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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

The Gift of Peace

On the night before He dies, Jesus is with his disciples. Having washed their feet in an act of humble service as an example to them, he proceeds to share with them his last hopes and dreams and promises. His ministry on this earth is nearing its end; yet, in another way, it is only beginning.

We too are there, listening to these last words, because they are for us as well. We too carry on Jesus' mission. The promise given to the disciples ~ and to us~ is peace. Peace is Jesus' farewell to us, his gift to us. What more can he give? What more do we need? It is not the kind of peace we might expect. It is not an easy peace. His gift of peace is wrapped in the challenge of loving service, compassionate inclusion, and courageous integrity. Accepting the gift means to live as Jesus lived.

Following the path laid out for us by Jesus is possible when we are immersed in a Eucharistic community. When we come together to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord, we become what we receive. Our life takes on a new dimension, and we experience the depth of God's presence in us and among us. God's promise is fulfilled.



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:

Fr. Daniele Vallecorsa, Fr. Louis Vallone, Fr. Nicholas Vascov, Fr. Michael Vecchio, Fr. Vincent Velas, Fr. John Vojtek, Fr. Robert Vular, Fr. Thomas Wagner, Fr. John Walsh, Fr. Richard Ward, Fr. Donald Ware, CP

Pray daily for our parish priests and those who assist us.
 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



Epiphany Fish Fry

Lent is over...but 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 a.m. on Friday mornings. Come and enjoy friendly people in a "home-like" atmosphere.

The month of May, Dedicated to Mary

With the month of May, the Month of Mary, comes the creation of May Altars in our three churches. The custom of a May Altar stems from southern European countries. All of nature awakened to new life in Springtime is presented to honor Mary, who is herself, "a rose of Sharon", a "lily of the valleys" (*Song of Songs 2,1*) This form of devotion was influenced and furthered, for example, in *Treatise on True Devotion to Mary* by Louis de Montfort, who among other things, counted the decoration of Marian altars a chief exercise of Marian devotion."

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!***

Blessing of Epiphany Rectory and Administration Offices

On May 16, we will be honored to have Bishop David Zubik with us to bless the new facility. The Bishop will be the main celebrant at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and the blessing will follow. We have extended an invitation to clergy and guests to join us on that day. This is an invitation to you, and once again, all are welcome to attend.

Stewardship Parish

My parish is made of people like me. I help make it what it is.
 It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am.
 It's pews will be filled if I help fill them.
 It will do great work, if I work.
 It will be prayerful, if I pray.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
 It will bring others into its worship, if I invite and bring them.
 It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I, who make it what it is,
 Am filled with these same things.

Readings for the Week of May 9

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2,22-29/Rv 21:10-14,22-23/Jn 14:23-29
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
 Friday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14,16-17,20/Jn 17:20



Bible Study

Come join us for a study of the *Parables of the Kingdom*, scheduled to be held at St. Benedict the Moor on *Wednesdays* beginning May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Part I is scheduled from *May 5th to June 9th*. Part II is scheduled from *September 8th to October 13th*.

Easter Season ~ Time to Rejoice!

Easter is a time of rejoicing in our Risen Savior who gives us life in Him. We as a church community also rejoice and thank those who daily give of their time, talent, and treasure. Today, we especially life up those who heeded the call for new church linens and donated from the heart:

Cecily Akins, Peggy Bullard, James Brynm, Mary Ann Ritter, Debbie McKenzie, Melton Hardy-Powell, Victoria Betsill, Anonymous Donor, Idella Davis, Jennifer Ritter, Suzanne Davis, Rita Costa, Marie Francis, Deborah Gory, Shelly Sims, Lorayne G. Powe, Elsie Moore, Dorothy Brisbane, Brenda & Keith Younger, Lisa Joy Finch, Njide Chukwunezie, Deann Jones, Duane Ashley, Robert Laroche, C. Haley Smith.

Because of their generosity we were also able to pay for the Paschal Candle, the charcoal for the incense burner, and some of the Holy Week flowers.

In Remembrance

In your compassion, please pray for the family of Idella Davis, whose sister Rachel Randall passed away on Tuesday. Pray also for the family of Elie Kihomia (Adeline) whose Mother, Helene Kisueka Kihomia, passed away this month. May God be their comfort as they heal from their grief. Eternal Rest grant to their loved ones.

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.

Second Collection next Sunday is for Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Happy Birthday!

Michael Davis, Robert Davis (May 10); Jeneen Asque, Christine Benaiah, Kristen Osunkwo, Anelise Zamarripa-Zoucha (May 11); Tricha Hardy, Malik Mackay (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).

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, May 9 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 9:00 a.m. Cheryl Akins † by Family
 12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †

Thursday, May 13 **Ascension of the Lord**
 9:15 a.m. Deceased members of the parish

Sunday, May 16 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 9:00 a.m. John J. Hvizdos † by Mary Ann Hvizdos
 12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †

School Notes

~ **Sickle Cell Field Day** for students of grades K,1,3,5 & 8, on Monday, May 10. Students in grades 2,4,6 & 7 will have a Field Day on Tuesday, May 11. On their gym class day, the students will be permitted to wear jeans and sacual tops and bring a donation for the Sickle Cell Society.

~ **Carnegie Science Center Trip** for students in grades 2 and 4, on Wednesday, May 12.

~ **Ascension Thursday**, May 13, there will be an all school Mass at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day.

~ **Boy Scouts** will meet on Friday, May 14 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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.

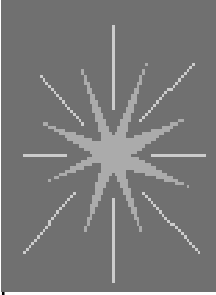
Women in Jazz Festival

There are still seats available for the Mary Lou Williams, Women in Jazz Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, under the Pittsburgh Contingent. The dates are May 20,21 and 22. For details call 412-871-3495 or email bferguson7@comcast.net. You are asked to make your

Last Week's Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....	\$1,317.05
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,415.24
Mail-ins.....	\$ 240.00
Revival.....	\$1,914.04

Thank you!



May Crowning Ceremony

May Crowning ceremony will take place this Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. A reception in McDowell Hall will follow. Please join us as we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Still Waiting?

These last few weeks have been truly hectic for clergy and the staff of Epiphany due to the transition of living quarters and office space. The phones, door and computer systems were down at various times. If you were disconnected at any time, left standing at the door or did not receive a response promptly, please know it certainly was not intentional. I'm sure at the printing of this bulletin, some of you are still waiting.....we'll get there! Thanks for your patience!

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services supporting the Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Masses for the Feast of the Ascension

7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

There will be no vigil (anticipated Mass) on Wednesday evening

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.

Magnificat Breakfast

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a joy filled prayer breakfast ,Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Radisson Hotel, Green Tree. Featured speaker is Kathy Macinnis, Assistant Coordinator of Magnificat Central Service Team and Founding Coordinator of Magnificat-West St. Tammany Chapter in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906. Limited seating. See the brochure on the tables of the church.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, May 8 **Easter Weekday**
6:00 p.m. Clara Manfredi †
by M/M Sam Mandredi

Sunday, May 9 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Mothers of the parish
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Mothers of the parish
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Mothers of the parish

Monday, May 10 **Blessed Damien Joseph**
12:05 p.m. Rose Barket † Angelo & Marie Lucatorto

Tuesday, May 11 **Easter Weekday**
12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Vitti † by Louis Vitti

Wednesday, May 12 **Easter Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Deceased of Dr. Leo O'Donnell Family
by M/M Leo O'Donnell
12:05 p.m. Maria Battaglia † (B/D)
by The Battaglia Family

Thursday, May 13 **Ascension of the Lord**
7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the parish
12:05 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
5:30 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

Friday, May 14 **St. Matthias**
7:00 a.m. For the deceased of the Parish
12:05 p.m. Stella M. Martinak †
by Christopher & Regina Harm

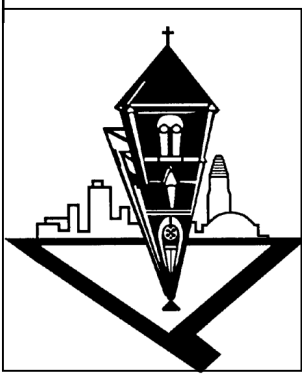
Saturday, May 15 **St. Isidore**
4:00 p.m. Wedding ~ Bartole/Zewe
6:00 p.m. Sr. Anece Gadlewski †
by M/M Robert Anisko

Sunday, May 16 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:00 a.m. Mildred Staub † & Paul Kelly †
by The Murphy Family
10:00 a.m. Begandy, Waddell & Gorra Families †
by Gene & Linda Begandy
5:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$ 1,381.85
Maintenance	\$ 355.00
Parish Share to date.....	\$ 5,815.25
Capital Campaign.....	\$14,557.22

Thank you!



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

Next year St. Mary of Mercy will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the present church building, one of several since the time the parish was founded in 1868. As we count down to our 2011 celebration, we will provide a glimpse into the history of this parish; the story behind the Mission Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine, which was based here for many years; interesting facts about the present church building; and our vision for the future.

We trace our roots to the first Mass celebrated in Pittsburgh in 1754.

On April 18 this year, the Knights of Columbus celebrated their annual Mass at St. Mary of Mercy to commemorate the first Mass. Our April 11 and 18 bulletins provided a brief history of the Knights' involvement at St. Mary of Mercy ~ the plaque on the outside of the church building and the Memorial to the Unborn inside the church. If you missed these or any recent bulletins, you can find them on our website at stmaryofmercy.org.

The Formation of the Parish, 1868
(Second in a series)

In 1868, when the parish was formed, this section of Pittsburgh was the most densely populated in the growing industrial city. The early settlers were predominantly Irish, mostly from County Galway, Ireland. That year, The Most Reverend Michael Domenec, then Bishop of Pittsburgh, dedicated a chapel under the title of Our Lady of Consolation to serve the needs of these immigrants. The chapel was a converted house located on First Street. It soon proved inadequate, and a house in the rear that fronted Fort Street, (now Fort Pitt Boulevard) was purchased. The space between the Chapel and the house was built in, and a much-enlarged chapel was rededicated on April 11, 1869.

Coming up: The popular Sermons

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services supporting the Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. Your support is greatly appreciate.

Last Week's Stewardship

Offertory.....\$1,458.00
Hungry & Homeless.....\$ 286.00

Thank you!

MASSSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, May 8 Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
5:00 p.m. Alvin J. Barone, Sr. †
by Carol Clifford

Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. The living & deceased Mothers of the parish
9:30 a.m. The living & deceased Mothers of the parish
12:00p.m. The living & deceased Mothers of the parish

Monday, May 10 St. Damien Joseph

6:30 a.m. Helen A. Larkin † by Helene A. Larkin
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Mary Ann Dapprich

Tuesday, May 11 Easter Weekday

6:30 a.m. Frank & Anna Gajdosik †
by Barbara Gajdosik
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00 p.m. John Philbin † by Bernice Ward

Wednesday, May 12 Easter Weekday

6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00 p.m. Clyde & Catherine McCartney †
by Daughter, Nancy McCartney

Thursday, May 13 Ascension of the Lord

6:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
7:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
12:00 p.m. For the people of the parish

Friday, May 14 St. Matthias

6:30 a.m. For the Sorrowful Mother
by Dario Lorenzi
7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00 p.m. Mary Lou Zehfuss † by Bernice Ward

Saturday, May 15 St. Isidore

12:00 p.m. Agnes Yagmin † by Irene Stacer
5:00 p.m. Bill Henderson, Jr. †
by Mother, Noreen Henderson

Sunday, May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Mass for the people
9:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo †
12:00p.m. Carmella Nigro † by Joseph Nigro

There will be no anticipated Mass on
Wednesday evening, for the Feast
of the Ascension.

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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