*Anniv*)
Pat Doherty
- 12:00 p.m. John Urban † *M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.*
- 5:00 p.m. Mafalda DiVecchio †
Gerry (Casella) Kochosky

Monday, January 26 Saints Timothy & Titus

- 7:00 a.m. Emily Oxenreider † *M/M Randal Kotwica*
- 12:05 p.m. Luigi Pacini † *MA.P.*
- 5:15 p.m. Darlene Bucior † (*B/Day*)
Donna Stankovich

Tuesday, January 27 St. Angela Merici

- 7:00 a.m. Pellegrino "Pat" Gaito †
Elizabeth M. Jedrzejewski
- 12:05 p.m. Hazel Sarver † *M/M John Chapman*
- 5:15 p.m. Bernard Brannigan †
John & Jean Chiappetta

Wednesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

- 7:00 a.m. John Leopardi † (*B/Day*)
Dino Ciabattoni
- 12:05 p.m. Michael Haas † *Joan & Gerald Skweres*
- 5:15 p.m. Pellegrino "Pat" Gaito † *Joe Franze*

Thursday, January 29 Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Charles Samuel † *Patricia Morra*
- 12:05 p.m. Charles Lavezoli Family (*Liv*)
by Charles Lavezoli Family
- 5:15 p.m. Nancy Witcher † *John T. Collins*

Friday, January 30 Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Sorrowful Mother
Dario Lorenzi
- 12:05 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving *by Mary Florian*
- 5:15 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

Saturday, January 31 Sunday Vigil

- 6:00 p.m. Marie Tripodi † (*B/Day*) *by G.D.*

Sunday, February 1 Fourth Sunday, Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Antoinette Conti † (*B/Day*) *by Daughters*
- 10:00 a.m. Maureen A. Brannigan † (*Anniv*)
Patricia Doherty
- 5:00 p.m. Angelina Folino † (*B/Day*) *M/M Marc Pitta*

Last Week's Stewardship

1st. Collection.....	\$ 2,131.00
2nd. Collection.....	\$ 559.00
Total (Thank you!)	\$ 2,690.00

Congratulations!

We congratulate **Angelo Bruni**, who will be honored with The **Manifesting the Kingdom Award!** This award will be presented by Bishop Zubik to Angelo this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Thank you Angelo for your ministry to the people of God and for your dedication to the church! See the Pittsburgh Catholic for particulars of this honor.

Adult Faith Formation Series

Join us for an evening with Colleen Carroll Campbell who has thought, investigated and written about this very interesting subject. Mrs. Campbell will present a lecture centered on 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe." The talk is entitled: ***Have No Contempt for Their Youth: The Story of Today's New Faithful.*** We invite you to join us for her presentation to be held at St. Paul's Seminary Auditorium, Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Continuing education credits are available. The lecture is free and all are welcome. Bring a friend.

Position Opportunity

We are currently offering a position as **Volunteer Coordinator of Social Services Outreach Ministry.** Requirements as follows: A Bachelors Degree in Social Work is preferred with a minimum of 5 years experience in Social Services. Study/knowledge of theology, spirituality, and wholistic approaches to outreach ministry, working with clients of the Red Door and assisting with other outreach services of the Parish Social Services/Health Minister. Knowledge of community resources a plus. Proficient in written and verbal communication skills necessary. Experience working with volunteers preferred. To apply send a cover letter and resume to Brenda Younger, Business Manager, St. Mary of Mercy Church, 202 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh, PA. 15222 by January 30, 2009. No phone calls.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held February 6-8, 2009 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. Financial aid is available. To register or for more information, call Ann or Karen at 412-456-6999. This program is sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

Saturday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales
 12:00 p.m. William P. Doyle by Daughter, Joan M. Kilpatrick
 5:00 p.m. Paul D. Pasquale by Georgiann Zoog

Sunday, January 25 Third Sunday, Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:00 a.m. William Fritzges by Elaine & Lois Elder
 12:00 p.m. Peggy Basial by Rose Mary Apel

Monday, January 26 Saints Timothy & Titus
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. William Stangl by Diane Derescavage
 12:00 p.m. George Skalyo by Ken & Donna Smith

Tuesday, January 27 St. Angela Merici
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Richard Jancosko by Tony Merzlake
 12:00 p.m. Thomas Stosich by Daughter, Ann

Wednesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Audrey Farrell by Peggy and Larry
 12:00 p.m. Mary Nogal by Son, Edward J. Nogal

Thursday, January 29 Weekday
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 12:00 p.m. Helen Stabile by Carole Clifford

Friday, January 30 Weekday
 6:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 7:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 12:00 p.m. Mark Mancini by Carol Sewell

Saturday, January 31 St. John Bosco
 12:00 p.m. Mass for the People
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Sunday, February 1 Fourth Sunday, Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the People
 10:00 a.m. Mass for the People
 12:00 p.m. Michael Milan by Abbiatici Family

Last Week's Stewardship

1st. Collection..... \$ 2,155.00
 2nd. Collection.....\$ 905.00
Total (Thank you!)..... \$ 3,060.00

Pastoral Team Notes

There are many important items we would like to call your attention to this week: Next weekend **January 31st/February 1st** we begin our new **Sunday and weekday liturgical schedule** for all three parishes. (See new schedule times to the right). As we have been planning for the implementation of our new schedule we have found that we have excess Mass intentions. By Canon Law we are only able to accept and/or keep the number of Mass intentions that we can satisfy with in a years time. We are currently reviewing our Masses and making appropriate adjustments. The excess Mass intentions and stipends will be sent to our retired priests, local religious communities and/or the missions to be satisfied. The practice has been that many of the faithful have sent a large number of requests to the office to have intentions for yearly masses. While we are happy to continue this practice, we can only permit two (2) Sunday Mass intentions and three (3) daily Mass intentions to be scheduled per person. This will enable us to satisfy requested intentions and also leave room for families who lose a loved one or have special intentions to schedule a Mass. If you have a large number of requests consider combining them i.e. the deceased of the Smith Family. We appreciate everyone's co-operation and patience as we continue to make necessary adjustments as we envision ministry for the future.

As you know we will begin **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at varied times throughout the week between Epiphany Parish and St. Mary of Mercy Parish. (See new liturgical schedule.) We encourage everyone to take a respite during your work day and take a break with our Lord. We need people to sign-up. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration, someone is to be present at all times. There will be a sign-up sheet in the aisle on a weekly basis so that we can assure proper care for our Lord in His Most Holy Body and Blood. We will also have Adoration the First Saturday of the Month at St. Benedict the Moor, watch the bulletin for details. It is our hope that there will be great grace bestowed upon our city and all who live, work, study and visit the Downtown, Uptown and Hill District Neighborhoods. Thank you for your help.

Today we begin **Catholic Schools Week**. Please keep in your prayers the students, faculty and administration of St. Benedict the Moor School and all students in Religious education. Our young people are the future and the future is now for the church to grow.

Last but not least....Go Steelers!!!

We hope that the Lord will bless you in a special way this week.

Fr. Carmen and Fr. Tom

Sunday Mass Schedule Beginning January 31-February 1

Sunday (Vigil)

5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
6:00 p.m. Epiphany

Sunday (Day)

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 Beginning February 1

St. Benedict the Moor

9:15 a.m. Thursday (according to school schedule)

Epiphany

7:00 a.m. Wednesday & 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
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday
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

Wednesday, following 7 a.m. Mass - 11:45 a.m.
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.

Readings for the Week of December 28

Sunday: Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3/Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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
<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, 11:00 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.</p> <p>St. Benedict the Moor Bingo every Friday from 10:00 pm -12:45 pm. Garden City Fire Hall, Monroeville. Call church office for details.</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> <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
 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

Novenas

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
 9 Tuesday before April 14, 6:30 p.m.

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

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CHURCH NO.:042

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
