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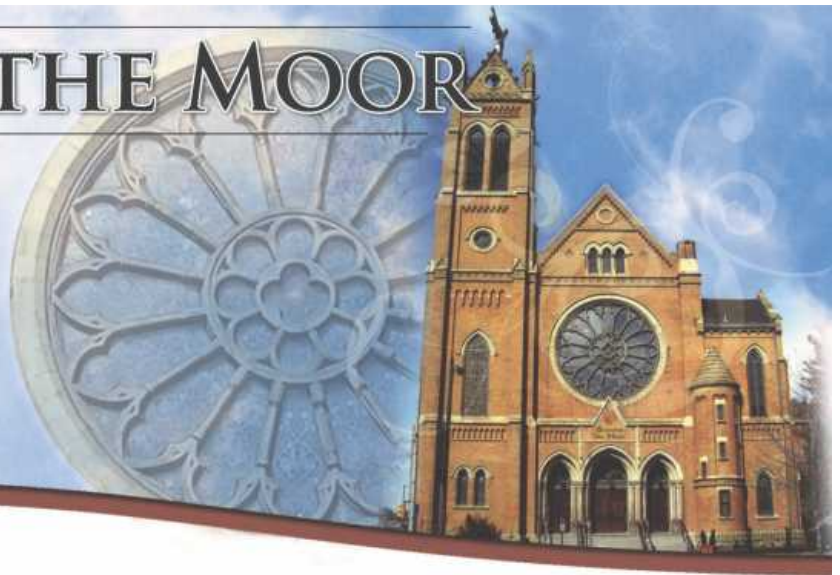
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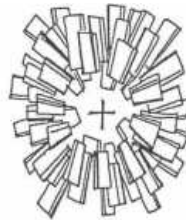
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### February 5, 2012 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



### World Day for Consecrated Life



### Quotes To Jump Start Celebrating February

The African-American experience is one of the most important threads in the American tapestry. ~**Bill Frist**



I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up. ~**Rosa Parks**

Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power. ~**Barbara Jordan**

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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

February 1 to March 29

### 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 5 5th Sunday Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary & Jesus by *Jeannette Finch*

12:00 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 6th Sunday Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Tannous Family by *Diana Coyne*

12:00 p.m. Nicholas C. Psilos † by *Stephanie, Nicholas, Stacey, Alexandra, Steven & Grandchildren*

**JANUARY 22 STEWARDSHIP ~ THANK YOU!**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>WEEKLY (#29)</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Offertory</i>	\$3,326.65	\$113,090.00
<i>Expensive (estimated)</i>	\$5,522.00	\$160,138.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$2,195.35</b>	<b>-\$ 47,048.00</b>
<b>Bingo Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Program (ends 2/18/12)</b>	<b>\$ 455.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,300.00</b>

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY LITURGIES**

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	120	—	58	178
8	128	137	—	265
15	110	112	—	222
22	80	106	—	186
29	—	—	247	247
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,098</b>

**THE GOOD NEWS THAT FOLKS NEED TO HEAR**

- Last weekend, the parish had one Sunday liturgy and not the two as it usually has. This allowed the parish as a whole to celebrate Catholic Schools Week but also to celebrate the Catholic School that the parish operates. *The school is a major ministry of the parish.* Students from the school (as well as parish youth who attend other schools) assisted at the liturgy as lectors, choir members, offertory gift bearers, etc. Many school families are of other faiths but some joined us for Sunday worship. *School faculty and their families joined us, too.* There was a social in the back of church after the liturgy as a way to build on the fellowship that we experienced at worship (the Mass). *The unity expressed on Sunday and the giftedness and talents of the children made for an expression of the Good News we are called to live.*
- In last week's bulletin, I told you about the collegians from Notre Dame who are part of the *Urban Plunge*. This week I received a thank you from them. They enjoyed their visit with us and found it informative.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK , HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED**

*The following requests our prayers:*

James Burwell, Edward Davis, Lydia Francis, Brenda Glenn, Louise Humphrey, Joyce Johnson, Theresa Lewis, Sherry McGinnis, Nathaniel McKenzie, Patrick Moran, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Marva Price, James Harden, 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 #5 (Written on 1/31/2012)*

**PROGRESS REPORT:**

**Budget:** The parish Finance Council meets this evening. The Council will be addressing the parish deficit. Parishioners should have received their 2011 contribution statements by now. I signed them this past week. I saw how much money parishioners contributed to parish. I appreciate your support of the parish, our life in common. I trust that parishioners give what they can. Some parishioners have a greater capacity to donate. I did notice that and appreciate your help.

**Center:** *SBMC Center Committee* met Thursday (1/26). A brief history on the development of the Old Saint Benedict the Moor School into Saint Benedict the Moor Center was given to members. The Committee's purpose in relationship to the Pastoral and Finance Councils was decided. The Committee realized that it needed to have an assessment of the building both physically and operationally. The one member of the Committee does development work and through the network of his business, he will do these assessments for the Committee. The Committee will then assess how the use of the building might facilitate the ministerial life of the parish. To initiate the second assessment, the Pastoral Council needs to provide the Committee with a clear definition of the ministerial life of the parish.

**School:** Last week I had to tend to some matters of the school that involved athletics. I was also partook in visits from the various Extra-Mile funders at the school. I have a meeting arranged with Sr. Loretta Krall, who is the Diocesan Consultant for our school. This meeting will initiate dialogue with the Diocese regarding the working relationship between the Parish School, the Diocese and the Extra-Mile Foundation as result of decisions made at the Re-visioning Committee meeting last week.

**Social Ministry:** I still need to contact parishioners involved in social ministry and set up a time to meet in February.

**Parish Education Committee:** I need to work on this.

**Bereavement Committee:** *I met with this Committee. I will report on this later.*

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

Fr. Rich

## BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY

*In the Parish...*

**Saint Benedict the Moor Men's Group:** Recently, some men of the parish restarted a parish Men's Group. The Men's Group is developing its mission statement and identity. However, *it currently has two components to it. The Group is spiritual and work orientated in nature.* On the odd numbered months of the year, the men gather to discuss what it means to be Catholic men of faith and make use of the scriptures as a foundation for their discussions. On the even numbered months of the year, the men gather to provide some labor for work projects in the parish. In January, they met to discuss their faith. **On February 11, they will gather to make shelves in the boiler area of the church for the storage of the Christmas decorations.** In the fall of 2011, the men removed the clutter from the area to make preparations for building the shelves. If you plan to participate in the Men's Group, please call the office and leave your name and number. The information will be given to **Andrew James and Charles Davis.** There will be more information regarding the Men's Group in future bulletins.

**Reminder: Sunday, February 12, 2012 is World Marriage Day.** Join married couples, engaged couples and friends from the parish and community on **February 12 (from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) at the Saint Benedict the Moor Center for a dinner dance** to celebrate World Marriage Day. **Tickets are \$22 per person. Call the Parish Office (412-281-3141) by Monday, February 6, 2012 to make reservations.** Contact Janice M. Simmons at 724-443-5589 or [forbears@consolidated.net](mailto:forbears@consolidated.net) for more information.

**Keep in Prayer:** On January 26, the parish celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for **Mary D. Sims**, a member of Saint Benedict the Moor Church. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mary Sims' family at this time.

**Correction and Apology:** On the cover of the bulletin last weekend the RCIA candidates and catechumens were pictured with their names. I misspelled **Oladipo**. My apology to Oladipo. I had a "p" instead of "d" in his name.

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

**Annual White Mass:** There is an **Annual Mass for Healthcare Workers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.** The Mass is called the White Mass. It is being **celebrated on Sunday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland.** All physicians and healthcare workers are invited. **The main celebrant will be Bishop William Waltersheid.**

**Reminder:** Today is the **23rd Annual National Day of Prayer for African American and African Families.** Take some time to celebrate your family life.

*In Society...*

**Cancer Caring Center:** Breast cancer survivors are invited to participate in the free networking social support group for African-American women under the leadership of Ms. Angela Ford, Ph.D. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the East Liberty branch of the Carnegie Library (130 South Whitfield). For more info call 412-622-1212.

**In Gratitude to Our Advertisers:** It is only right that the parish acknowledge and support those who advertise in the bulletin. Thank you, **Black Adoption Services!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Agatha Akuete (2/5), Carol Johnson (2/5), Ramon Coleman (2/6), Elizabeth Jal (2/6), Janice Simmons (2/6), Joseph Adotey (2/7), Gail Jackson (2/7), Lynn Miller (2/8), Clyde Warren (2/8), Shane Washington (2/8), Lisa Finch (2/10), Mary Harp (2/10), Susan Lelei (2/10), Moses Simmons (2/10), Tisha Lewison (2/11)

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