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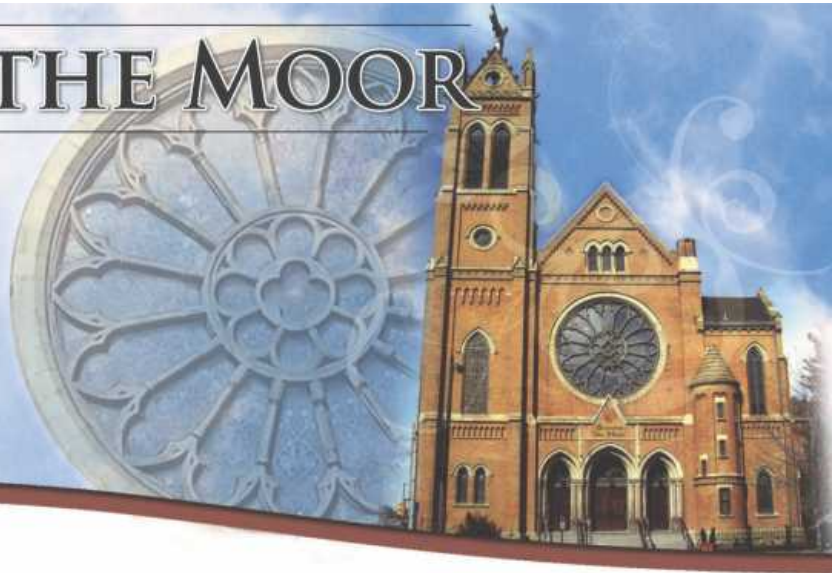
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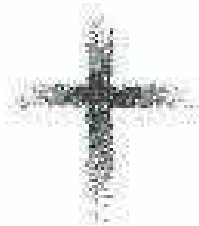
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*February 19, 2012*  
*Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*



**Ash**  
**Wednesday**

"The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**.  
Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies  
at the heart of the season." - by Rev. Lawrence E. Mick

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 22, 2012**  
**Eucharistic Liturgy—6:30 PM**

*(Ashes will be distributed at Mass after the homily.)*



### STAFF

*Pastor* .....Rev. Richard J Zelik, OFM Cap  
*Pastoral Associate* Deacon Reynold Wilmer  
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.....Peggy Bullard and Antonia Long  
*Principal* ..... Joelynn Parham  
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### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saint Benedict the Moor Parish ministers in cooperation with two other Center City Parishes (Saint Mary of Mercy and Epiphany Churches) as well as with Saint Charles Lwanga Church in the Homewood and Sister Thea Bowman Academy in Wilksburg. The parish also cooperates in the ministry of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries in the Diocese.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:15 a.m.  
*(according to school schedule)*

### RECONCILIATION

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.—8:50 a.m.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Being discussed as to time and day of the week)

### NOVENA

Nine Days Before April 4th

**PASTORAL AND SACRAMENTAL NEEDS**  
(Inside)

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**Saint Benedict the Moor Church** is a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled Roman Catholic parish located on Freedom Corner in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Founded in 1889 as an African American parish, we are diverse, multinational, and intercultural where all are welcome.

We are committed to the spiritual growth of our parish community through prayer, devotion to the Scriptures and the Sacraments, dedication to evangelization, education, advocacy, service and outreach.

We are committed to creating in our parish family a deeper awareness that through our Baptism we have become part of the Body of Christ. It is because of our participation in the Sacred Celebration of the Eucharist with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit that we have the responsibility to use our time, talent and resources to spread the good news of salvation to the people of God.

We are committed to the mission of Jesus (Luke 4:16-21)

## PASTORAL AND SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

**BAPTISMS:** To have an infant baptized or a child (RCIC) or to be baptized (and celebrate other Sacraments of Initiation) as an adult (RCIA) please contact Deacon Reynold Wilmer at 412-471-0257 Ext 115

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Youth wanting to celebration Confirmation and adults wishing Confirmation need to contact Deacon Reynold Wilmer (phone above).

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Parents wishing to have their children prepared to receive First Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 412-281-3141 Ext 0.

**RECONCILIATION:** The regular scheduled time is at 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. or call to schedule a time.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** At most hospitals, nursing homes and personal care homes, the facilities have arrangements with local Catholic clergy to address this need if one is seriously ill.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Couples planning to marry are to contact our Deacon at least six months before the desired date. Marriage preparation is required.

**FUNERALS:** Please call the Parish Office so that the Bereavement Committee call assist you

**NEW PARISHIONERS** are invited to join our Catholic community. Call the Parish Office.

**RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS:** If you feel called to the Diocesan Priesthood or Religious Life, contact the Vocation Office at 412-456-3123.



(†) DENOTES DECEASED

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gerald M. Coyne † by Diane Coyne  
12:00 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor  
12:00 p.m. Julian Alexander-Bush by Mom, Justine, Breanna and Cousins

## FEBRUARY 5 STEWARDSHIP ~ THANK YOU!

| INCOME                                     | WEEKLY (#32)       | YTD                  |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Offertory</i>                           | \$5,672.00         | \$121,203.31         |
| <i>Expensive (estimated)</i>               | \$5,522.00         | \$171,182.00         |
| <b>Balance</b>                             | <b>+\$ 150.00</b>  | <b>-\$ 49,978.69</b> |
| <b>Bingo Income</b>                        | <b>\$ 0.00</b>     | <b>\$ 13,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Parish Share Program (ends 2/18/12)</b> | <b>\$ 1,590.00</b> | <b>\$ 18,175.00</b>  |

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY LITURGIES

| FEBRUARY     | 9:00 AM    | 12:00 PM   | OTHER    | TOTAL      |
|--------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| 5            | 134        | 118        | —        | 252        |
| 12           | 63         | 115        | —        | 178        |
| 19           | —          | —          | —        | —          |
| 22           | —          | —          | —        | —          |
| 26           | —          | —          | —        | —          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>233</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>430</b> |

## THE GOOD NEWS THAT FOLKS NEED TO HEAR

- In spite of the inclement weather on Sunday evening (2/12), the Saint Benedict the Moor Dinner-Dance occurred at the Saint Benedict the Moor Center on Webster Ave. *There were about 16 couples who gathered to celebrate World Marriage Day* with food, music and dance. *A big "thank you" goes to Janice Simmons and her friends* for organizing the evening.
- After the 9 a.m. liturgy*, two parishioners approached me for a blessing because they were going to the hospital for surgery during the week. *I suggested that the better thing would be to receive the Anointing of the Sick.* The two parishioners in need, two other parishioners and I gathered in the front of the Church. We prayed together and I anointed them. I encourage parishioners to do this. If you are going for surgery, please ask to receive the *Anointing of the Sick*. Let me know in advance and I will anoint you during the liturgy. *I encourage parishioners to be anointed during Mass.* I am waiting to hear the results of the surgeries from the families and if I should have the two listed on the *Prayer List*.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK , HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED

*The following requests our prayers:*

James Burwell, Edward Davis,  
Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Elouise  
Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa  
Lewis, Sherry McGinnis, Nathaniel  
McKenzie, Patrick Moran, Betty  
Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Marva  
Price, Barbara Tucker, Gordon Bullard, Edward and Dolores Zelik  
(parents), Ralph Zelik (cousin) Ann Fultz and Lisa Sowash (niece).



## THE SECOND 100 DAYS



The Second 100 Days  
(12/25/2011 to 4/2/2012)  
*Christmas Day to Monday of  
Holy Week...*

**STARTING 5: Budget,  
Center, School, Education  
Team and Social Ministry**

*Update #7 (Written on 2/14/2012)*

Work is continuing on the  
**STARTING 5.**

**PROGRESS REPORT:**

**Budget:** The Parish Sharing Program (PSP) ended on Saturday (2/18/2012). We were assessed \$40,000 for that year. The parish raised less than half of it. The balance is coming from our operating expenses. *The new PSP year begins on February 19, 2012 and ends on February 9, 2013.* We are assessed \$40,000 for the new PSP Year. When I first arrived here, *I shared with you the reality that "we are where we are today due to the decisions we made in the past."* So that we might be at a different place ministerially and financially next year, I am speaking with a parishioner who will help the parish to initiate a *Parish Stewardship Council* to assist the parish in developing greater use of parishioners' time, talent and treasure. Hopefully, one of the things that this new Council will do is help the parish address its shortfall in PSP funds.

**Center:** An assessment of the Center is underway. Emeka, Brenda and a realtor toured the building on Thursday (2/9). They will prepare a report for the Center Committee which will meet within the coming weeks.

**School:** On Wednesday (2/15), I met with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools. I will report back to you regarding that meeting. At school, I am looking into the financial operations of the School. That was part of the discussion that I had with the Superintendent. A meeting of the Search Committee to find and hire a new principal is being set up. Since Mrs. Parham has met her commitment to bring the new school together and to have it operating, she is resigning at the end of this school year.

**Social Ministry:** Letters are being mailed this week to parishioners involved in social ministry to set a time to meet to discuss the priority social ministries of the parish. I did not get to this item last week.

**Parish Education Committee:** I am in the process of setting up a meeting with the parishioner who is interested in helping to develop the Education Committee.

I will share more on the **STARTING 5** next week.

Fr. Rich

## BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY

*In the Parish...*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** On April 13-15, a *Marriage Encounter* will be held at the Toftrees Resort in State College, PA. For more information or to register, call 412-635-7775 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**Reminder:** In this week's bulletin, there will be an insert with all of the Lenten activities for Saint Benedict the Moor Church. *Lent is a 40 day retreat for the catechumens and candidates of the parish.* Join them in their Lenten retreat so that we joyously receive these new members who are gifts from God to the parish.

**Reminder:** Mass for Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Church.** The School has a half a day on Wednesday, February 22. There will be NO MASS at school on Ash Wednesday.

*In the Diocese and in cooperative ministries...*

**8 Presentations on Annulments in the Catholic Church:** Information will be given about the nullity process and to help those wanting to begin the purpose. RCIA teachers will find this presentation helpful. Call 412-456-3033 in advance to inform the Tribunal which presentation you will attend or email [pgeinzer@diopitt.org](mailto:pgeinzer@diopitt.org). *The 5 closest sites are: 3/1 Holy Sepulcher (Glade Mills); 3/6 Saint Louise de Marillac (Upper St. Clair); 3/13 Saint Pamphilus (Beechview); 3/27 Saint John Neumann (Franklin Park); and 3/29 Saint Bernadette (Monroeville).* All sessions are from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Reminder:** Join the *NBCC* for a special *Day of Reflection, Saturday, March 10, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, at McDowell Hall, Epiphany Church* to review the recent National Black Catholic Survey. The Survey is the focus of the 11th National Black Catholic Congress, July 19-21, 2012 in Indianapolis. The Survey notes a challenge for Black Catholics on the parish level—to find ways to connect individuals in parish life outside of Mass because strengthening social connectedness enhances religious engagement. *Call 412-456-3170 to register for March 10.*

**Reminder:** St. John Capistran Church is hosting a ten hour enrichment course entitled *The Gospel of Mark* on four consecutive Mondays, *March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.* in Capistran Hall presented by Dr. Maureen Crossen from Carlow University. It is open to catechists and all interested adults. There is no course fee. Diocesan enrichment credits are available for catechists. To register, call Denise DeCapria at 412-221-5445.

*In Society...*

**Hill House Association and Saint Mary of Mercy Church:** Welcomes *Senior Citizens* to come and meet the staff of the Hill House and learn about services and activities available to Senior Citizens, such as transportation, accelerated service for older persons, etc. *Register by calling 412-261-0110.* The meeting will be at *Saint Mary of Mercy Church—Lawless Hall Wednesday, February 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Raquel Betters (2/19), Thestes Harper (2/19), Julie Mondello (2/19), Joelynn Parham (2/19), Jean Owens-Grate (2/20), Noreen Jones (2/21), Premia Mutiso-Omalu (2/21), Alyssa Alim (2/22), Stella Lowden (2/22), Deborah McKenzie (2/22), Lorayne Powe (2/22), Carla Drew (2/23), John Moran (2/23), Rene' Tchatehousa (2/23), Francis Alim (2/24), Charelise Davis (2/24), James Williams (2/24), Samantha Betters (2/25), Dayona Nelson (2/25), Margretta Tucker (2/25)



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