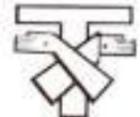




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23rd Sunday of the Year

St. Benedict the Moor Church

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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are motivated to avoid evil and seek what is best for the good of humanity. It is also important when confronting one another, that we do NOT do so out of revenge or to seek control and become dominant over others. Rather, we are brothers and sisters to one another, and are to work together in harmony that we can actually achieve goodness and greatness for all people.

Matthew's Gospel underscores the Church' contribution in helping through the witness of one or two persons with **the power of PRAYER!** As Jesus says in the Word of God: **"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."** We are a people of Faith, *who pray to GOD for strength, forgiveness, mercy and compassion.* I cannot begin to enumerate the powerful interventions on my behalf because people prayed and continue to pray.

Seriously, what can we do? Begin by praying for discernment. How does God plan to use you in bringing home the message? In the case of Ezekiel, God used him as a **voice for justice.** The Lord is calling us to be loving, joyful, and non-judgmental. Our hope is to be able to share with others what we have been given.

One saint who comes to mind wrote a law still on the books in 2020--- St. Anthony of Padua wrote a piece of legislation called the **PARDON OF PADUA.** This pardon waves incarceration for the need to work and pay off the debt you owe another. How could someone pay a debt if they are jailed? May we show our need to forgive and extend compassion in ways that are not driven by frivolous lawsuits, or higher insurance premiums. May we commit ourselves to lives of humble service and justice seeking reconciliation. May the peace and integrity of the Lord be yours!

Let us be a voice for justice!

fr. Noel...a sinner

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
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MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM.**

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."

September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts."*

Sisters and brothers

May the Lord give you Peace!

It is good to be gradually working back into ministry, after some time of rest and recuperation from COVID- 19. It helps put life into perspective, as we begin to realize that everything is not a priority. Re-discovering what is of importance and what is not....

Today's scriptures weave a cohesive theme of answering the call of Jesus to work and foster **reconciliation, unity and peace** in the world today. As we contend with the epoch seriousness of the pandemic; that Black lives matter; and the gross economic inequity within our country; and the presidential election. Not to mention the inferno of fires in the western states and the flooding and aftermath of Hurricane Laura in Texas and Louisiana.

We need to unite as a nation and reach out in helping each other rebuild homes and neighborhoods, cities and the nation. The Book of Ezekiel is a clarion reminder of the role of the prophet which simply said...that **we are our brothers keeper.** Our young athletes are calling for serious systemic change within our country in respect for men and women of color. Their refusal NOT to play speaks volumes in addressing how we as a nation have allowed social issues to be swept under the carpet.

Sisters and brothers, the psalmist calls us to task: **"if today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."** The psalmist is calling us to conversion of heart and lifestyle, reminding us that God is our shepherd and we are his flock. The call to follow and obey GOD is a choice that bears serious consequences upon us.

St. Paul further develops the rationale behind why we follow and obey...that we

Altar Flowers



Flowers were donated in memory of
Ludie Green

by Ida Ruth Lane

In Memoriam

+Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah mourns the death of their brother—priest, and former Pastor of St. Anne's in Columbus. Fr. Jerry served the Church also as a member of the Marriage Tribunal and was born and bred in Ireland.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Anne's Church on Thursday, September 3rd at 6pm. May we pray for his family, friends, and former parishioners who mourn his death. Eternal rest grant onto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

Thank you Friars

I would like to thank my confreres, Friars Manny, Robert and Paul for celebrating the Eucharist for the past three weeks. One of the benefits of a fraternity of brothers...we cover for one another. Mille gratiae! A thousand thanks!

Stewardship Report

Week of Aug. 30, 2020

Offertory envelopes	\$1015.00
Online	250.00
Utilities On-line	50.00
Kitchen Renovation	125.00
Church Repair	55.00
Online	25.00
Altar Flowers	113.00
Latin America	45.00
Friars in Formation	200.00
Priest Retirement	20.00

Fr. Noel's Update

I hope you have all received last week's bulletin and read the update. This past week I have begun the process of doctor visits and lining up a team of specialists to care for my medical needs as they continue to need addressing. I can't thank everyone enough for your prayers that have helped make it possible to keep on keep'n on. Last Sunday, the Secular Franciscans scheduled a Mass for my healing at the Upper Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy.

However, if the Franciscans can't handle the "prayer line" we have two Trappist Communities praying: Abbey of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA and Abbey of St. Joseph in Spencer, MA. Playing defense are the Little Sisters of the Poor from Enfield, CT who recently won a Supreme Court Decision. Memo: don't mess with the Sisters! Ya hear?

P.S. Prega per me! Please: pray for me!

Friar Franck...new Friar in town!

Did you know that there is another Friar living at Franciscan Martyrs Friary? His name is Friar Franck and we will be introducing him next weekend. That brings up the total to six Friars. How blessed are we.....

Annual Catholic Appeal

Sisters and brothers: As you have received a reminder about our Annual Pledge which was called BAA Bishop's Annual Appeal, please send in your pledged amount ASAP. We are at 1/3 of Church Pledge which we would like to see met by November 30, 2020. ACA funds all the many extended ministries of the Church that represents our support of the arms of the Church to the people of God in the field. In gratitude for all the Lord's blessings may we give thanks by being extra generous this year. This week's report shows \$6,703 given. Our goal is \$18,019.

Happy Birthday!

Beverly Casimier -6	David Savoy -17
Michael Barnett -9	Envoy Taylor -23
Madeline Smith -11	Lamar Barnett -24
Pamela King -15	Shajuanna Brannon-25
Sonsia Richerson-15	Junius Julien -25

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

READING 2 Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

ROSARY every evening at 8pm

Every evening at 8pm for the past 5 months, St. Benedict has been praying the Rosary together for healing and for the needs of our Nation and world. Simply dial on your phone or cell the following number: 710- 894- 9969. Let us seize the time pray for those who are sick and invite others to join us each evening at 8PM. It is a great evangelical moment to invite...

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.

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Sr. Agnes, fsma	Mittie Lewis
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Sr. Maximiliana, PC
Helen Bell	Delores McLeod
Amanda Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Mik Cole	Denvey Nelson
Robert Cole	Sr. Norberta, fsma
Robert Dozier	Cordell Parker
Bertha Gibbs	Gwendolyn Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Debra Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Marcus Ransom
Clarence Johnson	Lydia Sliva
Donald Julien	Madeline Smith
Paul Julien	Dorothy Stewart
Earl King	Friar Jude Winkler
Elvia King	
Michael King	
Lenny Korona	