

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shephard Sunday

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. Website: <https://stbenedictthemoordc.com>

MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE
Sunday, April 25th: Mass Intentions ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10AM Mass: Intention: People of the Parish ❖ Readings: ACTS 4:8-12; 1 JN 3:1-2 ❖ JN 10:11-18
Monday, April 26th Rectory Office Closed Readings: ACTS 11:1-18; JN 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 27th Rectory Office Hrs.: 9:30am-11:30am Readings: ACTS 11:19-26; JN 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 28th Rectory Office Hrs.: 9:30am-3pm Readings: ACTS 12:24-13:5A; JN 12:44-50
Thursday, April 29th Rectory Office Hrs.: 9:30am-4pm Readings: ACTS 13:13-25; JN 13:16-20
Friday, April 30th Rectory Office Hrs.: 9:30am-3pm Readings: ACTS 13:26-33; JN 14:1-6
Saturday, May 1st ❖ 3:30 PM Confessions ❖ 4:00 PM Mass ❖ Readings: ACTS 13:44-52; JN 14:7-14
Sunday, May 2nd/Crowning of Mary ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10:00AM Mass ❖ Reading: ACTS 9:26-31; 1 JN 3:18-24 ❖ JN 15:1-8

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.

Total Attendance at Masses: 85 Saturday, April 17, 2021: 24 Sunday, April 18, 2021: 43 Children: 18
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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, Juanita Dunbar, Dorothy Estep, 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!!!!

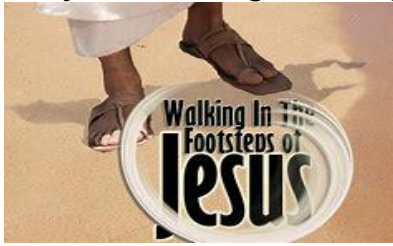
Beverly (Toni) Watson
Natasha Whitehurst

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In Jesus' Footsteps

Many times throughout the gospels we are told not to worry and not to be afraid because God loves us and is always with us to guide and help. While this is comforting, it can be, at the



same time, a challenging message for us to live by in these trying times. In today's gospel we are once again comforted and also challenged. It is comforting to remember that we are compared to sheep who have a loving shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep.

As this gospel tells us, Jesus' love and care extend to other sheep not of this fold. We are, therefore, encouraged by Jesus to extend our care not only to our close neighbors but also to all of planet Earth: that is, the whole community of creation. This can, indeed, be a challenge. However, Jesus promises us that he will be with us, helping us to walk in his footsteps, however difficult that may be. We can, therefore, be comforted while we work for justice, putting our trust in God and giving God thanks.

Living with Christ, Joan Doyle

Blessed are Those Who Mourn

When Jesus talks about people who mourn, he's not saying we've got to be sad all the time. He's talking about a kind of sorrow similar to the sadness he felt when he faces the leper. He asks us to allow ourselves to feel badly about divisions in Christianity, about divisions in the worlds, the lack of peace. He asks us to care, let the pain be there, and to let ourselves feel sadness.

Sometimes we can walk through life without worrying too much about all the world's problems because they're overwhelming. But Jesus is saying, "Allow yourself to hurt. Blessed are those who mourn, the people who wish things were better. I'll take care of it."

We need to take the beatitudes seriously. It's within our reach right now. It's an attitude of heart and it's a beautiful way to live.

It was the way the Lord Jesus himself lived. 'A person is merciful when he feels the sorrow and misery of another as if it were his own.'

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Covid -19: DC Preregister for Covid-19 vaccination: 1-855-363-0333 or 65 and older 202-574-6473.

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>

Food Bank

The next Food Bank is Monday, May 17, 2021. Time 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers needed Sunday, May 16, 2021, after mass in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

Share Food Program:

The next Share pick-up date is **Saturday, May 22, 2021**. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

Mass Intentions: For the repose of the soul of Ms. Evelyn Quander Rattley. A year ago, April 10, 2020, St. Benedict the Moor founding mother and matriarch Evelyn Quander Rattley was called home for her heavenly reunion. Five Masses offered by her children, Sandra, Thad Jr. and Cynthia.

Mass Intention: For the repose of the soul of Charles "Brother" Lancaster, Jr. For Three Masses, offered by Just Us Book Club.

Mass Intention: Thanksgiving Mass, offered by Aster Fray.



Please keep in your prayers Ms. Maria O'Neal who is recovering from surgery.

Ms. Dorothy Estep who is in Howard University Hospital.

Delores Hill who is in Washington Hospital Center.



Please keep in your prayers Fr. Andy Gonzalo who is recuperating.



Eritrean Good Friday: April 30, 2021 at 2:00pm.

Eritrean Easter Mass: May 1, 2021 8:00pm.