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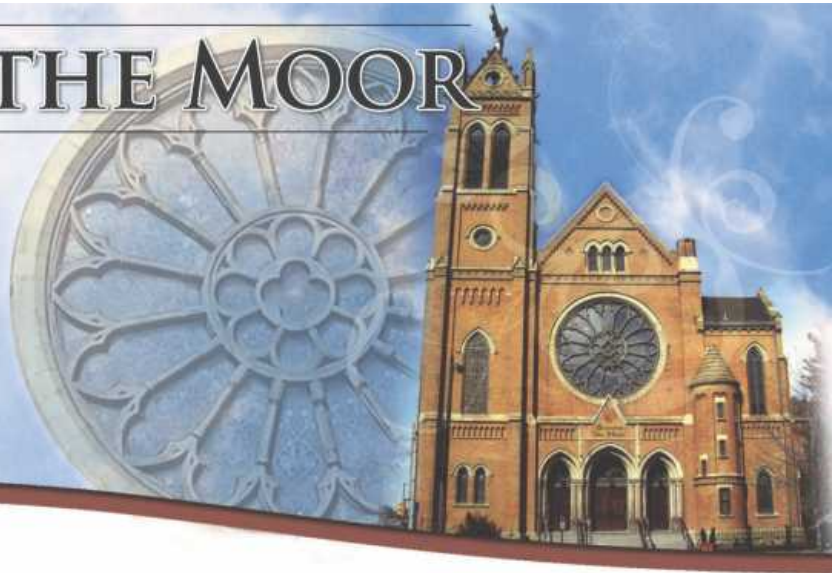
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January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

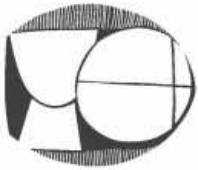
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"The people were astonished at his teaching..."



Sunday February 5, 2012
23rd Annual
National Day of Prayer for African American
and African Families.

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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, JANUARY 29 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

Students at Saint Benedict the Moor School

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

JANUARY 15 STEWARDSHIP ~ THANK YOU!

INCOME	WEEKLY (#28)	YTD
<i>Offertory</i>	\$2,662.50	\$109,763.35
<i>Expensive (estimated)</i>	\$5,522.00	\$154,616.00
Balance	-\$2,859.50	-\$ 44,852.65
Bingo Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,500.00
Parish Share Program (ends 2/18/12)	\$ 345.00	\$ 15,845.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY LITURGIES

JANUARY	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	OTHER	TOTAL
1	120	—	58	178
8	128	137	—	265
15	110	112	—	222
22	80	106	—	186
29	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	438	355	58	851

THE GOOD NEWS THAT FOLKS NEED TO HEAR

- As it was stated in last week's bulletin, the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive** was a success. There were about 40 to 45 persons offering to donate blood. Some donors were deferred to donate blood later. However, the Central Blood Bank received a total of 34 units of blood (which translates into 102 beneficiaries of the blood because one unit helps three people). There were about a dozen people who volunteered and worked at the blood drive. Volunteers came from the parish, the Black Catholic Congress and local community groups. Thank you to all who helped make the blood drive a success.
- On January 10**, students from the **Notre Dame Urban Plunge** met with the staff of Crossroads, AJAPO and myself. The Urban Plunge is a program organized by Notre Dame alum which places students into an environment of urban poverty to learn about hands-on work with the poor and to learn about issues of poverty. **The program has existed for 31 years.** There were 7 area Notre Dame students participants.

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, Jim Cunningham, 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 #4 (Written on 1/24/2012)

PROGRESS REPORT:

Budget: After the Masses on the weekend of January 22, I presented my thoughts on the budget, responded to questions asked about the budget and listened to comments regarding the budget and finances of the parish. After the sessions with parishioners, it was suggested by a member of the Finance Council to clarify things about the *Parish Sharing Program (PSP)*. The parish finance report covered the parish finances from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. *However, the current PSP year began on Sunday, March 6, 2011 and ends on Saturday, February 18, 2012.* We owe the Diocese \$40,000 for this PSP year. If you look in today's bulletin, you see that the balance of payment that we owe is \$24,155.00 to the Diocese for PSP by Saturday, February 18, 2012. The balance of payment will have to come from the current operational fund which is already in the deficit of \$41,852.65. *The PSP Year for the coming year begins on Sunday, February 19, 2012 and will end on Saturday, February 9, 2013.* I will work with the Finance Council to resolve the dilemma for the current PSP year and to make plans to address problems surrounding PSP in the coming year.

Center: *SBMC Center Committee* will have met on Thursday, January 26. I will let you know what transpired from that meeting.

School: The Re-Visioning Committee of the school met on Monday, January 23. The members of the Committee explained its history to me and where things are regarding our school today. As a result of the meeting, I plan to meet with Diocesan Catholic School personnel and to gain organizational clarity about the school and its operations. I will also work with the Committee to search for a principal for the coming school year since Mrs. Parham has fulfilled the purpose for which she was hired, which was to bring together into one school two Catholic schools with different cultures.

Parish Education Team: I will be speaking with parishioners to help organize this.

Social Ministry: I will be contacting parishioners involved in social ministry and set up a time to meet in February.

I will keep parishioners posted regarding our **STARTING 5.** Fr. Rich

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY

In the Parish...

Catholic Schools Week: The week will begin with the parish liturgy on **Sunday (1/29)** at 11:00 a.m. and the school students assisting with the ministries at the liturgy. On **Monday (1/30)**, the Junior Achievement Program will be part of the school curriculum for the day. On **Tuesday (1/31)**, the *Ready Readers Club* will be initiated with the second graders. This concept was developed by the school staff with the help of a donor interesting in helping children to want to read. Each second grader with the help of the student's teacher will select 2 books for oneself. One book is for home and the other will be shared with classmates. After the child reads the "shared" book, he/she will sign it and pass it onto another student. By the time the book is returned to the original student, all students will have read and signed the book. On **Thursday (2/2)**, there will be Mass at 9:15 a.m. for the fourth graders. Parishioners are welcome to come to Mass at the school. There is Open House at the school from 1/30 to 2/3.

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 for more information.

In the Diocese and in cooperative ministries...

Reminder: The first lecture of the **Diocesan Adult Faith Lecture Series** will held on **Wednesday, February 15 at Saint Paul Seminary, O'Connor Hall** from **7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** It is entitled *Things That Make Us Catholic*. The presenter is Bob Rice from the Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH.

Reminder: Saint Charles Lwanga Fundraising Committee is planning an Atlantic City Trip—May 22-25—to the Tropicana Casino. Contact Earletta Hartwell (412-242-7986), Maryann Dickerson (412-362-8541) or Yvonne Cole (412-371-3418) for costs. Reservations are due Tuesday, 1/31/2012 and a \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Reminder: This is the **23rd Annual National Day of Prayer for African American and African Families**. It began in 1989 by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM. He mentioned the day when he was here in November for National Black Catholic History Month. *It will be observed on Sunday, February 5.* The Gospel for that Sunday tells the story of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law in it. February 5 is Super Bowl Sunday, but make sure that you take the time to focus on prayer and family that day.

In Society...

Reminder: There is another production by the Kuntu Repertory Theater. It is entitled *The House that Carol Built* (written by Frank Floyd Hightower and directed by Vernell A. Lillie) will be **performed at the Carnegie Library (Homewood) from March 15-31, 2012** by the Kuntu Repertory Theatre. For more information, call 412-394-3353.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Gabrielle Cox (1/29), Sam Babatunde (1/30), Lynn Woods (1/30), Jada Alim (1/31), Ogbonnaya Ngwu (1/31), Shirley Pace (1/31), Rita Canton (2/2), Leona Pritchard (2/3), Roberta Asque (2/4), Andrew James (2/4), Antoine Morris (2/4), Julian Younger (2/4)

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