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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

Holy Week and The Triduum

Holy Week is the most sacred time of year for Catholic Christians. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ ~ his crucifixion, death, and resurrection ~ through liturgical celebration and personal conversion.

Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days.

Holy Thursday

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday begins the sacred Triduum. On this night, we remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The liturgies of this evening include the ceremony of Foot Washing which is a powerful example of how we are called to serve and care for one another.

Good Friday

The church is bare on Good Friday, the altar stripped of ornamentation and the tabernacle is left open and empty. The service is divided into reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and reception of Eucharist.

Easter Vigil

The Vigil begins in darkness and the procession of candle - light that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle is a sign of Christ's death and resurrection. Those who are coming into full communion with the Church receive the sacraments of initiation and the congregation renews their own baptismal promises.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation this week**

Confessions will be heard at the regular times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week only. **Confessions will not be heard after Wednesday.**

**Seven Church Tour on Holy Thursday**

St. Benedict the Moor Parish is sponsoring a 7 Church Tour on Holy Thursday following the 6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Benedict the Moor). The bus will leave St. Benedict's around 8:30 p.m. and return around mid-night. If interested in going please contact St. Benedict the Moor Church office at 412-281-3141 ext. 0 or Marilyn Dunson at 412-471-9992.

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Epiphany Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry continues through all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. Serving begins at 11:00 am. and continues until 6:30 pm. Eat in or take out. For take out orders, please call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 6:00 p.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 6:30 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor

Churches will remain open for adoration and private prayer on Holy Thursday until:

- 11:00 p.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 11:30 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 12:00 mid. St. Benedict the Moor

Good Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross

- 11:30 a.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 11:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 2:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

- 12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 12:05 p.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 3:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor

(the churches will close after the services)

Holy Saturday, April 3

The churches will be closed all day in preparation for Easter. The Blessing of Baskets will take place at 12:00 at St. Stanislaus Church, 57 21st. Street

Easter Vigil, April 3

- 8:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 8:30 p.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 9:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor

Easter Sunday, April 4 Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 8:00 a.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 9:00 a.m. St. Benedict the Moor
- 9:30 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy
- 10:00 a.m. Church of the Epiphany
- 12:00 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor
- 12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy

There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass at Epiphany on Easter Day

Readings for the Week of March 28

- Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33,36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Is 61:1-3a,6a,8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1C19:42
- Saturday: Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12



Easter Flower Memorials

This is the last weekend for returning the Easter Flower Memorial envelope. Names listed on the Memorial will appear on the listing next Sunday and will be remembered in prayer at the Easter

St. Benedict the Moor Novena

The closing of the Novena is this Tuesday. Because the Feast of St Benedict the Moor falls on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate this feast in July with the anniversary of the church.

Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation

We congratulate the following students who received God's healing and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday, Mar. 24:
Amarachukwu Agwoh, Brianna Bastos, Dominic Brown, Elena R. Butler, Tyriq Davis, David Dean

Please pray for our sisters and brothers as they now prepare to receive First Holy Communion on May 2nd.

Woman's Prayer Breakfast

will be held at Epiphany Church (McDowell Hall), on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00. Tickets of \$20.00 are on sale now. See one of the Sisters in Christ or call the Church office to purchase.

Help, Help! Help!

The Church is in need of purificators and corporals for Eucharist. Some of the present ones are unacceptable for the Lord's table. Please give as much as you can comfortably afford. Make it your Lenten almsgiving. God bless you and your families. Thank you!

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.

Happy Birthday!

Marcelin Nshimyumukiza, Kim Robbie Tayloradam (Mar.28); Thabo Cele, Sr. Maria Harden (Mar.29); Ama Ezeonwuka, Jeweline Frazier, Osaruy Igbineveka, Olivia Warren (Mar.30); Patty Brymn, Blaise Gatete, Sylvia Sims, Grace Walker (Mar.31); Erika Flewellen (Apr.1); Bradley Thompson, Beverley Williams (Apr.2); Brian Sims (Apr.3)

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Unborn, elderly, handicapped and all causes of life
12:00 p.m. Priscilla Charles † by Ladies of St. Peter Claver

Sunday, April 4

Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Cheryl Akins † by Family
12:00 p.m. Priscilla Charles † by Ladies of St. Peter Claver

Take Note

The Church Office will be closed from Holy Thursday until Easter Tuesday, April 6. Emergency calls will be taken at St. Mary of Mercy 412-261-0110, during this period of time.

Collection for Good Friday

The Annual collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land, for the protection of Christianity's holiest place. Please be generous.

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. 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.

Environment Committee Needed

The Worship Committee would like to form an environment committee to help with special needs that arise around special feasts and seasons. We are inviting any interested youth or adults (male or female) to volunteer. Please call Theresa at 412-486-9036, or the parish office to indicate your interest.

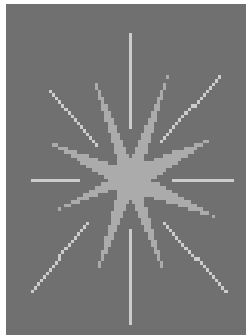
School News

~**Religion Acre Testing** will be given to grades 5 thru 8 on Monday, Mar. 29 and Tuesday, Mar. 30.
 ~**Parent-Teacher Conferences** will take place Tuesday, Mar.30 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. These are optional conferences; those who do not have a scheduled conference will receive report cards the next day.
 ~**Easter Vacation** begins on Wednesday, Mar. 31 thru Sunday Apr. 4. School resumes on Monday, Apr.5.

Last Week's Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....\$1,712.75
 12:00 p.m..... \$1,234.33
 Mail-ins.....\$1,983.00

Thank you!



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Holy Thursday Liturgy

We are in need of volunteers, male or female and of any age for the Ceremonial Washing of the Feet on **Holy Thursday, April 1, at 6:00 pm.** If you would like to participate call the office 412-471-0257x10. If you have questions, they will be answered at that time. Please **call by Monday, March 29. Thank you!**

Remembering Bishop McDowell

As we remember Bishop McDowell with special prayers today, we will continue to remember him with a reception in his honor, in McDowell Hall after the 10:00 Mass this weekend. We know you will remember him not just on Palm Sunday, but continuously in your prayers. Pray also for peace and comfort for his family.

Church Cleaning

We thank those who gave their time on the two Saturdays to help with the cleaning of the pews in the church. The few people we had did a tremendous job! A "cleaning company" would never have measured up to their standards! As I said to them, "Only God can give you the reward you deserve". God bless them!!

Office Closed

The Church office will be closed from **Holy Thursday** until **Easter Tuesday**, April 6. Emergency calls will be taken at St. Mary of Mercy 412-261-0110 during this period of time.

Pray for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized

We ask you to remember the following in your prayers ~ Mary Barry, Virginia Chiappetta, Robert Delaney, Chrystil Dougherty, Margaret Hagan, Karen Kraeer, Vince Lusardi, Carmella Magnelli, Nancy Meinert, Sr. Mary Claver Paustenbach, CDP, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary Beth Starosielec, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick.

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 21 and 28** the 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in **memory of William Scherer, (B/D) remembrance,** requested by the **Ken Scherer Family**

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, March 27 **Lenten Weekday**
 6:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

Sunday, March 28 **Palm Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Dacey Family †
 by Paul & Sandy Dacey
 10:00 a.m. Francis R. Bronowicz †
 by Theresa Bronowicz
 5:00 p.m. Bishop John B. McDowell †
 by Former & Current Staff of PCEP

Monday, March 29 **Monday of Holy Week**
 12:05 p.m. Ruth & James Murphy †
 by Daniel & Joyce Murphy

Tuesday, March 30 **Tuesday of Holy Week**
 12:05 p.m. Patricia Stoehr † by the Sullivan Family

Wednesday, March 31 **Wednesday of Holy Week**
 7:00 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
 12:05 p.m. Helen Capodanno †
 by M/M Sam Manfredi

Thursday, April 1 **Holy Thursday**
 6:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2 **Good Friday**
 11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
 12:05 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3 **Holy Saturday**
 12:00 p.m. Blessing of Baskets takes place at
St. Stanislaus Church
 (Epiphany Church will be closed during the day)
 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
 Mass for the people of Epiphany

Sunday, April 4 **Resurrection of the Lord**
 8:00 a.m. Those remembered in the Fower Memorial
 10:00 a.m. Those remembered in the Flower Memorial
 (There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on this day)

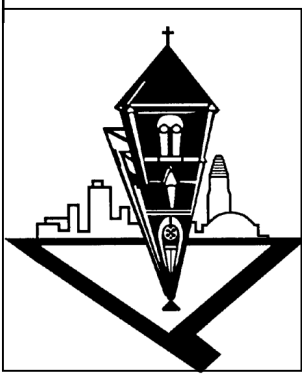
Good Friday Collection

The Annual collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land for the protection of Christianity's holiest places.

Last Week's Stewardship

Collection \$2,278.25
 Maintenance \$ 535.00
 Parish Share to date.....\$2,930.00

Thank you!



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Holy Thursday Liturgy

We are in need of volunteers, male or female, and of any age, for the Ceremonial Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday for the 5:00 Liturgy. If you would like to participate please call the office at 412-261-0110 **by Monday, March 29.** Thank you!

Easter Blessing of the Families

Next Sunday, Easter Day, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter will welcome families of the diocese to their Annual Blessing Ceremony at St. Paul Cathedral, **beginning at 2:00.** Please note the earlier time this year. (not 3:00).

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for business from Holy Thursday until Easter Tuesday, April 6. Only emergency calls will be taken at 412-261-0110.

Red Door Open

The Red Door **will be open** this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Good Friday Collection

The collection on Good Friday is the Annual Holy Land collection for the protection of Christianity's holiest places. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Ministry of The Red Door

Hungry & Homeless: Special thanks to the Urban League of Pittsburgh who assisted in registering people for food stamp applications at our Red Door Ministry on March 16th. We also wish to thank the Greek Orthodox Churches of Pittsburgh and the Parishes of St. Thomas More, St. Anne and St. John and Paul for contributing lunches to our Red Door Program. Their generous support of our Ministry to the Hungry & Homeless is such a blessing!

“Ponchos for the Homeless”: Our Red Door Ministry is requesting donations for our homeless living on the streets and under our bridges to keep them dry during the rainy season. All donations are appreciated!

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, March 2 **Weekday of Holy Week**

12:00 p.m. Intentions of Joe Nigro
5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Morning Star Lodge

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Supper

7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
9:30 a.m. For the people
12:00 p.m. Mark Valecko † by Eleanor Valecko

Monday, March 29 **Weekday of Holy Week**

6:30 a.m. Gayle Weiland † by Rod Weiland
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00 p.m. George Risko † by Aileen Risko

Tuesday, March 30 **Weekday of Holy Week**

6:30 a.m. Helen A. Larkin † by Helene A. Larkin
7:30 a.m. Celia Dombrowski †
12:00 p.m. Mary DiGuilio †
Daughter, Dolores Molinaro

Wednesday, March 31 **Weekday of Holy Week**

6:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Gajdosik †
by Barbara Gajdosik
7:30 a.m. William & Velletta Kern †
12:00 p.m. Regina Klein †
by Christine Conley

Thursday, April 1 **Holy Thursday**

5:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2 **Good Friday**

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3 **Holy Saturday**

(no services during the day, church will be closed)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Mass for the people of St. Mary of Mercy

Sunday, April 4 **The Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Those remembered in the Flower Memorial
9:30 a.m. Those remembered in the Flower Memorial

Last Week's Stewardship

Offertory..... \$1,976.00
Parish Share.....\$ 1,000.00

Thank you!

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 | | |
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| 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: 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:

Any special instructions go here.

We do not proofread pages 2 and 7. Please let us know if changes are ever made to these two pages.