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A Letter of Gratitude to the Church—Family of St. Benedict ~

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ—Jesus,

“I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel For God as my witness, **how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.**

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.... *Philippians 1:3-11*

Church, for the past week, I have been writing and re-writing this letter of thanks and appreciation. I am thankful for your presence in my life, as you chose to be in accompaniment with me during this journey of sickness through recovery. Simply knowing and feeling the **conviction of your Faith and the power of your Prayer helped me weather my battle with COVID 19.**

Initially I tested NEGATIVE, and was in a quandary when COVID showed it's serpentine head. This time, the diagnosis confirmed that I was positive and have united my CROSS to that of suffering humanity. Uniting my suffering and pain with that of Jesus, **“redemptive suffering”** gave purpose and meaning to what would follow.

On Wednesday, July 22nd I was hospitalized at St. Francis Medical Center for the next three weeks. Entering the Intensive Care Unit on July 30th, I was soon placed on a ventilator. Finally, on August 7th a final test for COVID 19 showed that I was negative.

I was transferred to Piedmont North Campus for rehabilitation and completed the program and I am currently recuperating at the Friary.

The Friars have been most helpful in making this a reality, especially our Guardian, Fr. Robert. As I reflect on this latest chapter of my Franciscan pilgrimage, I am awed and humbled by the outpouring of love and prayers, concern and support that continues to flow from the Church Family of St. Benedict. COVID 19, has brought us as sisters and brothers in closer solidarity in Christ Jesus, who both strengthens and heals us all.

The ROSARY power—house of prayer over four months has united us as a praying community that believes in the power of God's healing and redeeming grace through both prayer, medicine, and presence. Gail Buffong has done a wonderful job in organizing and preparing the daily prayer time we enjoy together.

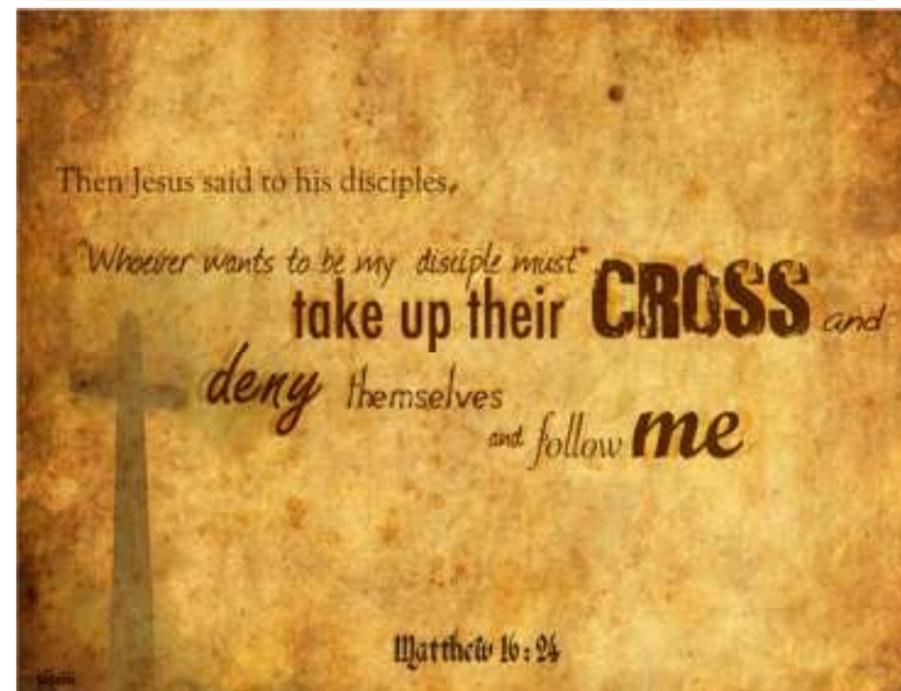
I believe that I have nearly every get-well card that Hallmark and Mahogany have printed. Cards have always been a blessing to receive and lifts my spirits. Thank you Church for your time, your selections and notes. For the flowers, the balloons, and for walking with me on the **“road to healing.”**

You remain in my heart and in my prayers always. May the blessings of the Lord Jesus be upon you and yours.

A brother's love and prayers,
Fr. Noel



St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

“As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord.”

August 30, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.”

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

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Altar Flowers



Flowers were donated in honor of
Joseph Dawson

as he celebrates his 14th birthday
from Mom, Dad, Jordyn and Marcel

Special Collection

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sunday Mass

Priests from St. Anne will be celebrating Sunday Mass at the regular time of 10:30am each Sunday until Fr. Noel's return. Safety measures are in place for your comfort and protection. The Church is cleaned and sanitized after each use. Pews have been sectioned off for safe seating. Masks are required and hand sanitizer is available upon entry.

Stewardship Report

Week of Aug. 23, 2020

Offertory envelopes	\$1484.00
On-line	356.00
Utilities On-line	10.00
Kitchen Renovation	90.00
Church Repair	80.00
Altar Flowers	100.00

Summer Saints

Pope Gregory I, commonly known as **Saint Gregory the Great**, was the **bishop of Rome** from 3 September 590 to his death. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the **Gregorian Mission**, to convert the then-pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to **Christianity**! Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as Pope. The epithet **Saint Gregory the Dialogist** has been attached to him in **Eastern Christianity** because of his *Dialogues*.

A **Roman senator's** son and himself the **Prefect of Rome** at 30, Gregory tried the **monastery** but soon returned to active public life, ending his life and the century as pope. Although he was the first pope from a **monastic** background, his prior political experiences may have helped him to be a talented administrator. During his papacy, he greatly surpassed with his administration the emperors in improving the welfare of the people of Rome.

Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as "the Father of Christian Worship" because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day His contributions to the development of the **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**, still in use in the **Byzantine Rite**, were so significant that he is generally recognized as its *de facto* author.

Gregory is a **Doctor of the Church** and one of the **Latin Fathers**. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. The Protestant reformer **John Calvin** admired Gregory greatly, and declared in his *Institutes* that Gregory was the last good Pope. He is the **patron saint** of musicians, singers, students, and teachers. His feast day is September 3rd. One of his famous quotes: "*The sacred Scriptures grow with the one who reads them.*"

Annual Catholic Appeal

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge and/or payment to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Please be generous in your sharing. As of the last report St. Benedict has paid **\$6,458.00**.

Our parish target is **\$18,019** and we can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates.

Please prayerfully consider your gift. We want to show our support of the diocesan family by exceeding our goal this year.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.

All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.

But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones;

I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

READING Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

GOSPEL Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Food Distribution

Distribution of food for our community will continue every Thursday at 8:30am. We will be receiving food from "**Feeding the Valley.**" If you know someone in need, please get the word out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office and let us know of your availability. In addition, the Outreach Program will be serving a hot lunch on Tuesdays. These will be go-plates and will be distributed from 12 noon to 12:45pm.

Spiritual Communion

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to be with your church always, until the end of time. We long to experience your presence more deeply and more intimately even when we cannot gather in person as church to celebrate Eucharist. We believe that you are present when we gather to worship.

We believe that you are present in the ordained minister and in your sacred Word when the scriptures are proclaimed. And we believe that you are present when your sacred body and blood become our food and drink. Our relationship with you is truly grace. When I am not able to be physically present at the Eucharist with the community, help me to strengthen and deepen my relationship with you as I seek to encounter and serve you, not only in prayer but in all I meet, especially in the poor and needy of our world. Amen!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Fr. Noel Danielewicz
Sr. Agnes, fsma
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf
Helen Bell
Amanda Cole
Mik Cole
Robert Cole
Robert Dozier
Bertha Gibbs
Yvonne Gilberti
Elizabeth Grey
Ginnette Hughes
Clarence Johnson
Donald Julien
Paul Julien
Earl King
Elvia King
Michael King
Lenny Korona

Ida Ruth Lane
Mittie Lewis
Sr. Maximiliana, PC
Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy
Delores McLeod
Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Denvey Nelson
Sr. Norberta, fsma
Cordell Parker
Gwendolyn Parker
Debra Pough
Evelyn Pough
Marcus Ransom
Lydia Sliva
Madeline Smith
Dorothy Stewart
Friar Jude Winkler

