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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

Christ Will Come Again!

This is the time of much anticipation. Advertisements bombard us with things to buy for Christmas. Children compile lists of toys they hope to receive on that day. And many look forward to New Year's Day as an opportunity for new beginnings.

But the Church starts its new year today. The start of the liturgical year also calls us to anticipate what is coming, but with a different emphasis. In our worship together we do not anticipate presents or resolutions for the New Year. Instead, we anticipate the coming of Jesus.

There are three aspects to Jesus' coming in the Advent season. One looks to the past, as we anticipate the celebration of his birth among us 2,000 years ago. The second looks to the present, as we prepare ourselves to receive him anew in our lives today. The third looks to the future, for his coming again.

Today's readings emphasize the third aspect. Jeremiah predicts the coming of the "just shoot", a reference to the Messiah who would save Israel. In the gospel, Jesus speaks of his own return with signs and wonders. But it is not the signs that are important: it is the redemption that Jesus brings.

As we begin the Advent season, let us prepare our hearts not just to celebrate Christmas, but to receive Jesus when he comes again in glory.

~ Living with Christ



Year for Priests: Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, let us pray that our priests be firm in deepening their prayer life. This week we pray for the following priests:

Fr. John Jordan, Fr. Francis Jurewicz, Fr. Sean Kealy, CSSp, Fr. John Keane, Fr. Casimir Kedzierski, Fr. Joseph Keenan, Fr. Kenneth Keene, Fr. Joseph Kelly, CSSp, Fr. Kenneth Kezmarsky, Fr. Thomas Kirby, Fr. Joseph Kleppner

Pray daily for the priests who serve our parish and those who assist them

Pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life



Christmas Concert

"Emmanuel: The Story of Christmas" will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m. in St. Nicholas church, Millvale. (24 Maryland Ave). Christmas religious favorites. Call Janet Kopec 412-82104106.

Epiphany Famous Fish Fry

The Fish Fry opens again this Friday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. For take out orders, call 412-471-1008 after 9:30 am Join us and bring a friend or two!

Advent Day by Day

A Season of Surprises

In the bulletin today you will find a leaflet, which includes scripture readings and reflections for each of the four weeks of Advent. We hope you will use this as part of your preparation for Christmas. Hopefully during this Advent season, we will make an effort to slow our pace and move away from all that distracts us in our preparation for Christmas. May you have a prayerful and holy season of Advent.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

The annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass is planned for Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m and will be celebrated at St. Paul Cathedral. The procession of "Our Lady" begins at 6:30 p.m. A festive reception in the Cathedral's social hall will follow the liturgy. Come join Bishop Zubik and Latino-Catholics from throughout the diocese for the Mass and celebration. Please extend this invitation to those who may not see this bulletin nor the flyer. For more information call 412-681-9365.

Lessons & Carols

St. Matthew Parish is presenting a special celebration of Lessons and Carols this Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 pm. at St. Kieran Church. Carol Spehar will direct the choir in this celebration of prayer, sacred scripture and music. The celebration continues with refreshments, seasonal homemade delights, served in the parish hall.

Readings for the Week of November 29

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28,34-36
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Hold the Dates!

“Black Catholic Leadership Conference: Developing Church Leaders to Serve”, April 23-25, 2010, sponsored by the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. Look for more information from the planning committee in the coming weeks.

School Notes

School resumes on Monday, November 30.

Congratulations!

Vincente Zamarripa-Zoucha, a seventh grader from St. Benedict the Moor school was selected as the *Pittsburgh Catholic Student of the Month*. This honor is given to recognize young people who live their faith every day. Vincente is an altar server and uses his talents to serve both the church and school. He is gifted at piano; he is on the forensics team, excels in public speaking and takes his school work very seriously. We acknowledge Vincente’s parents, Rick Zoucha and Cecilia Zamarripa. Congratulations to Vincent and his family!

Oakland Catholic Honors

We congratulate Anelise Zamarripa-Zoucha who has achieved *Highest Honors* status for the First Quarter grading period at Oakland Catholic High School. Keep up the good work, Anelise!!

Blood Drive

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life will be held on Monday, January 18, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Give the gift of life. Call Black Catholic Ministries now to pre-register, 412-456-3170

Something to Ponder

When praying, don’t give God instructions....just report for duty

Happy Birthday

Betty Penny (Nov. 29); Woodrow Wilson Frazier, Andrew Igbneweka (Nov. 30); Geno Asque, Yvonne Harris, Silma Kamugisha, Ezinne Ugwuoke, Sandra Wilson (Dec. 1); Trinity Griffin, Nora Peacock (Dec. 2); Francis Albright (Dec. 3); Dvid Udekwu (Dec. 4); Sonya Tilghman (Dec. 5)

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the unborn, elderly, handicapped and all causes of life

12:00 p.m. Mary Pace † by the Pace Family

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Jermaine Younger by Younger Family

12:00 p.m. Mary Pace † by the Pace Family

Second Collection Today

The second collection today is the Youth Group collection. Please be as generous to our youth as you can afford. Thank you!

It’s “Giving Time” again!

The SBTM Youth Group invites the entire parish family to mark your calendars ~ this Sunday, November 29th is the Kick-Off of our *Giving Tree Program*. This year we will once again be supporting *Circle C*, a program for at risk kids. We thank you for your generosity last year and we hope you will help us to help God’s children experience the Gift of God’s love again this year.

Family Perspective

The Christmas season pressures families to buy and consume Today’s gospel warns: “Be on guard and alert” lest you get caught up in the buying frenzy. The most important shopping You can do is in your own heart to discover what you can change. It is not what you get or give which makes the difference this Christmas, *it is who you become*.

Pray for Our Sick and Hospitalized

The following requests our prayers: Dorothy Brisbane, James Burwell, Priscilla Charles, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Elouise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O’Connor, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Adelaide Wilson. **ck**

Last Week’s Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....	\$2,027.55
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,480.03
Mail-ins.....	\$ 200.00
Total.....	\$3,707.58.



Mass Change this week

Please make note that there will be no Masses said at Epiphany on Wednesday of this week. The electricity will be turned off due to construction work. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but these situations are beyond our control.

Wanted !

We are looking for someone to manage McDowell Hall. This person must be dependable, energetic, detail oriented and in good health. This person will be responsible in meeting all specifications of the contract between McDowell Hall and the customer. If interested, please submit a resume to Brenda Younger, 202 Stanwix St., Pgh., PA 15222. No telephone calls.

Welcome!

We welcome Matthew Logue, who has recently joined our parish. Welcome, Matthew, and may you grow in faith with us as we strive to become a strong community of faith and hospitality!

Church Envelopes

At the time of conducting the parish census for 2009, there were a number of parishioners who requested having their own church offering envelopes. Beginning January, 2010, each registered household will be issued a pack of offering envelopes to be used each week.

Sanctuary Lamp

The 14 day candle burns 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 **November 29 and December 6** this candle will burn for the **Special Intentions of Robert and Sophia Anisko.**

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **November** will be offered in remembrance of the **Living & Deceased of the Luigi & Pasqua Pacini Family, requested by MAP;** for the month of **December** the offering will be for **Margaret DeCort, deceased, requested by the Family.**

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 Kraer, Vince Lusardi, Carmella Magnelli, Nancy Meinert, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary Beth Starosielec, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, November 28 **Weekday**
 6:00 p.m. Geneva Harris-Hahn † and
 Kenneth Cook Hahn, Sr. † by Family

Sunday, November 29 **First Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Anisko & Skwira
 Families by Robert G. & Sophia Anisko
 10:00 a.m. Pasqua Pacini † (Anniv) MAP
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

Monday, November 30 **St. Andrew**
 12:05 p.m. Florence Menegaz † (B/Day)
 Mary Florian

Tuesday, December 1 **Weekday**
 12:05 p.m. Charles D. Yothers † by Family

Wednesday, December 2 **Weekday**
 Masses are cancelled (see note)

Thursday, December 3 **St. Francis Xavier**
 12:05 p.m. Mary Lis † (B/Day) Marianne Lis

Friday, December 4 **Weekday**
 7:00 a.m. Guiseppe & Maria Battaglia †
 Lena Zagorski
 12:05 p.m. Agnes Enright † Ursula Sangl

Saturday, December 5 **Weekday**
 6:00 p.m. Philomena Runco † (B/Day)
 Theresa Runco

Sunday, December 6 **Second Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 a.m. Robert P. Horgos (spl int)
 Robert P. Horgos
 10:00 a.m. Gaito Family by Katherine Gaito
 5:00 p.m. Pauline Chapman † M/M John Chapman

Something to Ponder

*Man's way leads to hopeless end....
 God's way leads to an endless hope.*

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$2,659.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 778.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$3,437.00



Second Collection This Weekend

The second collection for this weekend will be for the *St. Mary of Mercy Television Ministry*. Our noon Mass is televised live seven day a week on Christian Associates (City of Pittsburgh Channel 95), WBGH-TV (Verizon Cable Channel 22) and Comcast Cable Channel 190 (digital cable service). With the unwavering commitment and abilities of our volunteers, we are able to televise everyday to homes, hospitals, extended care facilities and workplaces. Please keep our dedicated volunteers in your prayers.

Bishop Zubik will be celebrant for The *Tenth Anniversary* of the television ministry to be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 18 at the 12 noon televised Mass. Please join us at St. Mary of Mercy (or via television).

The Colors of Advent ~The Advent Wreath

Today we begin the Advent season ~ a time of preparation in our hearts and minds for Christ's second coming at the end of time and the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The cover on the bulletin displays the *Advent Wreath*. The wreath symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent, the start of our liturgical season. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning nor end, represents God's eternity. The progressive lighting of the candles each week of Advent symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming. The color purple for three candles is associated with royalty, symbolizing *Christ as Prince of Peace*. Rose is the color for the Third Sunday of Advent, "*Gaudete*", which means "rejoice" and anticipates the joy of the Christmas celebration, the halfway point through Advent. On Christmas Day, a white candle may be inserted in the center announcing Christ's birth.

**Christmas Concert
North Hills Chorale**

North Hills Chorale is a well known ecumenical choral group and will be performing at Kearns Spirituality Center on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3:00 p.m. This group will put you into the Advent/Christmas spirit as you enjoy one of the best choral groups in the Northern area of Pittsburgh. Donations accepted. Call 412-366-1124 for more information.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

- Saturday, November 28** **Weekday**
 12:00 p.m. Connie Waruszewski
 by Husband, Henry
 5:00 p.m. Rev. John Hunt, Ruth & Frank
 McQuown & Nanny Elsie by Robin
- Sunday, November 29** **First Sunday of Advent**
 7:30 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary
 9:30 a.m. John Ashton by Art & Mary Cipriani
 12:00 p.m. Mary Alice Gregorich, deceased
 by Gerwell Family
- Monday, November 30** **St. Andrew**
 6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 Intention of Donor
 7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 Intention of Donor
 12:00 p.m. Andrew Venezia, deceased by Wife
- Tuesday, December 1** **Weekday**
 6:30 a.m. Emily Oxenrider
 by M/M Randal Kotwic
 7:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 Intention of Donor
 12:00 p.m. Deceased of Sefcheck Family by Pauline
- Wednesday, December 2** **Weekday**
 6:30 a.m. Rev. Leo Vanyo Estate
 by Intention of Donor
 7:30 a.m. Deceased of Jedrzejewski Family by EMJ
 12:00 p.m. Alberta Kovacs
 by Dep't for Persons with Disabilities
- Thursday, December 3** **St. Francis Xavier**
 6:30 a.m. Betrose & Petriga Families
 7:30 a.m. Dominic Bonasso, Jr. (B/Day)
 by Mary Briggs
 12:00 p.m. Deceased of Sobien Family by Pauline
- Friday, December 4** **Weekday**
 6:30 a.m. John R. Wargo by Bob & Mary Polinsky
 7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Murphy , deceased
 by Charles J. McElligott
 12:00 p.m. Repose of the soul of Anna J. Toth
 by Nancy Stroud
- Saturday, December 5** **Weekday**
 12:00 p.m. Praxedes & Mari Pfeifer, deceased
 by Howard W. Pfeifer
 5:00 p.m. Virginia Gatto, deceased
 by Carole Clifford

Last Week's Stewardship

Offertory	\$6,181.00
Retirement for Religious	\$1,237.00

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: New Registration Change of Address
 Moving Out of Parish Need Envelopes

CHECK ONE:
 St. Benedict the Moor
 Epiphany
 St. Mary of Mercy

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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