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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.

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

Ten days ago we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, a solemnity marking Christ's *ascent* into heaven. Today is Pentecost Sunday, a solemnity celebrating the Holy Spirit's *descent* onto the apostles. The ascending and descending of the divine is the action that marks the birth of the Church.

In the first reading from Acts, we hear about the "tongues of fire" that "came to rest" on each of the disciples and filled them with the Holy Spirit. For Luke, the symbol of fire represented God's transformative presence that purified and refined the apostles in preparation for the enormous challenge of building the Church. The apostles' transformation was immediate: they changed from disciples-in-hiding to disciples openly proclaiming in the streets of Jerusalem "the mighty acts of God."

In the Gospel reading today, we hear Jesus speak of the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples. Jesus assured the disciples in his farewell discourse to them: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

The outpouring of God's Spirit upon us is what the Catholic church celebrates today: the fulfillment of God's promise. God has sent his Holy Spirit to guide the Church and constantly remind her of our commitment and faith in his own beloved Son. It is God, in the form of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that leads and guides the Church until that day when Christ returns to claim for himself a people faithful to his word and to his work.

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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. May they be an example of Christ's mercy and love for us.

This week we pray for the following priests:  
 Most Rev. William J. Winter, Fr. Miroslaus Wojcicki, Fr. Richard Yagesh, Fr. Michael Yaksick, Fr. DeSales Young, OFM, Cap., Fr. James Young, Fr. Edward Yuhas, Fr. Dennis Yurochko, Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga, OSB.

Pray daily for our parish priests and those who assist us.  
 Pray for our deceased priests;  
 Pray for diocesan priests and Religious men and women who will be celebrating special anniversaries this year;  
 Pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life

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Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

The Feast of Pentecost

The great Feast of Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is, in reality, the completion of our Easter celebration. On the first Pentecost the apostles received the gifts of the Spirit to proclaim the good news to the whole world. Despite differences in language and culture, we are one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism. The church interior will be decorated in Pentecost red. Many members of our churches are wearing red as well.

The Month of May, Dedicated to Mary

Throughout the month of May, we encourage everyone to bring flowers from your garden to adorn the May altars in each of the parish churches. If you do not have a vase, one will be provided near the May altar. ***Mary, Queen of May, lead us to your Son!***

Strawberry Festival

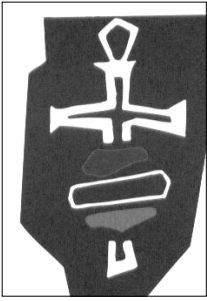
The Downtown Ministerium will be holding its annual Strawberry Festival on Friday, June 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Strawberry Way (at Smithfield Street between 6th & 7th Streets). Come and enjoy strawberry shortcake, ice cream sundaes, live music, crafts, a bake sale, delicious food and lots more... fun for the whole family. This event is featuring the cool jazz sounds of *Horace Turner and the All-Stars!* Everyone is welcome!

Epiphany Fish Fry

Please be reminded that Epiphany Church continues to hold its *Fish Fry* every Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. until the end of June. Eat in or take out...For take-out orders, please call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 am. on Friday mornings. *Special* this week (for only \$6.00) is stuffed shells with sauce and meatball, salad with dressing, roll and butter. Please be aware, the menu is on our website. Have lunch with a friendly bunch!

Readings for the Week of May 23

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12/Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17,20b-25/Mk 11:27-33
- Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



Bible Study

Come join us! Bible Study of the *Parables of the Kingdom* has already started at St. Benedict the Moor. Come on *Wednesday* evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The first session was held on *May 5th*; sessions will continue until *June 9th*. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

Bereavement Workshop

All are welcome to attend a Bereavement Workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Pre-registration is required. Please call Agnes Robinson at 412-621-7694 or Shirley Pace at 412-682-1247.

Oops!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Sorry! We would like to add these individuals to our list of donors for altar cloths....Mrs. Jean Grate and Moses Simmons. Many blessings to both of you!

**Blood Pressure Screening.....
today at 10:30 a.m.**

C. C. Boys' Basketball Camp

Applications are now being accepted for the CC Basketball Camp to be held this summer in the Central Catholic High School gym. Sessions will run from June 14-17 and June 21-24. Cost for the four-day camp is \$100.00 per session. Interested students can make a reservation by calling Coach Chuck Crummie at 412-208-3494 or 412-322-9399.

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!

Arlene Hicks (May 27); Egey Ipala (May 29)

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Wallace Comer † by The Ritter Family
12:00 p.m. Priscilla Charles † by The Ritter Family

Sunday, May 30

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. For the unborn, elderly, handicapped and all causes of life
12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †

School Notes

Kennywood tickets will be on sale at the school on Thursday, May 27th, at 8:45 a.m. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please come at 8:45 a.m., as the sellers are only here for a short time.

Field Trip ~ Students in the 3rd grade will have their field trip on Thursday, May 27th, at 8:30 a.m.

May Crowning ~ Students in 1st and 2nd grades will have their May Crowning on Thursday, May 27th, at 9:15 a.m.

Early Dismissal ~ Students will have an early dismissal on Friday, May 28th, at 11:30 a.m.

An Opportunity!

Live in the Hill District? Zip code is 15219? The McAuley Ministries made a contribution to the August Wilson Center to cover 500 free memberships for residents of the Hill District. At the back of the church, pick up an application for a free membership for the remainder of the year 2010. Select the membership you want to pay for 2011. Support the August Wilson Centre for African American Culture.

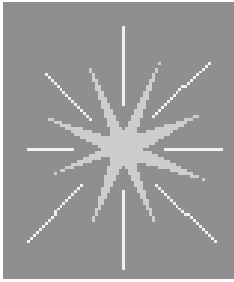
National Gathering

The 3rd National Gathering for Black Catholic Women will take place, August 13-15 at Hilton University Place, Charlotte, North Carolina. Registration fee is \$180.00 per person. NBSC Full and Associate members pay \$120.00. For more information, call Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN, at 202-884-9765 or picsnd@aol.com.

Last Week's Stewardship

Ascension Day\$ 140.00
9:00 a.m.\$1,617.00
12:00 p.m.\$ 779.83
Catholic Relief Services\$ 389.00
Mail-ins.....\$2,075.00

Thank you!



The Irish are Coming!

We are especially informing all those who are Irish.....would like to be Irish.....pretend to be Irish....are intrigued.....or just like the color green!! We are planning an Irish Festival for Saturday, June 5. The groundwork has been laid, plans are in the making, but we need helpers to make the plans a reality! Included in the day's festivities are plans for a Mass in Gaelic at 6:00 p.m. If you missed last Wednesday's meeting, and want to be included in planning the festivities, please call the office at 412-471-0257, x101. We need many hearts and hands! And we need YOU!

More on the Irish Festival.... If you do not have the time to volunteer to help, but want to be part of this event, the Festival Committee is accepting monetary donations from all parishioners and friends of Epiphany. If you would like to make a monetary donation, or any other gift, please drop it off during the daytime, or forward it to the Epiphany Church, Administration Center, 164 Washington Place, Pgh., PA 15219. You will be credited in the program booklet. Hope to hear from you within the next couple of days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

For several months now at Epiphany Church, we have had the privilege of exposing the Blessed Sacrament in church on Fridays ending 12:05 Mass until 5:00 p.m. The church permits "full" exposition when the sacred host is clearly visible in a vessel called a "monstrance." Church regulations are: *"The sponsor of this devotion is to make sure that a suitable number of worshippers are present during the entire time of exposition. The Blessed Sacrament may never be left exposed without at least one worshipper present."* Most of the time at Epiphany no one is in the church during this devotion. From time to time there is only one worshipper, but there has never been a "suitable number" present. Because of this, we find it necessary to discontinue the devotion at this time. The Worship Committee will be discussing this further to decide a more appropriate time for this devotion. St. Mary of Mercy will continue to have the devotion on Tuesdays following 7:30 a.m. Mass and on Thursdays following 12:00 noon Mass. St. Benedict the Moor will continue the devotion on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.

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, Frankie Francis, 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

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- Saturday, May 22** **St. Rita of Cascia**
 4:00 p.m. Rev. Thomas O'Donnell
 50th Anniversary of Ordination
 6:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany
- Sunday, May 23** **Pentecost**
 8:00 a.m. Rose Barket † by Tom Barket
 10:00 a.m. David & Helen Kail (Wed. Anniv)
 E.M. Kail
 5:00 p.m. James J. & Anna Cosgrove Maloney †
 by Ed Maloney Family
- Monday, May 24** **Weekday**
 12:05 p.m. Katherine Carvlin † (Anniv)
 by Daniel & Joyce Murphy
- Tuesday, May 25** **Weekday**
 12:05 p.m. For the deceased of the parish †
- Wednesday, May 26** **St. Philip Neri**
 7:00 a.m. For the deceased of the parish †
 12:05 p.m. Robert Raybuck & Charles Chandler †
 by Mary McDunn
- Thursday, May 27** **St. Augustine of Canterbury**
 12:05 p.m. Pauline F. Germinaro †
 by Fish Fry volunteers
- Friday, May 28** **Weekday**
 7:00 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
 12:05 p.m. Sr. Mary Irene, CSSF, 75th Anniversary of
 Religious Life by Elizabeth Jedrzejewski
- Saturday, May 29** **Weekday**
 6:00 p.m. Clara Manfredi † (Anniv)
 by Sam & Marilyn Manfredi
- Sunday, May 30** **The Most Holy Trinity**
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany
 10:00 a.m. Helen & John Lewis Family †
 by Joe & Maryann Lewis
 5:00 p.m. Anne Griffiths † (Anniv)
 by Thomas & Susan McCaffrey

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$2,636.31
Catholic Relief Services	\$933.00
Parish Share to date	\$6,297.25
Capital Campaign	\$14,953.22

Thank you!



**Countdown to St. Mary of Mercy
Church's Diamond Jubilee**
(fourth in a series)

“The New Church”

Looking at the history of our parish so far, in this series, we learned of the building of the first church (September 1868) and the modification of it with an additional property to create the second church building in April 1869. When Father J. A. O'Rourke was appointed to the parish in April of 1870, he rented a nearby house to use as a rectory. He was succeeded by Father Mark Devlin, who upon his death in December of 1873, was followed by Father A.A. Lambing, a distinguished historian of the Pittsburgh Diocese. It was Father Lambing who purchased the nearby Ames Methodist Episcopal Church, at the corner of Third Avenue and “Ferry Street” (today's “Stanwix Street”) in May 1876. The interior was renovated to suit the purposes of the “new” church.

Coming up: The Naming of “Saint Mary of Mercy”

Second Collection, Next Sunday

The second collection next Sunday, May 30, will be for the St. Mary of Mercy Television Ministry. This parish-based ministry provides the Noon Mass, seven days a week, to homes, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted-living facilities throughout Western Pennsylvania. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we are able to televise our Mass and other special liturgies. Our thanks also to Christian Associates of SW Pennsylvania (Channel 95 in the City of Pittsburgh); Comcast (Channel 190 Digital); and WBGW-TV (Verizon Channel 22). Please be as generous as possible, next Sunday.

From the Downtown Ministerium

Pittsburgh Pirates will be playing the Cleveland Indians on Friday, June 18, at 7:05! Tickets are only \$8.00. Each ticket will give you a chance to win great prizes! After the game, two lucky winners will be chosen to win either four (4) box seats to another Pirates game or an autographed Pirates baseball. Prior to the game and for each ticket ordered, we are suggesting you please donate a nonperishable food or personal item to the **Walk in Ministry** at one of the churches listed here: *St. Mary of Mercy, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Cathedral, Smithfield United Church or the First Lutheran Church.* To order your tickets by June 4th, please pick up a flyer from the table in the church today.

**Stewardship ~ Thank you!
Offertory**

5/9/10.....	\$1,944.00
5/13/10.....	\$ 632.00
5/16/10.....	\$2,260.00

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

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Saturday, May 22 **St. Rita of Cascia**

- 12:00 p.m. William & Stella Hoffman, Sr. †
by Ann Flaherty
- 5:00 p.m. Norma & Jeff Whalen, Sr. †
by All Their Children

Sunday, May 23 **Pentecost**

- 7:30 a.m. Mass for the people
- 9:30 a.m. Ellen Polteno † by John Polteno
- 12:00p.m. Pietro Nigro † by Joseph Nigro

Monday, May 24 **Weekday**

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention by Baarbara Gajdosik
- 7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
- 12:00 p.m. Patrick Basial † by Rose Mary Apel

Tuesday, May 25 **Weekday**

- 6:30 a.m. Helen Larkin † by Helene Larkin
- 7:30 a.m. Mass for the people
- 12:00 p.m. James Presken †
by Diane & Donna Wingertsahn

Wednesday, May 26 **St. Philip Neri**

- 6:30 a.m. Mass for the people
- 7:30 a.m. The deceased of the parish
- 12:00 p.m. Shirley Schockling †
by Stephanie & Jim Baumgartner

Thursday, May 27 **St. Augustine of Canterbury**

- 6:30 a.m. Mass for the people
- 7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
- 12:00 p.m. William Estock † by M/M Francis Corbett

Friday, May 28 **Weekday**

- 6:30 a.m. Mass for the people
- 7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
- 12:00 p.m. Rita Deet † by Mary Krall

Saturday, May 29 **Weekday**

- 12:00 p.m. Jacob Angst † by Alice Angst
- 5:00 p.m. Mass for the people

Sunday, May 30 **The Most Holy Trinity**

- 7:30 a.m. Mae Lenard † by Children
- 9:30 a.m. Mass for the people
- 12:00 p.m. Frank & Rose Leone Sperdute †
by Frank T. & Mary Ellen Anania

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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