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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

An ordinary day becomes extraordinary

It's Labor Day weekend. Summer is over, but the beautiful days of Autumn are still to come. There is a sense of beginning with the start of the school year, yet little excitement for most people. In many ways, this is just another ordinary day.

For the deaf man in the gospel it was almost certainly an ordinary day. He may not have known who Jesus was or that he was in the area. He did not seek healing or change. Like most of us, he was probably comfortable with the situation he knew. He did not expect to be touched by God or to have his life changed.

Yet God came to him, much as God comes to us, in the very ordinariness of life. And he was given the ability to hear Jesus' words for himself and respond. He did not seek Jesus, but Jesus touched him because a few friends, a few ordinary people, wanted to help.

The second reading reminds us that we do not always find God where we expect. Frequently God is not in those people or circumstances we find immediately attractive, and not necessarily where we think God ought to be. God comes to us in the common, the ordinary. We only need the eyes to see and the ears to hear ~ for the ordinary is a place of extraordinary blessing.

- *Living with Christ*

Year for Priests: Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, may our priests be models of prayer to our deacons and seminarians This week we pray for the following:
Fr. Michael Caridi, Fr. Joseph Carr, Fr. Robert Cedolia, Fr. James Chepponis, Fr. Stephen Chervenak, Fr. Donald Chortos, Fr. George Chortos, Fr. David Cillo, Fr. Matthew Cirilli, Fr. Ladis Cizik, Fr. Joseph Codori

*Pray daily for our parish priests and priests who assist us.
Pray for the deacons and seminarians of our diocese.
Pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.*

Labor Day ~ Workers' Day

Labor Day is a holiday with an important, but sometimes forgotten purpose. It was established in New York in 1882 as a day to honor work and workers and also a time to celebrate the contributions of the American Labor Movement. Let us be reminded of the everyday heroism and hard work of people who still labor and contribute to the common good by their everyday work and enterprise. Let us remember that too many people in our midst still lack decent (con't next column)

Labor Day ~ Workers' Day (con't)

work or fair wages, toil in terrible conditions and have no real voice in their economic life. As Catholics, it is important to remember that the dignity of work and the rights of workers are central elements of Church teaching and continue to challenge all of us!

Bishop Zubik will be the principle celebrant at the Labor Day Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. Benedict the Moor on Monday Sept. 7. All are encouraged to attend and pray for all workers and for change to create better working conditions and fair wages for the good of all people. The Labor Day Parade will follow this Mass.

G - 20 Summit Meetings ~ Diocese of Pittsburgh

Bishop Zubik, along with the Catholic Men's Fellowship are hosting a continuous 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration in O'Connor Hall at St. Paul Seminary, on Sept. 24-25, simultaneously with the G-20 meetings. The Bishop will open the 40 Hours at 6:30 a.m. with Mass, Sept. 24. The adoration will close with Benediction at 10 p.m. on Sept. 25. Organizers are hoping to have adorers each hour. Those wishing to take part in this adoration for one hour should email their name, contact information, day and hour available to Ann Morrow: Kamorrow@consolidated.net. Those without email, call Marion at 412-885-2213.

(Summit Meetings continue on p. 4 of this bulletin)

RCIA News

Have you ever thought about becoming a Roman Catholic? Have you ever thought of becoming in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church? Then come journey with us through the RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) process. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15, and continuing for the next ten Tuesdays ending November 17, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor rectory. Also if you are just interested or want to know more about the Roman Catholic Church, please join us as we study the Gospel of John and discern God's call in your life. Pass this word along to someone who may be interested. For more information see Deacon Reynold or call the church office at 412-281-3141.

Festa Italiana! (See page 5 of this Bulletin)

Readings for the Week of September 6

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



Are You Being Called?

Are you being called to spread the *Word* among our young people? We are looking for a few more teachers for our religious education program to begin this September.

While it is the duty of the parent to teach the faith, we as a parish community, are responsible for assisting them in raising their children to love the Lord our God with all our heart, our mind and our soul. If you are interested in helping us hand on the faith as a teacher or teachers aid, please contact Fr. Tom at the rectory or Mrs. Suzanne Davis at 412-371-8677.

CCD Registration

All parents should have received a letter and registration form from Fr. Tom. Please send completed registration form to the rectory by September 27th. Our Sunday School year will kick off with a blessing of teachers and students at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 20th, with the formal classes beginning Sunday, September 27th at 10:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call Suzanne Davis, 412-371-8677 or Fr. Tom at the Rectory.

Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate Dr. Osaro E. Airen, who recently received his PhD in Counselor Education from Virginia Tech. He is currently the Assistant Director for Diversity and Engagement, and Personnel Counselor at St. Vincent College. We wish him well as he continues his professional career!

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **September** are offered in remembrance of **Cheryl Akins** requested by **Anthony, Cecily** and **Taylor Akins**.

Happy Birthday To You!

David J. Hudson, Daniel Rodriguez (Sept.6); Wilmot Pah, Threatt-Moody Paulette, Joy Williams (Sept. 7); Kaya Alim, Lakisha Davis, Barseoh Doerue, Tre Skelton (Sept. 8); Elijah A. Clark, Jennifer Nyair, Leobardo Polanco (Sept. 9); Angeleia Hall-Lopez (Sept.10); Daja Beasley, Melton Powell (Sept. 11); Harold W. Lee (Sept.12)

ASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Sunday, September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the deceased of our parish

12:00 p.m. For the sick, hospitalized and homebound

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

8:00 a.m. For the unemployed, under employed and those who seek better working conditions and fair wages.

Thursday, September 10

Opening School Mass

9:15 a.m. Faculty, Staff and Students of St. Benedict the Moor School

Sunday, September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For students returning back to school

12:00 p.m. Ophelia F. Kelly † by Mosses and Jan Simmons and family

G-20 Summit Meetings ~ Pittsburgh

In preparation for the Summit Meetings people of good will from many faith traditions ~ Catholics and non-Catholics, Christian and non-Christian ~ are invited to an Evening Prayer Service in our St. Paul Cathedral on **Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.** The service is being planned by ecumenical leaders of the Christian Faith as well as leaders in the Jewish and Muslim communities. All are most welcome to join in this evening of prayer in unity and community.

The Second Collection next weekend

is the **Bishop's Education Fund**

Please be as generous as your means allow

Pray for Our Sick and Hospitalized

The following requests our prayers: Mary Bropleh, James Burwell, Rosemary Carter, Priscilla Charles, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Ruth Haston, Florence Hester, Elouise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Mary Seay, Alan Stewart, Lucretia Tabb, Barbara Tucker, Adelaide Wilson.

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Last Week's Stewardship

9:00 a.m.....	\$2,048.10
12:00 p.m.....	\$1,085.80
Mailed in contributions.....	\$1,430.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$4,563.90



Mission Appeal

This weekend, Fr. Benedict Mwangi will be at Epiphany to speak at all the Masses concerning the needs of the people and the mission in the Muranga diocese in Kenya, East Africa. We ask you to welcome him and to be as generous as your means allow.

Mass Schedule Change ~ Summit Meetings

Mass times at Epiphany Church on **Sept. 24-25** will be at **12:05 only**. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Friday. Neither will there be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament nor Evening Prayer. Confessions will be heard at 11:15 on both days. The church doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and close after the 12:05 Mass.

There will be no change with St. Mary of Mercy Mass Schedule on these two days.

Festa Italiana!

We will be taking you to Italy on Sunday, October 4 from noon until 4:30 p.m. The offerings are food, music, food, dancing, food, raffles, food, basket auction and yes, food...see the trend! Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for details on this first dinner *Festa Italiana!* We need many hands to complete the trip, so we are asking you to join us in the meeting for this *Festa* on **Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.** in McDowell Hall of Epiphany Church. ~ Be the first on board ~ and let's have *A Festa!* Hope to see many of you at the meeting!

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 **September 6 and 13** this candle will burn for the **safety and continued protection of our construction workers.**

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **September** is offered **for the intentions of Edith and Louis Vitti.**

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

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, September 5 *Teresa of Calcutta*
6:00 p.m. John P. Harris Family † by Harris Family

Sunday, September 6 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Blessed Mother
Janet E. Miller
10:00 a.m. John Hannan † (Anniv)
Pat Doherty
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

Monday, September 7 *Labor Day*
8:00 a.m. **St. Benedict the Moor**
12:00 pm. **St. Mary of Mercy** (*Televised Mass*)
There will be no Mass at Epiphany

Tuesday, September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin*
12:05 p.m. Bishop John B. McDowell (Spl Int)
by Mildred Keenan

Wednesday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver*
7:00 a.m. Frank & Helen Smutsky †
M/M John Ridilla
12:05 p.m. Robert P. Horgos (Spl Int)
Robert P. Horgos

Thursday, September 10 *Weekday*
12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Vitti † Louis P. Vitti

Friday, September 11 *Weekday*
7:00 a.m. Mary Ann Brozich † Robert Vukich
12:05 p.m. Victims of Sept. 11, 2001 Disaster
Patricia Morra

Saturday, September 12
6:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany

Sunday, September 13 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Chiappetta †
M/M John Chiappetta
10:00 a.m. Francis Bronowicz † Daniel D. Regan
5:00 p.m. Helena Gawlowski †
Robert G. & Sophia Anisko

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Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$1,542.00
Restoration	\$ 679.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$2,221.00



Second Collection ~ this weekend

The second collection this weekend is for our Television Ministry at St. Mary of Mercy. With unwavering commitment and abilities of our volunteers, we are able to televise everyday to homes, hospitals, extended care facilities and workplaces. Please be generous in the second collection this weekend.

To Celebrate the 10th Anniversary

Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant at the Noon Mass at St. Mary of Mercy on Friday, December 18 to recognize the 10th anniversary of the first televised Mass from our parish (December 17, 1999). Please join us as we thank God for the talent He has given our Television Ministry directors and volunteers. Through the past ten years our Television Ministry has been called upon to televise our daily Noon Mass, seven days a week, as well as the Christmas Vigil, Easter Vigil, memorial for the late Mayor Bob O'Connor, memorial for the late Governor Bob Casey, victims of Hurricane Katrina, national day of prayer of the September 11 tragedy, memorial for Pope John Paul II, annual Respect Life Mass, annual Catholic Press Month Mass and the Sr. Thomas More Society Red. Mass. Our Television Ministry has been awarded many national and international honors through these ten years for communications, videography, directing and production qualities. May God continue to bless the Television Ministry directors and volunteers.

Mission Statement

The Interim Pastoral Council has developed the following Mission Statement for our parish using these criteria -- who we are, what we've done, and what are our future plans. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 AM in Lawless Hall for a gathering to talk about Saint Mary of Mercy Parish.

History – With roots that began at Fort Duquesne in 1754 Saint Mary of Mercy remains the sacramental presence at Pittsburgh's "Point."

Identity – Through daily celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are a place of welcome and refuge for downtown visitors, workers, shoppers, students, homeless and our television congregation.

Mission – We will serve the ever-changing needs of all of God's children as we answer our call to grow in faith and extend ourselves in the service of Jesus Christ.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY OF MERCY

- Saturday, September 5** *Weekday*
 12:00 p.m. John Nash by Janet Brunner
 5:00 p.m. M. Virginia O'Neil, deceased, by Jennie Marino & Marguerite Morgan
- Sunday, September 6** *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 a.m. For the People
 9:30 a.m. Wall Family
 12:00 p.m. Mildred Ziegler, deceased by Bernice Ward
- Monday, September 7** *Labor Day*
 12:00 p.m. Paul and Philomena Schneider by Catherine, Betty and Peggy
- Tuesday, September 8** *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin*
 6:30 a.m. Andrew and Julia Gajdosik by Barbara Gajdosik
 7:30 a.m. Mary C. Brennan & deceased of family
 12:00 p.m. Frances Decker by Ted Sager
- Wednesday, September 9** *St. Peter Claver*
 6:30 a.m. Betrose and Petriga Families
 7:30 a.m. Deceased McKay Family by McKay children
 12:00 p.m. For deceased members of Stosich and Kaczmarek Families by Ann Kaczmarek
- Thursday, September 10** *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Helen A. Larkin by Helene A. Larkin
 7:30 a.m. Ralph Cappy, deceased by Ken Horoho
 12:00 p.m. William Ponticello, deceased
- Friday, September 11** *Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Margaret Fogarty by Eileen Fogarty
 7:30 a.m. Richard Stephany, deceased by Bernadette Myers
 12:00 p.m. Antonino Scolieri by Teresa Scolieri & Family
- Saturday, September 12** *Most Holy Name of Mary*
 12:00 p.m. Howard W. Killmeyer, deceased by Bonnie Adams
 5:00 p.m. Charlene Schott by Mom & Dad
- Sunday, September 13** *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 a.m. For the People
 9:30 a.m. Flynn & Mulroy Families by Kathleen & Marion Mulroy
 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Zapf by Family

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 Please be as generous as your means allow.

Last Week's Stewardship

1st Collection.....	\$2,366.00
Mission Appeal	\$1,307.00
Total (Thank You!).....	\$3,673.00

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 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Garden City Fire Hall, Monroeville. Call church office for details.</p>	<p>Fish Fry operates each Friday from September–June, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; in addition during Lent, each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</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: channel 3, WBGH, and Christian Associates, channel 95, in the city.</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
 Epiphany Catholic 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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