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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

***What gifts have we given...and received?***

For much of the Western world the Christmas season ended on January 1. Christmas decorations are packed away for another year. Christmas gifts have found their home or are all but forgotten. Yet for the Eastern rite of our Church, today is the feast of the Nativity ~ the day when the Gentiles' discovery of Christ is celebrated and gifts are exchanged. In Italian folklore, La Befana (derived from the word "Epiphany"), still brings gifts to children, much as the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child.

There is joy both in giving a gift and in receiving one. Gifts are signs of a relationship, whether one that already exists or one that has yet to develop. Whatever its meaning, a gift creates bonds and does not leave us indifferent.

Both the gospel and the first reading today speak of gifts ~ gifts brought by foreigners who in their giving, established a new relationship. Their gifts brought them into the lives of the others, in a way that changed everyone's lives.

Today may be a good day to contemplate the gifts we have given and those we have received, reflecting less on what the gift itself was, and more on its meaning and impact on our lives and relationships. As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us contemplate and give thanks for the many gifts, the many relationships, that have changed us and brought us life.

~ *Living with Christ*

**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. Daniel Maurer, Fr. Russell Maurer, Fr. Alain Mayama, CSSp, Fr. Christopher Mbogu, CSSp, Fr. Joseph McCaffrey, Msgr. Jeremiah McCarthy, Fr. Neil McCaulley, Fr. Matthew McClain, Fr. John McCloskey, Fr. Raymond McColligan

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

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

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!***

Our Lady of the Angels Adult Choir, under the direction of Chrissy Jankowski, will host the annual Christmas concert this Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Augustine Church on 37th. St. the concert is free. For more information, call 412-682-0929.

***A New Year's Prayer***

May God make your year a happy one!  
 Not by shielding you from sorrows and pain,  
 but by giving you strength 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 the most,  
 And by making you happy to be there to help!  
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you  
 for the year ahead!  
 God is with us always!

***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.

***Fish Fry Returns!***

The Fish Fry opens again this Friday, January 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Take out orders are available by calling 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m. Friday. Come on down and bring a friend or two. Begin your new year enjoying the best fish in town!

*Readings for the Week of January 3*

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,21-22



### **Christian Mothers**

Christian Mothers ~ this is a reminder of the Christian Mothers meeting to be held today at 10:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

### **Christian Mothers Newsflash!**

Please pick up your "Silent Tea" fundraising package from one of the officers. In addition, items with the Steelers' logo are needed immediately for the "Steelers Basket" to be raffled in January. All proceeds from the fundraisers support the tuition assistance fund for St. Benedict the Moor School.

### **School Reminder**

School will resume tomorrow, Jan. 4, at the regular time. Welcome back!

### **Blood Drive**

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life will be held on Monday, January 18, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Give the gift of life. Call Black Catholic Ministries now to pre-register, 412-456-3170.

### **Hold the Dates!**

"Black Catholic Leadership Conference: Developing Church Leaders to Serve," April 23-25, 2010, sponsored by the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. Look for more information from the planning committee in the coming weeks.

### **House Blessing**

The tradition of blessing our homes for the New Year begins this Sunday with today's Feast of the Epiphany. We remind you to pick up the packet of chalk and the prayer for the blessing, before you leave church today.

### **Happy Birthday!**

Fr. Carmen D'Amico, Ira Ritter III (Jan. 3); Ajani Adegbindin, Patricia Dykes, Evan Warren (Jan. 4); Taylor Corn, Vivian Igwe, William Muse III (Jan. 5); Tammy L.Harp-Jagers (Jan. 6); Deanne Lewison, Dominic Odom, Aneesha Pierce (Jan. 7); Betty Muse (Jan. 8); Mariah Bucher, Deann E. Jones (Jan. 9)

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

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

#### **Sunday, January 3**

#### **Feast of the Epiphany**

**9:00 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate  
Intention of donor

**12:00 p.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate  
Intention of donor

#### **Sunday, January 10**

#### **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass for the people  
**12:00 p.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate  
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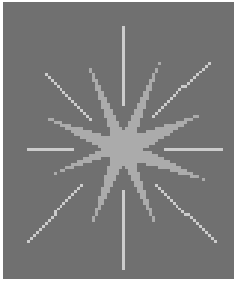
### **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra**

The PSO presents its Fourth Annual "Tribute" Concert ~ **A Symphonic Celebration of African American Culture**, on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Heinz Hall. Resident Conductor, *Lawrence Loh*, is presented in association with the August Wilson Center for African American Culture and the Hill House Association. Special features ~ musical guest, trumpeter Sean Jones, performing with the PSO on pieces by *George Gershwin* and local composer, *David Cutler*; African American Composer, *Adolphus Hailstork's Symphony No. 3*, performed in its entirety; medley of *Duke Ellington* classics; an all-audience sing-along to "*Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*". The Hill House Association will present "*Live at the Hurricane*" in the lobby before and after the concert. Tickets are priced at \$5, \$15 and \$25 for this family-friendly event. Discounts prices available for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets call 412-392-4900 or visit [pittsburghsymphony.org](http://pittsburghsymphony.org).

### **Pray for Our Sick and Hospitalized**

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

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### *Feast of the Epiphany*

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany and our parish will celebrate at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. After Mass you are invited to a continental breakfast in McDowell Hall. We hope you will make plans to attend.

### *Flower Memorials*

The following names were sent in after the Floral Memorial list was printed. We ask you to remember the following in your prayers, along with those whose names appear on the Christmas Memorial listing.

G. Anthony Brungo

Living & Deceased of the Brungo Family  
The Fanciullacci Family

Mary Florian

Living & Deceased of the Senatore Family

### *Reminder ~ Worship Committee Meeting*

There will be a Worship Committee meeting tomorrow, **Monday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in McDowell Hall.

### *Interested, Anyone?*

Epiphany is seeking a few people (men or women) who would be interested in joining the team in assisting the priests with wedding rehearsals. The rehearsals are usually Friday (early) evenings; a training session will be held for those interested. Call Lalla , 412-471-0257, x11.

### *Sanctuary Lamp*

During the weeks of **December 27** and **January 3**, the 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn **in memory of Beau, Celeste & Cavan Gable, requested by Maury & Anne Gable.**

### *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.

### **MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY**

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Saturday, January 2**

**St. Basil the Great  
St. Gregory Nazianzen**

**6:00 p.m.** For the people of Epiphany Parish

**Sunday, January 3**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:00 a.m.** For the people of Epiphany Parish

**10:00 a.m.** Begandy, Waddell & Gorra Families †  
Gene & Linda Begandy

**5:00 p.m.** Fr. George T. Leech † by Friends

**Monday, January 4**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**12:05 p.m.** For the living & deceased of the parish

**Tuesday, January 5**

**St. John Neumann**

**12:05 p.m.** For the living & deceased of the parish

**Wednesday, January 6**

**Blessed Andre Bessette**

**7:00 a.m.** Mass for the people of Epiphany

**12:05 p.m.** Elizabeth Vitti † Louis Vitti

**Thursday, January 7**

**St. Raymond of Penafort**

**6:00 p.m.** For the living & deceased of the parish

**Friday, January 8**

**Christmas Weekday**

**7:00 a.m.** The Assad Family, living & deceased  
Helen Assad

**12:05 p.m.** William Fitzmaurice †  
Craig, Gwen & Anna Davis

**Saturday, January 9**

**Christmas Weekday**

**6:00 p.m.** Sam & Clara Manfredi †  
M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.

**Sunday, January 10**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**8:00 a.m.** For the people of Epiphany Parish

**10:00 a.m.** Pat Gaito † Sis Gaito

**5:00 p.m.** Tom Foerster † Georgeann Foerster

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on the tables in the church if you have  
not already done so.*

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*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.

*St. Mary of Mercy Food Drive*

St. Mary of Mercy Food Pantry is in urgent need of canned goods and baked goods to give to the needy families who come to our door. You may bring your donations to the Parish Office **this week Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30** You may also place your items daily inside the church at the communion rail and they will be collected. Beginning in 2010, the Food Pantry Drive collection will be held on the **third Sunday of the month**. If you have questions, call Betty at 412-261-0110.

*Christmas is Forever!*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal those broken in spirit,  
To feed the hungry,  
To released the oppressed,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among all peoples,  
To make a little music with the heart...  
And to radiate the light of Christ,  
Every day, in every way  
In all that we do  
And in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.*

*(Howard Thurman, adapted)*

*House Blessing*

Today's Feast of the Epiphany reminds us of the tradition of the blessing of homes. Before you leave church today, please pick up a packet with chalk and the prayers and make this home blessing a family ritual.

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

**Saturday, January 2**

**St. Basil the Great  
St. Gregory Nazianzen**

**12:00 p.m.** Mass for the people  
**5:00 p.m.** David C. Evans by Carole Clifford

**Sunday, January 3**

**Feast of the Epiphany**

**7:30 a.m.** Mass for the people  
**9:30 a.m.** Betrose & Petrica Families  
by Loretta Petrica  
**12:00 p.m.** Mike Bianco, deceased  
by Oliverio Family

**Monday, January 4**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**6:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo  
**7:30 a.m.** Juanita Warman, deceased  
by Shirley & Janice  
**12:00 p.m.** Eddie & Jimmie Katus, deceased  
by Mary Katus

**Tuesday, January 5**

**St. John Neumann**

**6:30 a.m.** Birthday Blessings for Angelo Bruni  
by R. Lawson  
**7:30 a.m.** Anna J. Toth, deceased by Patty Reed  
**12:00 p.m.** Frank Pruzzenski, deceased  
by Wife, Helen

**Wednesday, January 6**

**Blessed Andre Bessette**

**6:30 a.m.** Mass for the people  
**7:30 a.m.** Brad Steele, deceased  
by Helene & Sylvia Krebs  
**12:00 p.m.** Cyprian & Sophie Jasek, deceased  
by Daughters, Mary & Helen

**Thursday, January 7**

**St. Raymond of Penafort**

**6:30 a.m.** Frances Ei, deceased  
by Helene & Sylvia Kress  
**7:30 a.m.** Robert B. Truel, deceased  
**12:00 p.m.** William Surenda, deceased  
by Rose Mary Apel

**Friday, January 8**

**Christmas Weekday**

**6:30 a.m.** Rev. Leo Vanyo  
**7:30 a.m.** William Taylor  
**12:00 p.m.** Theresa Dolores Camino, deceased  
Catherine Celender

**Saturday, January 9**

**Christmas Weekday**

**12:00 p.m.** Patrick J. McKeegan, deceased  
**5:00 p.m.** Frank Fico/Duane Morris by Family

**Sunday, January 10**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

**7:30 a.m.** Mass for the People  
**9:30 a.m.** Repose of the soul of Marco Imbarlina  
by Nancy & Dave Stroud  
**12:00 p.m.** John & Agnes McElligott, deceased  
by Charles McElligott

**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.

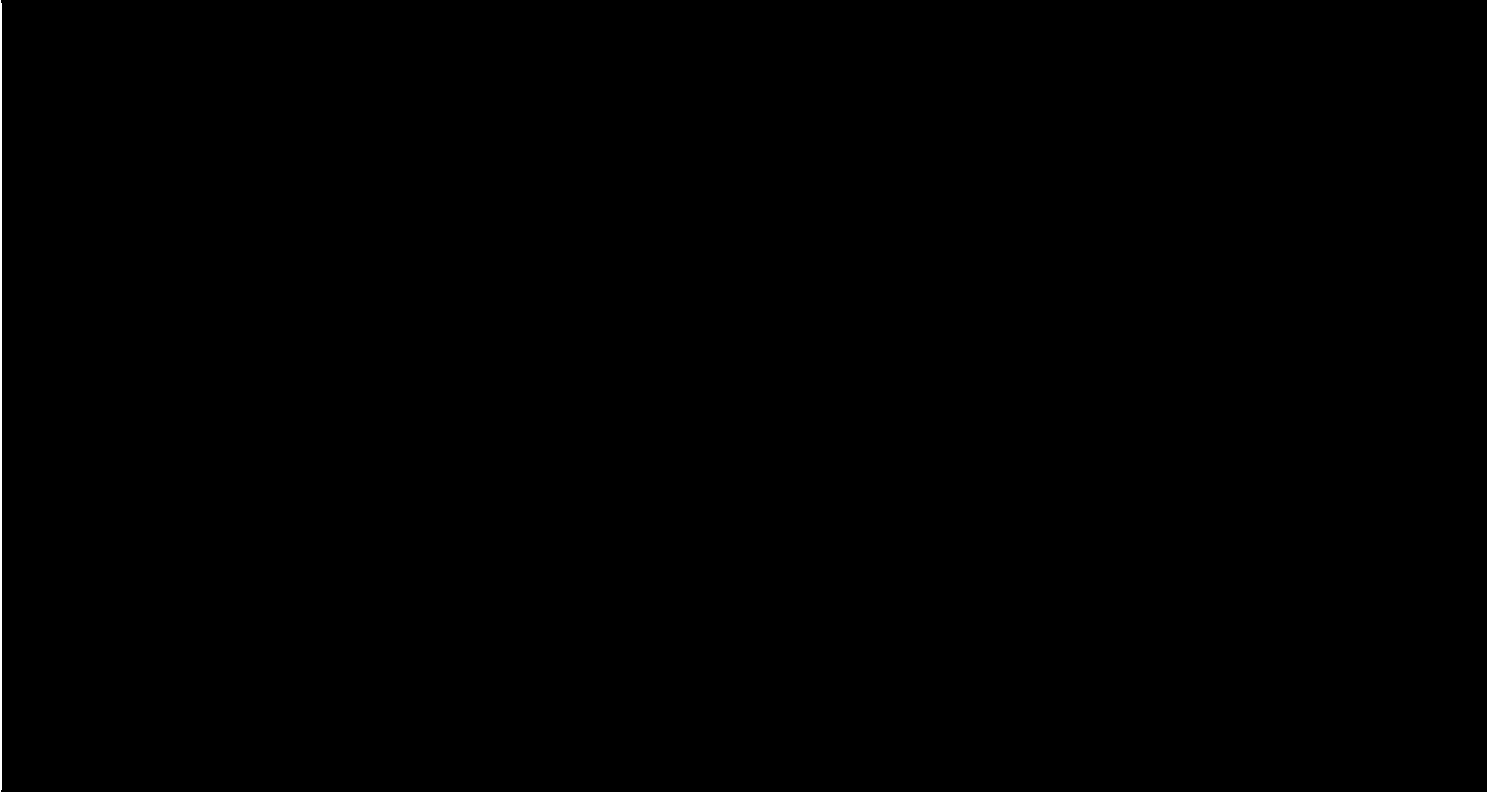
**Holy Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick:** For those who are sick and confined to home or those who are seriously ill, call the Parish Office for a priest to visit.

**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.



**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  
 St. Mary of Mercy

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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