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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

The Gospel reading for today presents a serious challenge to all who wish to follow Jesus: sincere repentance is necessary for true discipleship. Repentance (in Greek, metanoia) is far more than simply being sorry and asking forgiveness. Metanoia indicates literally a radical change of mind, a new way of thinking and therefore being in the world. This kind of repentance requires a new way of living in relation to God and others.

The two incidence reported in the first half of the Gospel reading, as well as the parable of the fig tree in the second half of this reading are unique to Luke's Gospel account. It is not often that we hear of specific historical events in the Gospel narratives and there is no reason to doubt the historicity of the two events that Jesus speaks of ~ Pilate was certainly ruthless enough to have slaughtered otherwise innocent Galileans, and tragic accidents like collapsing towers with many lost lives were unfortunately common occurrences. The larger point that Jesus was raising is that all people need to repent.

The parable of the fig tree highlights the patience of God who is willing to wait for sincere repentance, for true metanoia. As we reach the halfway point of the Lenten Journey this Sunday, let's consider whether our prayer, fasting and almsgiving is leading us to sincere repentance, a new way of being.



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. Norbert Rosso, CSSp, Fr. Michael Ruffalo, Fr. James Ruggiero, Fr. John Rushofsky, Fr. Reginald Russo, OFM, Cap, Fr. Theodore Rutkowski, Fr. William Rutledge, Fr. Regis Ryan, Fr. Walter Rydzon, Fr. Reynold Rynda, OFM, Cap, F. George Saladna, Fr. James Salberg



Pax Christi Gatherings

Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi (*Peace of Christ*) invites you to a book discussion on *Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence* by Terrence Rynne. The group will continue to meet on the next Wednesdays of Lent: March 10, 24, 31 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The sessions are free, but the books are \$20.00. Location: Epiphany's McDowell Hall. Call 412-831-8312.

Farewell, Fr. Jack Walsh!

A Reception for Fr. Jack Walsh will be held in McDowell Hall after the 10:00 Mass this weekend

All are invited to attend and thank Father for the years of service he has given to Epiphany Church, and for assisting at St. Mary of Mercy and St. Benedict the Moor.

We wish him well as he takes on this most important assignment, ministering to the frail and elderly.

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.

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.... bring your friends! 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 web-site at www.epiphanychurch.net.

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Campaign for Human Development which includes Catholic Home Missions and National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. As always please use your envelope and be as generous as your means allow.

Readings for the Week of March 7

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a,10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32



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.

Christian Mothers

will meet today, at 10:30 a.m
All member are encouraged to attend.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, March 7 **Third Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 a.m. Alvin J. Briscoe † by Dorothy Coleman
 (husband of Anneliese Briscoe & father to Dorothy Coleman)
 12:00 p.m. Lillian Thurston † (Aunt to Priscilla Davis)

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

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

Black Catholic Leadership Conference: Developing Church Leaders to Serve

We remind you to send in your signed registration form for the April 23-25, 2010 conference. For any information call 412-456-3170 at the Black Catholic Ministry Office.

Stars

Meeting begins today at 11:30 am. in the dining room of the church office. We welcome Erica Flewellen who will tell us about her experiences at First Lady during the G-20 Summit! We'll have a Q & A period and discuss reflection on LUCK vs. BLESSING.

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. All ticket proceeds from the concert will benefit the arts program of the Hill House Association. In performance will be Thomas Hong, PSO Assistant Conductor, Toi Derricotte, nationally known poet, Mark Huggins, PSO's Associate Concertmaster. Music by Mendelssohn, Higdon, and Britten will also be featured. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for students K-college. For tickets and other information, call: 412-392-6479.

In Remembrance

Please pray for the soul of *Alvin Briscoe*, who died and was buried recently. *Mr. Briscoe* was the husband of Anneliese and the father of Dorothy Coleman. May he rest peacefully now in the arms of Jesus.

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Reminder ~ Clocks move ahead next weekend!

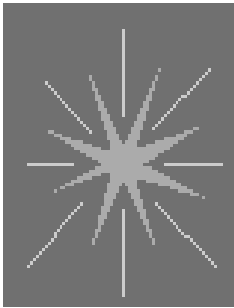
Happy Birthday!

Anneliese Briscoe, Eva Duncan, Lynn French, Aleah Washington (Mar.7); Maureen Osunkwo (Mar. 8); Rula Antaki, Lydia Asque, Achick Eison, Anthony Jagers, Anthony Jagers II, Nick Young (Mar. 9); Michael Bucher, Darlene Griffin (Mar. 10); Robert Laroche (Mar. 11)

Last Week's Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....	\$ 936.29
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,777.00
Mail-ins.....	\$1,045.00

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 Bishop David Zubik, celebrant and homilist for the 12:05 Mass this Friday, March 12.

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.**

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.

**Divine Mercy Banner
St. Patrick's Day Parade**

In the last four St. Patrick's Day Parades the Divine Mercy banner was carried and they look for volunteers to help carry it. The banner is 20'x 30'. The parade is scheduled to occur on Saturday, March 13. If you are interested in carrying the banner, please contact Mary Ann at 412-431-3841.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, March 6 **Lenten Weekday**
6:00 p.m. Joseph Scarpino † (B/D)
 by Eugene & Myro Slava Scarpino

Sunday, March 7 **Third Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. For the people of Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Florence Bach † Sue & Keith Pavick
5:00 p.m. Bill Baumgarten † & Pat Gaito †
 by Marc & Josie Pitta

Monday, March 8 **St. John of God**
12:05 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †

Tuesday, March 9 **St. Frances of Rome**
12:05 p.m. Mass for the deceased of our parish

Wednesday, March 10 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Assad Family (liv & dec)
 by Helen Assad
12:05 p.m. Stanley Pawlak † (Anniv)
 by Mary Burrell

Thursday, March 11 **Lenten Weekday**
12:05 p.m. Intentions of Eleanor McAndrews
 by Mary & Bill Belack

Friday, March 12 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
12:05 p.m. William T. & Margaret C. Garvey †
 by Fr. Jim Garvey

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

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Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection\$ 1,542.00
 Maintenance\$ 584.00

Thank you!



Mass Book, 2010

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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.

Food Pantry

St. Mary of Mercy is part of the Downtown Ministerium food Pantry. The Week of March 8-12 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm the pantry will distribute food from the rectory office for all those who need food. For more information contact Betty at 412-261-0110.

Reminder: Clocks move ahead next weekend!

Last Week’s Stewardship

Offertory\$2,375.00

Thank you!

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, March 6

Weekday

12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
5:00 p.m. Elvera Stoehr †
by Diane & Donna Wingertsahn

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Shields & Englert Families †
by Mark Shields
9:30 a.m. Richard Wieser † (3 year anniv of death)
by his loving Family
12:00 p.m. Mass for the people

Monday, March 8

St. John of God

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
7:30 a.m. Joseph Renzi †
12:00 p.m. Estelle Milleman † Peggy & Tony Sunseri

Tuesday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

6:30 a.m. Joseph Torregrosso †
by Fr. Carmen D’Amico
7:30 a.m. Jack McCarthy † Ken Horoho
12:00 p.m. Frank & Irene Rapp †
by Children

Wednesday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mother by Dario Lorenzi
7:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mother by Dario Lorenzi
12:00 p.m. Dolores J. Bostak † by Deborah Doncais

Thursday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
7:30 a.m. Anna Sambold †
by Helene & Sylvia Krebs
12:00 p.m. William “Hun” McElligott †
by Charles McElligott

Friday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo
7:30 a.m. Anthony August Mele †
by Fr. Carmen D’Amico
12:00 p.m. Rose & John Pintar †
by Barbara Pintar

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

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: 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.

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