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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

Scripture Insights

.In 2 Corinthians, Paul wrote that “in Christ....old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.” The readings today speak of God’s new things throughout salvation history.

In the First Reading the Lord says to Joshua, Moses’ personal assistant who successfully led Israel into the Promised Land: “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you”. No longer was Israel reliant on manna in the desert for survival. Now the Israelites would eat the produce from the land of Canaan, harvested from the fields of the Promised Land. The reproach of Egypt had been removed because now Israel, for the first time since their captivity and slavery in Egypt centuries earlier, were completely free of Egypt, living independently off the fields of the Promised Land. Something new had come to pass.

In today’s well-know parable of the lost son, the conflict between Jesus and the religious elite of his day, the Pharisees and the scribes, sets the context. They complained that Jesus was sharing table fellowship with tax collectors and sinners. Their objection stemmed from the belief that the Messiah was coming to justify and redeem the law-abiding Jews, not Jews who sinned and were unclean. Jesus surprised and angered the Pharisees and scribes when he made it clear to them that the Messiah was sent to find the sinner and the unclean , the lost sheep, of the House of Israel. The parable of the lost son reinforced that God was doing something new and unprecedented in their history. Through Jesus, God was removing the reproach of the unclean and the sinners.

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**Year for Priests June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010:** Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, let us pray for the spiritual and physical well being of our priests.

This week we pray for the following priests:

- Fr. Paul Savage, Fr. John Sawicki, Fr. David Scharf, Fr. Rene Schatteman, Fr. Joseph Scheib, Fr. Albert Schempp, Fr. Edward Schleicher, Fr. David Schorr, Fr. Kim Schreck, Fr. William Schwartz, Fr. Robert Schweitzer.

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Epiphany Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry continues through all the Fridays of Lent. Serving begins at 11:00 am. and continues until 6:30 pm. Enjoy good fellowship in a friendly, home-like atmosphere. Eat in or take out. For take out orders, please call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m. The menu is listed on our website at www.epiphanychurch.net.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered at St. Benedict the Moor Church on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 11:00 am. After the anointing, Health Screening will take place and refreshments will be available from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to participate.

Prison Ministry

St. Benedict the Moor Evangelization Ministry is holding their annual collection drive to assist those incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail. Inmates are in need of Sweatshirts and Sweatpants, sizes XL or larger ~ any solid colors, except red and no logos or emblems. The collection date is **March 21st** and boxes will be placed in the churches for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Gathering of Catholic Men

Whether you are a grandfather, father, single man, or son, whatever your level of faith or whatever your level of spiritual fitness, attend and see how your life can be changed! This event will take place at the AJ Palumbo Center on April 10. Doors open at 8:30 am; the day closes with Mass at 4:00 pm. Box lunch is included in the day. Adult tickets are \$55 at the door; pre-register online (www.cmf pitt.org) before March 26 and save \$20.

Second Collection This Weekend

The second collection this weekend is the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. **Please pick up a flyer in church today** to learn the details of this collection. As always please be as generous as your means allow.

Census, 2010

Please see last Sunday’s Pittsburgh Catholic regarding the purpose and importance of the census.

Readings for the Week of March 14

- Sunday: Jos 5:9a,10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



Greeters News

There will be a meeting for all greeters on Saturday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the church office. All greeters are expected to attend. Please see your team leader for more information.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, March 14 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
 12:00 p.m. Mass for the parishioners

Sunday, March 21 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 a.m. Daidra Younger by Family
 12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †

Lenten Schedule this week
Novena in honor of St. Benedict the Moor
 Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.
Stations of the Cross, Friday at 6:30 pm

We are in need!

We are in need of purificators, which are small linens used to cleanse the chalices at Mass. If you would like to donate a monetary gift to purchase new ones, please enclose the money in an envelope marked "purificators" and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your help!

Pray for Our Sick and Hospitalized

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

PSO in the Hill

Join the Hill District Community and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as we continue a tradition and offer an affordable, uplifting evening of music! The PSO will present their third annual Hill District Community Engagement Concert as St. Benedict the Moor Church on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. Tickets, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for students K-college. For tickets call: 412-392-6479. Proceeds, Hill House Association.

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True school excuse: "Chris will not be in school today cus he has an acre in his side."

Are you a current or budding leader in the parish?

If so, you are invited to attend the April 23-25 "Black Catholic Lay Leadership Conference: Developing Church Leaders to Serve" Antiochian Village in Ligonier. Fr. John Judie, Archdiocese of Louisville, is a featured presenter and will lead the spiritual part of the conference. Parishioners of all races and nationalities are encouraged to attend. Signed registration forms should be mailed to the Office for Black Catholic Ministries in order to finalize the number of rooms, meals, and transportation for the weekend. Call 412-456-3170, as soon as possible for additional information.

School News

- ~ There will be an *Athletic Meeting* on Tuesday, March 16 at 4:30 pm.
- ~ Grades 7 and 8 will be presenting the *Stations of the Cross* in the School Chapel at 9:15 am on Thursday.
- ~ The Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams are competing in the *Diocesan League Playoffs*. We wish them great success with good sportsmanship.
- ~ Boy Scouts will meet at 3:00 pm on Friday.

Easter Flower Memorials

For those who would like to participate in remembering loved ones through the *Easter Flower Memorial*, you will find envelopes for this purpose in the church today. You may either drop the envelope in the collection or mail it in. The deadline for all requests is March 28.

Woman's Prayer Breakfast

will be held at Epiphany Church (McDowell Hall), on Saturday, April 17. Tickets of \$20.00 are on sale now. See one of the Sisters in Christ or call the Church office to purchase. Thank you for your support!

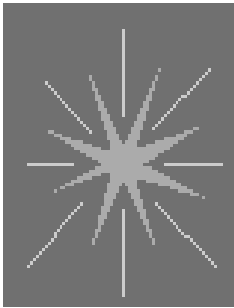
Happy Birthday!

Chizoba Ezeonwuka, Theresa Orlando, Sheila Denise Parham, Jeanine Swartzlander (Mar. 14); Brennan Osunkwo (Mar. 16) Mary Alberta Walker (Mar. 17); Deonna Annette Dykes (Mar. 19); Daidra Younger (Mar. 20)

Last Week's Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....\$ 2,461.00
 12:00 p.m..... \$1,432.68
 Mail-ins.....\$ 923.00

Thank you!



Mass Book of Intentions

We remind you that the Mass Book of Intentions for 2010 is open. If you wish to request particular dates and times of intentions, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Lenten Schedule this week

We welcome **Very Rev. Joseph Mele, Vicar General** celebrant and homilist for the 12:05 Mass this Friday, March 19
We look forward to his Lenten message.

Stations of the Cross, Friday following 12:05 Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday from 1:00 -5:00 pm.; Evening prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Monday thru Friday ~ 11:00 -11:45 am; Saturday ~ 5:15-5:45 pm.

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of March is for **John C. Gaita** requested by **Theresa Bronowicz**.

The Sanctuary Lamp

During the weeks of **March 7 and 14** the 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in **memory of John C. Gaita** requested by **Theresa Bronowicz**.

Easter Flower Memorial

For those who wish to participate in the Easter Flower Memorial by remembering a loved one, there are envelopes inserted in the bulletin for this purpose. The deadline for requests is March 28. Thank you!

Church Spring Cleaning!

You are invited to participate in the famous "bucket brigade" this **Saturday, March 20** at 10:00 in the church. Please bring buckets and rags and let the sunshine in! If we have a number of helpers, we should finish by 12:00 noon. Any time you offer is a gift!

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, March 13 **Lenten Weekday**
6:00 p.m. Mary & Clement Scholl †
by the Murphy Family

Sunday, March 14 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. Ann Loculin † (Anniv)
by Michele Fagan
10:00 a.m. Pat Gaito † by Sis Gaito
5:00 p.m. John C. Gaita † by Theresa Bronowicz

Monday, March 15 **Lenten Weekday**
12:05 p.m. Helen Samuel † (B/D) by Patricia Morra

Tuesday, March 16 **Lenten Weekday**
12:05 p.m. David Capodanno †
by M/M Sam Manfredi

Wednesday, March 17 **St. Patrick**
7:00 a.m. The Zaiden Brothers † by Sister, Hilda
12:05 p.m. John C. Gaita † by Theresa Bronowicz

Thursday, March 18 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
12:05 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Beinbauer †
by M/M Leo O'Donnell

Friday, March 19 **St. Joseph**
7:00 a.m. Anne Griffiths † (Wed. Anniv)
by Thomas & Susan McCaffreys
12:05 p.m. George Ross † (Anniv)
by Nancy Davis

Saturday, March 20 **Lenten Weekday**
6:00 p.m. Ben Dascola † by G.D.

Sunday, March 21 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. William Fagan † (Anniv)
by Michele Fagan
10:00 a.m. Joseph R. Kail † by E.M. Kail
5:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

"Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God"
Pope Benedict XVI

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection\$ 2,925.65
Maintenance \$ 761.96
Parish Share Collected to date.....\$ 262.00

Thank you!



Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember your loved ones at Easter through our *Easter Flower Memorial*, there are envelopes in the church for this purpose. Please complete the information and return by way of the basket or mail in. The deadline for requests is March 28.

Lenten Schedule this week

A Mid-Lenten Retreat

Fr. Tom Sparacino

Monday, March 15 thru March 18
at the 12:00 noon Mass.

Stations of the Cross,

Friday following 1200 Mass at noon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

Tuesday morning, 8:00 –11:30 am.;

Thursday afternoon, 12:30-5:30 pm.;

Evening prayer and Benediction at 5:30 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11:00-11:50 am.;

and 12:30-1:15 pm. Monday thru Saturday

“You give up ~ We give back”

This season of Lent, the *Claddagh Irish Pub* has the *Red Door* in mind! When you order *Fish N’ Chips*, a portion of the cost will be donated to the Red Door Program. The Claddagh Irish Pub is located at 407 Cinema Drive, Pittsburgh 15203. Eat in or take out, call 412-381-4800 for information and take out orders.

Our Thanks and Gratitude!

Special thanks to the Upper St. Clair High School students who assisted in our *Red Door Ministry*, March 4, and the University of Pittsburgh Upward Bound students and the Mercy Hospital nurses who served at the Red Door on March 6. Their help in distributing lunches as well as hats, gloves, toiletries and blankets to those in need, was certainly appreciated. We thank also the parishes of St. Anne (Castle Shannon) and St. John and Paul for contributing lunches to the program. Their generous support of our Ministry to the Hungry and Homeless is such a blessing!

Next Sunday, second collection: *Hungry & Homeless*

Last Week’s Stewardship

Offertory\$2,187.00

Thank you!

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. Sorrowful Mother by Dario Lorenzi
5:00 p.m. Mass for the people

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Anthony L. Kojundic †
by Kojundic Family
9:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Gretz †
by Fr. Carmen D’Amico
12:00 p.m. Mary Kwalick † by Fr. Carmen D’Amico

Monday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Ruth Reagan † by Ann Flaherty
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00 p.m. Regina Leonard † by Rose Mary Ajpel

Tuesday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
7:30 a.m. Mr. Philbin † by Friends
12:00 p.m. Lawrence Apel † by Rose Mary Apel

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick

6:30 a.m. Helen A. Larkin † by Helene A. Larkin
7:30 a.m. Flynn & Mulroy Families †
by Kathleen & Marion Mulroy
12:00 p.m. Anthony Celio †
by Frank T. & Mary Ellen Anania

Thursday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mother by Dario Lorenzi
7:30 a.m. Anna Hess † by Gene Hess
12:00 p.m. Kathleen Zuccher † by Vivian Zuccher

Friday, March 19

St. Joseph

6:30 a.m. Marie Muehlbauer †
by David Muehlbauer
7:30 a.m. Adeline V. Dimperio † by Children
12:00 p.m. Joseph F. Jurkovich †
by Daughter, Kay F. Byrne

Saturday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. Chester Wisniewski † by Family
5:00 p.m. Alex Gerwell † by Gerwell Family

Sunday, March 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Mass for the people
9:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory by Michael Moran
12:00 p.m. Regina Klein † (Anniv)
by Christine Conley

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 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 St. Benedict the Moor
 Moving Out of Parish Need Envelopes 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:

Any special instructions go here.

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