

We believe in Eternal Life!

Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to our beloved ancestors, who have crossed over Jordan and are waiting for us in the Holy City the new and eternal Jerusalem. Our Catholic—Christian **FAITH** gives us a strong and solid foundation that is built upon *the death* and the *Resurrection of the Lord*.

As we reflect on our own lives, **DEATH** is part of the circle of **LIFE!** May we grow in sharing our thoughts, our faith and our lives with one another in ways that do matter. Meaning it helps to talk about the non-negotiables even when our culture finds ways of denying the reality of LIFE beyond death, life beyond the grave.

I BELIEVE.....WE BELIEVE in Jesus, who is our Life and our Resurrection! Amen! We cannot face the vestiges of Original Sin as hard work, sickness, death, pain, and long term—suffering without an anchor of HOPE that we have as members of the Christian Community. We are intimately and personally related to our GOD, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Yes, we are saved in Baptism! Given our birth right to Eternal Life in the House of the Father!

In her wisdom, the Church has renewed the Rite of Christian Burial to better reflect its baptismal nature. The signs of **our BAPTISM** are everywhere! From the onset of blessing the body of the Christian that housed the Living God while walking this earth. Our body is always HOLY....and should be treated with reverence and respect.

The placement of the Funeral PALL is a reminder of our robe of Baptism that throughout our lives, we have chosen to live for Christ Jesus and to reject evil and sin. The symbols *speak* of the deeper reality that is before us. As the Paschal or Easter Candle sheds the brightness of the light of future Glory. It speaks of the truth that "We will Rise Again!"

Finally, as the family places the Crucifix upon the coffin of their loved one, we are reminded of the role of *redemptive suffering* in our lives that gives purpose and meaning as we connect to the suffering of Jesus. May our conformity to the life

and death of the Lord brings us all redemptive healing and grace as well as the gift of inner peace.

As we continue to stand on the shoulders of our ancestors, we find strength and stability, we find growth and encouragement, for that we have cause to pray for those who have gone before us. The last spiritual work of mercy is *to pray for our dead*. Signs of remembering may be the visual lighting of a candle, placing of flowers, or a stone on the monument. Have a Mass celebrated for their day of new Birth in glory. Visit their graves....

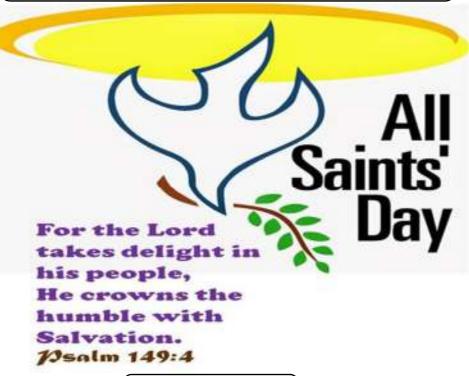
So, bring in the pictures of your family members and may we share our loved ones with one another in this special month of remembrance of those whose lives have not ended but are merely changed. As the author of the Book of Wisdom writes: "the souls of the just are in the hands of God. They are in peace...grace and mercy are with his Elect."

Let us pray together the "Eternal Rest"
Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN.

Praying for you and yours, **Friar Noel**

Weekly Finance Report: October 25 Offertory: \$2806 Online: \$250 **World Mission:** \$5 \$135 Church Repair: Kitchen: \$35 Southern Cross: \$75 \$21 **Utilities:** Online: \$50

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 bousehold; we will serve the Lord."

November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS

"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."

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



Altar flowers this week are dedicated to

Ida Williams Naomi Neeley Danielle Mosby

by Uretha Gilmer

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Novena of Masses for our Deceased

Beginning on November $2^{\rm nd}$, we will celebrate a Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters. Envelopes with their names and donor requests will be placed on the Altar from Monday, November $2^{\rm nd}$ thru Wednesday, November $10^{\rm th.}$

Ancestral Remembrance

We are receiving framed pictures of our beloved sisters and brothers that will be arranged before the Altar as an Ancestral Remembrance. Please bring in your pictures as soon as possible. The pictures will be returned after Thanksgiving.

ACA: Annual Catholic Appeal

Sisters and brothers, we have a month to go before we complete this year's ACA Appeal. November 30, 2020 is our target date to meet our **GOAL of \$18**, **019**. As of October 26th, we have **pledged \$13,083** leaving us a balance of **\$4,936**.

For all those who have pledged to help our Church do its share in the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are totally thankful and grateful. May the Lord keep on blessing you as the Diocesan Church reaches beyond the needs of parishes to help sustain the other pastoral ministries that represent all of us.

May all those who have NOT yet met their Pledge for ACA, we ask you to please do so no later than November 30, 2020. Thanking you in advance for your goodness and fiscal generosity. You are in my prayers and I will be remembering you at the Table of the Lord.

Pope Francis Names 13 New Cardinals

Last Sunday in Vatican City, Pope Francis announced his approval of 13 new cardinals among whom will be **Cardinal Wilton Gregory**, former Archbishop of Atlanta, and now the Archbishop of Washington, D.C. Cardinal Wilton Gregory is the first African American Cardinal in the history of the American Catholic Church.

He will be joined by Conventual Franciscan Friar Mauro Gambetti the Custos of the Sacro Convento and the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. Also, Capuchin Franciscan Friar Raniero Cantalamessa, who serves as the preacher of the Papal household.

This will be the seventh consistory for the creation of new cardinals since Pope Francis was elected in March 2013. The Consistory will take place on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at the Vatican. Pope Francis has appointed 78/of 128 cardinal electors. Let us continue to pray for the new leadership within the Church.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 1st 10:30 AM
All Saints Day
the Community of St. Benedict the Moor
Monday, November 2nd 6:00 PM
All Souls Day Novena Day 1
Tuesday, November 3nd 12:00 Noon
All Souls Day Novena Day 2
Wednesday, November 4nd 12 Noon
All Souls Day Novena Day 3
Thursday, November 5nd 12 Noon
All Souls Day Novena Day 4
Friday, November 6nd 12 Noon
All Souls Day Novena Day 5
Saturday, November 7nd 8:00 AM
All Souls Day Novena Day 6

Birthdays

Uretha Gilmer—2 Gloria Smith—3 Andrea Lane—8 Joyce Watson—18 Rashad Harris—23 Anthonia Oladejo—26 Carlos Hern-Martinez, Sr.—26



All Saints

READING 1 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and arounthe elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

READING 2 1 Jn 3:1-3

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

GOSPEL Mt 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward will be great in heaven

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. Apollonia, cssf. Sr. Delores Anne, cssf Helen Bell Amanda Cole Mik Cole Robert Cole Robert Dozier Carl English Stephanie Findlay Bertha Gibbs Yvonne Gilberti Elizabeth Grev **Ginnette Hughes** Clarence Johnson Donald Julien Paul Julien Jamaya Kennedy

Elvia King Lenny Korona Ida Ruth Lane Elaine Laver Mittie Lewis Delores McLeod Ruben Meinhofer & Fam. Denvey Nelson Cordell Parker Gwendolyn Parker Debra Pough Evelyn Pough Marcus Ransom Sr. Seraphine, cssf. Lydia Sliva Madeline Smith Donnie Tarvin Friar Jude Winkler