

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

Notices for the Bulletin and announcements for Mass are due by 10:00AM on the Tuesday prior to each week in writing. They may be faxed to (202)-398-3415 or e-mailed to [Stbenedict320@hotmail.com](mailto:Stbenedict320@hotmail.com). Website: <https://stbenedictthemoordc.com>

<b>MASS &amp; CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Sunday, February 21st: Mass Intentions</b> ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10AM Mass: Intention: People of the Parish ❖ Readings: <b>GN 9:8-15; 1 PT 3:18-22</b> ❖ <b>MK 1:12-15</b>
<b>Monday, February 22nd</b> <b>Rectory Office Closed</b> Readings: <b>1 PT 5:1-4; MT 16:18; MT 16:13-19</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 23rd</b> <b>Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-11:30am</b> Readings: <b>IS 55:10-11; MT 4:4B; MT 6:7-15</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 24th</b> <b>Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-3pm</b> Readings: <b>JON 3:1-10; JI 2:12-13</b> <b>LK 11:29-32</b>
<b>Thursday, February 25th</b> <b>Rectory Office hrs.: 9:30am-4pm</b> Readings: <b>EST-C:12, 14-16, 23-25</b> <b>PS 51:12A, 14B; MT 7:7-12</b>
<b>Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>/Station of the Cross</b> <b>Rectory Office: 9:30am-3pm</b> Readings: <b>EZ 18:21-28; MT 5:20-26</b>
<b>Saturday, February 27th</b> ❖ 3:30 PM Confessions ❖ 4:00 PM Mass ❖ Readings: <b>DT 26:16-19; 2 COR 6:2B</b> ❖ <b>MT 5:43-48</b>
<b>Sunday, February 28th</b> ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10:00AM Mass ❖ Reading: <b>GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18</b> ❖ <b>ROM 8:31B-34; MT 17:5; MK 9:2-10</b>

**Confession Schedule:** 30 minutes prior to Mass and by appointment.

**Please remember the deceased in your prayers.** Mass intentions may be reserved for a specific date. The Mass offering is \$10.

**Flowers for the church altar** may be donated in honor of a loved one living or deceased. A Mass intention will also be said for the occasion.

<b>Total Attendance at Masses: 30</b> <b>Saturday, February 13, 2021:7</b> <b>Sunday, February 14, 2021: 16 Children: 7</b>
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**Your contributions to the Poor Box** go directly to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, SOME, and The Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Please remember all the sick and shut-in of the parish in your thoughts and prayers, especially...**

Richard Austin, Valoria Baylor, James Bell, Mazine Bell, Patricia Bailey, Vernelle Brown, Crystal Dove, Delores Hill, Winston Hill Belinda Jackson, Jocelyn Lancaster, Yvonne Mosely, Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Donna Page, Patricia Perry, Dorothy Ridley, Lois Taylor, Reginald Taylor, Edward Otis Williams, Nellie Williams
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**Sick and Shut-in:** Please notify the parish at 202-397-3895 or 202-488-1354, when a parishioner has been hospitalized or confined at home due to sickness, age or infirmity and need the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

**New to the Parish or changing your address:** Please notify the rectory at 202-397-3895, Wednesday thru Friday so we can keep our records updated.



**Congratulations and best wishes** to all parishioners who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other special events this week.

**Happy Birthday!!!!**

<b>Odell Allen</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Cheryl Foster</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Leonard Moton</b>	<b>February 26</b>

**Station of the Cross: 3pm, Every Friday, starting on Friday, February 19, 2021, we will also live stream.**

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### Our Own Wilderness

*Today's first reading reminds us of the Noahic covenant of love God made with all creation-a covenant which, in the second reading, Peter tells us prefigures our baptism and is sealed for all eternity by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On our wedding day, we vowed to be true to each other, to love and honor each other all the days of our life. This amazing promise gives us a small glimpse into the covenant God has made with God's people.*

*Immediately after receiving his Father's blessing and promise of steadfast love at his baptism, Jesus was sent into the wilderness. As we enter the Lenten season, we too are called to deepen our covenant with God by entering our own wilderness. Through fasting, prayer, and giving, we deepen our relationship with God and neighbor, which in turn prepares our hearts for the extraordinary joy of Easter. God's covenant with us is a promise to be with us always. Like Jesus, may we emerge from the desert ready to proclaim the good news.*

Living with Christ, Michael & Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt

### A Time For Decisions

God is renewing the Ancient promise between heaven and earth. It's time to decide how you will make a Place in your life for Grace to do its powerful work.

"I set my bow in the cloud to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

(Genesis 9:8-15)

How will you respond to the Lenten challenge this year?

This [Ark] prefigured baptism, which saves you now. (1 Peter 3:18-22)

How have you participated in saving works this long year past?

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." (Mark 1:12-15)

Kingdom as Jesus describes it is not the afterlife. It is the hour when God's will is accomplished.

**Covid-19 Vaccine:** Vaccination appointment are available for District Resident 65 years and older. To make an appointment please call United Medical Center in SE DC: Address 1310 Southern Ave. SE, they have appointments available 202-574-6473 to make your appointment.

**Dear: St. Benedict the Moor Parish Family**  
St. Benedict the Moor Church is open. Our regular Mass schedule is Saturday, 4pm and Sunday 10am. All are welcome. All CDC and Archdiocese guidelines of the covid-19 are in place. You must wear a mask and you must social distant six feet. Let us continue to be safe as we worship together. Also join us on Facebook, at 10am.

<https://www.Facebook.com/stbenmoordc>

### Share Food Program:

The next Share pick-up date is **Saturday, March 27, 2021**. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on **(301) 996-6711**.

### Food Bank

The next Food Bank is **Monday, March 15, 2021**. Time 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers needed **Sunday, March 14, 2021**, after mass in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

**Mass Intentions for 10 weeks:** For Peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia and for the safety of the Eritrean refugees affected by the conflict.

**Mass Intentions:** For the repose of the soul of Eyob Hagos and Gimja Kahssay, offered by Zecarias.

**Mass Intention:** Thanksgiving Mass, offered by Ameleset Teklegiorghis.

**Mass Intention:** For the soul of Father Kidane Lebassi, offered by Mehret Fray.

**Please keep in your prayers the family of Ms. Conchita Brown. Ms. Conchita passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Incarnation Catholic Church. Visitation:10am and Mass 11am.**

**Also, keep in your prayers the family of Ms. Margaret P. Lewis, who passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2021.**

### Archdiocese Annual Appeal 2021

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, True source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal.