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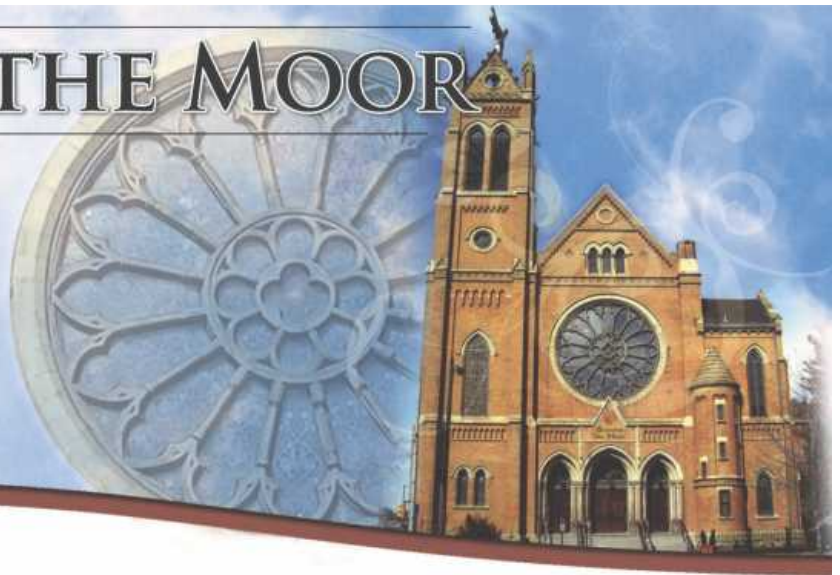
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January 8, 2012
Epiphany of the Lord



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." — Mt 2:1-2

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National Migration Week
2012 Theme: *Welcoming Christ in the Migrant*
Sunday January 8, 2012
to
Saturday January 14, 2012



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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 Wilkinsburg. 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

1st. Saturday of the month:
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

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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 8 *Feast of the Epiphany*

9:00 a.m. Fr. Francis Plantés †
12:00 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 *2nd Sunday Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor
12:00 p.m. Mike and Tinja Mondoro and Family

DEC 24-25 STEWARDSHIP ~ THANK YOU!

12:00 a.m.	\$ 1,785.70
10:00 a.m.	\$ 660.50
Mail-ins.....	\$ 245.00
Total 12:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Mail in Christmas Day.....	\$ 3,809.20
Development Fund & Parish Share	\$ 804.00
Christmas Day Collection.....	\$ 1,118.00

In a few weeks there will be a new format in the Stewardship box of the bulletin. Be aware our weekly average expenses are \$5,522.00. The balance for this week collection minus expenses is a negative (\$1,712.80).

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY LITURGIES

DECEMBER	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	OTHER	TOTAL
4	120	121	—	241
8	—	—	35	35
11	105	114	—	219
18	96	148	—	244
25	92	—	248	340
TOTAL	413	383	283	1,079

THE GOOD NEWS THAT FOLKS NEED TO HEAR

The following was sent to the parish office via an email. It is good news because it shows that parishioners do not take each other for granted.

Dear Church Family,

The family of Dame Mary A. Walker wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the church family of St. Benedict the Moor for your love and expressions of condolence. A special thanks to everyone who took the time to visit, pray for and with Dame Mary. She loved the Catholic Church and her church family. Thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers, photos and tokens of inspiration to her continually over the years. Please know she truly appreciated everything and kept them close by her always.

Sincerely,

The family of Dame Mary A. Walker

The Good News this week parishioners who are appreciative and the parishioners who willing give of themselves.

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, Adelaide Wilson, Jim Cunningham, Gordon Bullard, Thelma "Jackie" Smith, Edward and Dolores Zelik, Ralph Zelik Ann Fultz and Lisa Sowash.



THE SECOND 100 DAYS



The Second 100 Days
(12/25/2011 to 4/2/2012)
Christmas Day 2011 to
Monday of Holy Week 2012...
Update #1 (Written on
12/29/2011)

Over these next 100 days, I will present some areas of parish life that we need to look at collectively. I will not just be informing you what I have been doing. I need to continue to meet with some folks to learn more about the parish and the community of the Hill District but it is time to address some common areas of concern regarding our parish life.

The parish financial situation needs to be addressed. During the course of the first 100 days, I was asked a few times if the parish had the money to spend on certain things. My response was, "Do we?" I was not here to put the 2011-2012 Budget together. I have inquired about the budgeting process. What I learned is that the Committees of the parish need to be part of the budgeting process. This needs to be done under the guidance of the Pastoral Council and its planning process. In conjunction with the Finance Council, the Pastoral Council will agree on the 2012-2013 Budget. A major concern that the Finance Council brings to the discussion is whether the parish has enough income to enact the Pastoral Plan for the coming year. If the parish lacks projected income, then the Stewardship Council (which the parish does not have) needs to seek additional parish income. Without additional income, the Pastoral Council and Finance Council will set priorities for the Pastoral Council Plan for the budget year and not fund everything.

There are three other areas of parish life that need to be addressed. The Saint Benedict the Moor Center (previously known as Saint Benedict the Moor School on Bedford Avenue) needs a business plan so that it is not mismanaged nor it becomes a financial burden to the parish. **The Saint Benedict the Moor School Revisioning Committee** needs to reassemble to advise the parish on school issues. Immediately after the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, I will also **meet with parishioners involved in social ministry.** It is important that these parishioners meet as a group.

I see these as priorities at this time.

Fr. Rich

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY

In the Parish...

Reminder: The Capuchin Friars participate in the **Annual National March for Life (Monday, January 23, 2012)** in Washington, DC. The friars and friends gather at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC for a Mass in the Crypt Church and after Mass, they proceed to the March for Life. **For more information, call 1-888-2-ofm cap.**

Reminder: At the end of this month, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Please note on the front of the bulletin and the announcement that there will be **one Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2012. It will be at 11:00 a.m.** Also, during Catholic Schools Week, we recruit more aggressively for next year's enrollment for the school. If you have ideas for recruiting and if you can help, please let Mrs. Parham know (412-682-3755).

2010-2011 Financial Report: This report is late in getting to the parishioners. You should have received it in October. It is an insert in the bulletin today. On the back of the report, I have written my concerns for the parish in regard to its finances. I realize that a parish is primarily a faith community but that that includes being responsible financially. On January 22, I will explain to parishioners after each Mass some financial concerns that I have.

In the Diocese and in cooperative ministries...

Reminder: The **Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass** will be Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. The 9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive will be held on **Monday, January 16, 2012 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Saint Benedict the Moor Church.**

Reminder: The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: **Saint Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech** (formerly known as The DePaul Institute). A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of **January 14-15, 2012** at all masses at each parish.

US Catholic Bishops and an Ongoing Debate: The Catholic Bishops are in a debate with the federal government and some of the state governments in regard to some mandates which accompany government funded programs operated by the Church. The one debate centers on having to offer employees of hospital, universities and social service agencies operated by the Church types of health benefits that would cover the use of contraceptives by the employees. There is also a debate regarding the use of government money by Catholic adoption agencies. The debate centers on the Church definition of families and marriage and the civil government's definition of family and marriage and for whom the Church will arrange an adoption. The **Pittsburgh Catholic** is keeping the Catholic public informed on these matters.

In Society...

Reminder: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (written by August Wilson and directed by Vernell A. Lillie) will be performed at the Carnegie Library (Homewood) from January 19 to February 4, 2012 by the Kuntu Repertory Theatre. For more information, call 412-394-3353.

In Gratitude to Our Advertisers: It is only right that the parish acknowledge and support those who advertise in the bulletin. Thank you, **Spriggs-Watson Funeral Home.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHANGE



Deanin Jones (1/9), Peter Moyers (1/9), Chiendu Eukamyi (1/10), Kenyu Strickland (1/10), Kathalyn Frazier-Howard (1/11), Nicholas Monkalis (1/11), Darren Dolby (1/12), Elise Moore (1/12), Brandon Burwell (1/13), Ann Fultz (1/13), Benedict Killang (1/13), Mary Lou Seay (1/13), Claudia Dykes (1/14), Aries Finch (1/14)

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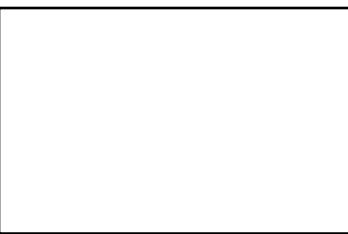
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