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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**

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.

**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

**Reflection ~ the Marian Mystery**

We must become “a longing for God.” The Fathers of the Church say that prayer, properly understood, is nothing other than becoming “a longing for God”. In Mary, this petition has been granted: she is, as it were, the open vessel of longing, in which life becomes prayer and prayer becomes life. Saint John wonderfully conveys this process by never mentioning Mary’s name in his Gospel. She no longer has any name except “the Mother of Jesus”. It is as if she had handed over her personal dimension in order now to be solely at his disposal, and precisely thereby had become a person....

It is, I believe, no coincidence, given our Western, masculine mentality, that we have increasingly separated Christ from his Mother, without grasping that Mary’s motherhood might have some significance for theology and faith. This attitude characterizes our whole approach to the Church... What we need then, is to abandon this one-sided, Western activist outlook, lest we degrade the Church to a product of our creation and design. The Church is not a manufactured item; she is, rather, the living seed of God that must be allowed to grow and ripen.

This is why the Church needs the Marian mystery; this is why the Church herself is a Marian mystery. There can be fruitfulness in the Church only when she has this character, when she becomes holy soil for the Word. We must retrieve the symbol of the fruitful soil; we must once more become waiting, inwardly recollected people who in the depth of prayer, longing, and faith give the Word room to grow.

Pope Benedict XVI

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**Anniversaries of Priests**

You have noticed in the Pittsburgh Catholic, priests who are celebrating significant anniversaries of ordination. May and June are the ordinary months of ordinations in the Pittsburgh Diocese. We would like to congratulate the following priests who minister with us at St. Mary’s, and who are celebrating anniversaries: *Fr. Ron Lengwin*, 43 years of ordination on May 14th.; *Fr. Jack O’toole*, 42 years of ordination on May 13th; *Fr. Raymond Utz*, 66 years of ordination on May 4th. Thank you Fathers, for your faithfulness and dedication to the people of God. Ad Multos Annos!

**Fish Fry at Epiphany**

The Fish Fry at Epiphany continues! Aside from the regular menu, the Special this Friday for only \$6.00 is *Open Face Hot Pork Sandwich, Gravy, French Fries*. Serving is from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For take-out orders call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 a.m. Thank you!

**Mother’s Day, A Special Day!**

Today is a great day! We wish all mothers ~ birth mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, stepmothers and adoptive mothers ~ a very Happy Mother’s Day! We acknowledge all of you today for the nurturing and good example you have given your children. May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for the blessings you have been to your children. For all of us, please look to your mother, or the person in your life who has been a mother to you, and take the time to show her gratitude in some special way today! Let us remember the mothers who have died. They are sorely missed and deeply loved and remembered this day. May they be rewarded for the sacrifices they brought in raising us to be the people we are today. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord!

**Meeting Dates to Note**

Mon. May 18 ~ Finance Councils, McD Hall:  
Epiphany at 4:00 p.m.  
St. Benedict the Moor at 5:30 p.m.  
(There will be no Pastoral Council Meetings on Monday, May 18.)

**Ministry of Consolation**

“Hope in Christ with Peace of Mind” is the topic of a workshop to initiate a Bereavement Ministry for the Center City Catholic Parishes scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in McDowell Hall; a continental breakfast will be served. For more information and to register call Mrs. Robinson, 412-621-7694, or Lalla Smalley 412-471-0257 ext.11.

**Mother’s Day Diaper Drive**

**This Mother’s Day, May 10**, we are supporting *Catholic Charities “Diaper Drive”* helping young mothers and women in need to provide for their young children and babies. Please bring your items when you come to Mass this weekend and place them in the container at the communion rail in front of the church. As always, we appreciate your donations.

*Readings for the Week of May 10*

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



**Christian Mothers' Meeting**

On Sunday, May 24, the Christian Mothers will be reciting the rosary between the Masses.

**Sunday Mass, May 17th.**

Next Sunday is First Holy Communion Sunday. We remind you that the 10:00 Mass will be the only Mass celebrated on this day. We encourage you to join as one Parish Family in Jesus to celebrate our youngest members receiving Our Lord for the very first time.

**St. Benedict the Moor School**

Registration for our school is open for the 2009-2010 school year for Kindergarten through grade 8. Please call the school office at 412-682-3755 if you are interested. Applications are on a first come, first serve basis.

**Ministry Day**

Ministry Day will be held on May 24th after the 9:00 a.m. and noon Masses. Come, learn about the various ministries and committees that are available in our church and how the Lord might be calling you to serve.

**Book of Psalms ~ Bible Study**

Please be reminded of the Study of the Book of Psalms on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The sessions will be held at St. Benedict the Moor. Call St. Benedict the Moor 412-281-3141 for more information.

**Pray For Our Sick and Hospitalized**

The following requests our prayers: Mary Bropleh, James Burwell, Priscilla Charles, Robert Davis, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Eloise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Agnes Robinson, Leaclea Stacey, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Dame Mary Walker, Adelaide Wilson.

**Happy Birthday To You!**

Michael Davis, Robert Davis, Chester Young (May 10); Jeneen Asque, Christine Benaiah, Kristen Osunkwo, Anelise Zamarripa-Zoucha (May 11); Tricha Hardy, Malik Mackey (May 12); David Ngugi, Emmanuel Ozor, George Smith (May 13); Michael Forrest-Dixon, Derrick J. Gooden, Agnes Robinson (May 14); Josephine Nichols, Adewale Sijuwade (May 15); Jayme Brymn, Alexander Ellis, Veronica Pieu, Jill Thompson (May 16); Taylor Akins-Rollins, Romona Coleman (May 17); Joan Moran, Kelly Tardy (May 19); Dr. Richard Gobbie, Jodie Morris, Joyce Williams (May 20); Erin Copeland, Natausha Horton, William James Lewis (May 21); Charles Davis, Joyce Payne (May 22);

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

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

**Sunday, May 10** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
 9:00 a.m. Marie Hvizdos by Mary Ann Hvizdos  
 12:00 p.m. Lillie Mae Waiters by Wanda, Prissy, Bobbette, Tonia, Johannah, Ryann

**Thursday, May 14** *St. Matthias, apostle*  
 9:15 a.m. (School) Mass for the people (followed by May Crowning)

**Sunday, May 17** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
 10:00 a.m. John Hvizdos † by Mary Ann Hvizdos

**Ascension Thursday, May 21**

Masses on Ascension Thursday will be 9:15 a.m. (School) ~ 6:30 p.m. (Church) (There will be no anticipated Mass on Wed. evening)

*A Special Sunday, A Special Invitation*

**You are invited to join us for a very special moment in the lives of our young people.**

Next Sunday, May Seventeenth, two thousand and nine at ten o'clock in the morning at St. Benedict the Moor Parish Church when we will join together as One Body in Christ, and celebrate one Mass together as we lift up in prayer:

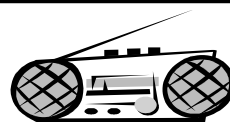
*Antonio Bastos, Sabritta Ditumona, Elizabeth Doerue, Maya French, Malik Mackey, Robert Lee Settles Smith, Kareena Williams,*

as they receive our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the first time in Holy Communion.

Please pray for our students as they prepare to receive the Bread of Life.

**Last Week's Stewardship**

9:00 a.m.....	\$1,533.70
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,353.00
Mailed in contributions.....	\$1,582.00
<b>Total (Thank you!).....</b>	<b>\$4,468.70</b>



**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.



**May Crowning**

This weekend at the 10:00 Mass we will honor the Blessed Mother in a special way through our annual May Crowning ceremony. We encourage you to come and honor Mary on this special occasion.

**The Feast of the Ascension, May 21 st.**

Please note the Mass schedule for Thursday, May 21st. There will be 3 Masses celebrated on this Holy Day:  
**7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.**  
**(Confessions will not be heard on the Holy Day)**  
 There will not be an anticipated Mass on Wednesday evening.

**Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost Sunday is a Solemn Feast of the Church. It is celebrated this year on **Sunday, May 31st**. The Pastoral Council of Epiphany Parish is hosting a gathering to discuss the future direction of our parish. Please keep the date on your calendars and plan to join us for a brief discussion after each mass on that day. Refreshments will be served.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

We remind you of the change for Confessions on Saturdays. Confessions on Saturdays will be heard only in the evenings from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.

**Monthly Remembrance**

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **May** will be offered in loving memory of **John C. Gaita** requested by the **John C. Gaita Family**. John C. Gaita will be remembered in each Mass that is offered this month. If you are interested in donating this gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the office or make it know through the offertory basket.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

The 14 day candle burns daily at the Blessed Sacrament altar to signify the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle and His sacred presence in the church. During the weeks of **May 3 and 10**, this candle will burn in loving memory of **John C. Gaita**, requested by the **John C. Gaita Family**.

**Beach Bash**

The Beach Bash is coming to St. Therese, Munhall on Saturday, May 16th. Tom Watt the Buffet Man is coming, so dig out your flowered shirt and put on your shorts or grass skirt. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Price is \$25.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner, live band, beverages ~ specialty drinks also available. Tables of 8 & 10 will be reserved. Call now for your tickets 412-462-8161. Proceeds benefit Appalachia.

Fr. Dan

**MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY**

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**Saturday, May 9** **Easter Weekday**  
 4:00 p.m. *Wedding ~ Marraway/Ondechek*  
 6:00 p.m. Pasqua Pacini † M.A.P.

**Sunday, May 10** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Florence E. Fagan † Michele Fagan  
 10:00 a.m. Mary Francis † Frank & Rosalie Francis  
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

**Monday, May 11** **Easter Weekday**  
 12:05 p.m. Lillian Stankovich † (Anniv)  
 Donna Stankovich

**Tuesday, May 12** **Easter Weekday**  
 12:05 p.m. James J. & Anna Cosgrove Maloney †  
 by Family

**Wednesday, May 13** **Our Lady of Fatima**  
 7:00 a.m. Janet Luvara † Janet Miller  
 12:05 p.m. Albert Larkin † Helene Larkin

**Thursday, May 14** **St. Matthias, apostle**  
 12:05 p.m. Richard & Sally Bunce † William Batz

**Friday, May 15** **St. Isidore**  
 7:00 a.m. Assad Family (Liv & Dec) Helen Assad  
 12:05 p.m. Joseph Toney † (Anniv) Josephine Toney

**Saturday, May 16** **Easter Weekday**  
 6:00 p.m. Veronica Muraco † (Anniv) G.D.

**Sunday, May 17** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the People  
 10:00 a.m. David & Helen Kail † Eugene M. Kail  
 5:00 p.m. Ignazio Biondo † (Anniv)  
 M/M Peter & Judy Biondo

**Pray for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized**

We ask you to remember the following in your prayers ~ Mary Barry, Dee DiPofi, Chrystil Dougherty, Margaret Hagan, Vince Lusardi, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary

**Last Week's Stewardship**

1st Collection..... \$1,795.00  
 2nd Collection ..... \$ 586.00  
**Total (Thank you!). ..... \$2,381.00**



**Men's Choir at Epiphany**

The Epiphany Men's choir will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 10 at Epiphany Church.

**Summer at Camp Downtown**

"Growing with God" is the theme of the 2009 Summer Camp Downtown: the Pittsburgh Downtown Ministerium's annual Vacation Bible School program celebrating all our city has to offer. God's nurturing care for creation and for each one of us, will be discovered through games, crafts, music and snacks. Camp schedule is from Monday, June 22 through Friday June 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Call Cora Weiland at 412-471-8125 or Rev. Liddy Barlow at 412-281-1811.

**Senior Celebration in the Park**

On Thursday, May 21, South Park Fairgrounds will be the site for a celebration for Senior Citizens from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day will include live entertainment, physical activities, health screenings, games, cooking demonstrations. Lunch will be served. Please register with your local senior center or by calling the DHS Event Line, 412-350-3428 by May 14. This event is sponsored by Allegheny County.

**Retreat Day for Veterans & Families**

Robert Morris University, Moon Twp., will be hosting a day of retreat at their John Jay Center on May 23 from 10:00 a.m. and ending with lunch at 2:00 p.m. This retreat will provide veterans and their families with tools to help cope with deployment, transition and assist with reintegration. This event is free by pre-registration is recommended, space is limited. Call 412-244-1244, by May 15.

**Providence Support Center**

PSC is on the move and is now accepting new applications for child care, summer camp and after school care. Located just minutes from downtown Pittsburgh, the Keystone Stars Accredited program, with age-based curriculum, is designed specifically for children to achieve their highest potential. The Center is proud to be licensed through the Commonwealth of PA and partners with the Dept. of Public Welfare and Child Care Information Services. Call 412-766-6730 today for a free tour and enrollment information. PSC is a ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

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

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| <b>Saturday, May 9</b>   | <b>Easter Weekday</b>   |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Regina Klein by Christine Conley                              |
| 5:00 p.m.                | Marie Navaro by Carole Clifford                               |
| <b>Sunday, May 10</b>    | <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>                                 |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Mass for the People   |
| 9:30 a.m.                | Clara Manfredi, deceased<br>by M/M Sam Manfredi               |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Phil & Ellen Meade by Friends                                 |
| <b>Monday, May 11</b>    | <b>Easter Weekday</b>   |
| 6:30 a.m.                | Frank & Anna Gajdosik<br>by Barbara Gajdosik                  |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Joseph P. Brennan   |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Joseph Nedziek by Sster, Flo                                  |
| <b>Tuesday, May 12</b>   | <b>Easter Weekday</b>   |
| 6:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Dr. & Mrs. Leo O'Donnell<br>by M/M Leo O'Donnell, Jr.         |
| <b>Wednesday, May 13</b> | <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>                                     |
| 6:30 a.m.                | In Honor of the Sorrowful Mother<br>by Dario Lorenzi          |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Souls in Purgatory<br>by Mary Ann Dapprich                    |
| <b>Thursday, May 14</b>  | <b>St. Matthias, apostle</b>                                  |
| 6:30 a.m.                | Edward C. Smyers by Family                                    |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Mary B. McMahon by McMahon Family                             |
| <b>Friday, May 15</b>    | <b>St. Isidore</b>  |
| 6:30 a.m.                | Helen A. Larkin by Helene A. Larkin                           |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Clyde & Catherine McCartney<br>by Nancy McCarthy, Daughter    |
| <b>Saturday, May 16</b>  | <b>Easter Weekday</b>   |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Evelyn W. Wojtkowski, living<br>by Nancy McCartney, Friend    |
| 5:00 p.m.                | Mary Frankovich, deceased<br>by Debbie Walker & John Lubarski |
| <b>Sunday, May 17</b>    | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>                                 |
| 7:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 9:30 a.m.                | Edward Groff  |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Mass for the People   |

**Last Week's Stewardship**

Offertory Collection .....	\$2,160.00
Other Collection .....	\$1,129.00
Total (Thank you!) .....	\$3,289.00



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**CHURCH NO.: 042**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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Any special instructions go here.

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