



Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

Personal Parish for Black Catholics in Pittsburgh

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation,
Baptisms, Weddings,
and Funerals
by appointment.



Our church is accessible.

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Mass Intentions

November 15
Fr. Thomas Burke

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mrs. Helen Smith
George Smith

November 22
Fr. Matthew Hawkins

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mrs. Allie Hall
Karen Hall and Family

Stewardship

	November 1 (last week's figures were incorrect)	November 8
Offertory	\$3,778.00	\$3,396.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$660.00	\$310.00
Special Collections	\$2,075.00	\$84.00



Online Giving We invite you to consider online giving through Faith Direct.

To sign up at Faith Direct, for regular contributions or for a one time gift, visit faithdirect.net and use church code PA1097. Enrollment forms are available in church

For online giving information, see the homepage of our website: sbtmparishpgh.com or call Priscilla Davis at 412.281.3141.

Bulletin Announcements

are due on Monday at 9 am for next Sunday's bulletin: craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org

Advisory Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Lisa French
Andrew James
Julie Mondello
Joelynn Parham
Darrell Rubin

Finance Council

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Richard Stewart
Sinya Tighman
Gwendolyn Young

 **CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS** Radio Program, with Fr. Tom Burke as host, highlights elementary and secondary schools; colleges; youth ministry programs; and more, and is broadcast every other Sunday morning on KDKA-AM.

Fr. Tom's next program is on November 22.

Link to the podcasts on KDKA:

kdkaradio.radio.com/media/podcast/catholic-education-plus

Bible Study with Fr. Matthew begins on Thursday, December 3, at 7 pm on Zoom. Discover the beauty, truth, and wisdom through weekly meetings as we begin a new Liturgical Year.

The study will also be posted, with a short mini-lecture, on our website and YouTube.

For more information, contact Fr. Matthew at 412.661.7222 or mhawkins@diopitt.org.

Thanks to everyone for their feedback via phone and email.

To register (required), visit the home page of our website:

sbtmparishpgh.com

Black Catholic History Month On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3).



More importantly, November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but also a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

For more information and resources to celebrate Black Catholic History Month, see the home page of our website: sbtmparishpgh.com

Livestreaming Sunday Mass Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch us any time we are Live!

Instructions:

1. Go to our website: sbtmparishpgh.com
2. Click the facebook icon "f" in the upper right hand corner
3. Our Facebook page will pop up. Click the play button to view the Live Mass.

If you lose connection while viewing, please refresh your web page.

The Mass will also be on the homepage of our website to view at a later time.



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"Prayer is an aspiration of the heart. It is a simple glance directed to Heaven. It is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy."

St. Therese Lisieux

PASTOR'S NOTE



We all have Talents!

It is the mid-point of November and the weather is changing, the leaves are falling and we are experiencing cooler temperatures. We have just completed a very hotly contested presidential election and we continue dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Just like previous holidays this year, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be different as most large gathering family celebrations will be cancelled or done on a much smaller scale. This is a good time to evaluate how the year 2020 has been for us: what have we done and where do we want to go for the New Year and how are we going to make a positive difference in 2021?

This weekend's readings invite us to prepare for the end of the liturgical year and for the end of times as they challenge us to consider how we make use of the gifts that God has entrusted to us. They inspire us to put our affairs in order, let go of the negativity in our past and embrace the future.

In our first reading from the Book of Proverbs, we read how a wise teacher offers a portrait of a spirit filled woman who enriches her family with countless blessings. The greatest treasure in this relationship is a never-weakening service to God. For the husband and wife, the foundation of their life together is gratitude for all the gifts granted them by God.

In the second reading to the Thessalonians, we are reminded that we are children of the light awaiting the day of the lord. St. Paul encourages us to persevere and always be ready and alert.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read the Parable of the Talents. Jesus teaches the necessity of being responsible when called to account by the Master. Each of us has received God's precious gifts of mercy and love. We all have the opportunity to open our hearts and hands to share with others. Jesus is calling us to recognize that we have been entrusted with the possessions of the Lord: time, skills, personal gifts and experiences and must use these gifts to the fullest by giving all we have to shine the glory of his light to others.

Life as we know it will not last forever, we must prepare for the future. We do not know the time or the hour of the end of our life, but we need to wake up and live each day to the fullest.

We all have Talents!

Live Streaming

We are pleased to announce that every Sunday 10:30am Mass is now able to be livestreamed.

Looking Ahead

Pastoral and Finance Councils will meet jointly this Sunday, November 15, in church after the 10:30am Mass.

Parish Improvements

There is low water pressure in the restrooms at The Center and the main water line needs replaced. We are working with the Pittsburgh Water Authority and Matt Mertz Plumbing to replace the main water valve that goes into the building from the street. This will be a major project.

Schulteis Roofing Inc. removed debris from all the gutters on the church roof and investigated the various leaks that we are experiencing. They will be making some various repairs to our church roof in the next few weeks.

We Remember

Throughout this month we will offer our prayers for the names of our loved ones who had their funeral Mass in our parish this past year and are listed in the Memorial Board near the altar and the names listed in the "Memorial Book" also known as the Book of Remembrance. Please feel free to inscribe names of your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance located in front of our church

Thanksgiving Day Mass - Thursday, November 26, 10:30am. The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 26, through Monday, November 30. The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, December 1.

Birthday Reflection

As I prepare to celebrate my **50th Birthday** Tuesday, November 24, I would like to pause and say thanks to my parents Bill and Marge, for the gift of life! I am honored to be your Pastor at St. Benedict the Moor Parish.

Fr. David Taylor will be celebrating his birthday Wednesday, November 25!

Something to Think About...

Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life.

Eleanor Roosevelt

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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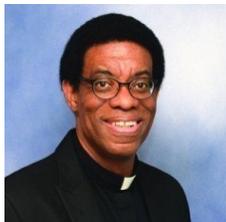


During the years when I was in the seminary in preparation for the priesthood, my brother, Fr. Augustus Taylor, was serving as pastor of St. Benedict The Moor Parish. We kept in regular contact and support of one another. We both were motivated by the opportunities and many challenges which were

unique for us. I was and still am aware of the many gifts and talents that people of color have to offer in the Church. I was determined to do what I could to encourage and motivate this special opportunity I was given. I have always been concerned about vocations from the African American communities and have tried to be a role model for others.

The Gospel for this Sunday speaks of the significance of our own special gifts and talents. We all have them as different and diverse as they may be. But there is major difference between having and using them. In every parish community there is an abundance of opportunities to serve and use our God given gifts. But it is up to all of us to encourage one another to use them.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



As we approach the season of Advent, we are reminded this week to remain awake and vigilant because the day of the Lord is upon us. The theme of the passages this week from the Book of Proverbs, the Psalm, Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, and from the Gospel according to St. Matthew is that we

are called to be frugal and to be good stewards of the resources with which God has blessed us. The resources in these examples are material but they also have a metaphorical meaning as the resources of the Spirit.

"Frugality" does not always mean stingily clinging to what we have and holding them tightly to our breast; often the most frugal thing we can do is to "spend" or invest those resources in a way that multiplies the blessings that flow from them. This is especially true when it comes to the gifts of the Spirit.

The present pandemic has made it more difficult to keep up with our commitments, but at the same time we can find many other ways to help. We all can keep in contact with each other with special concern for those sick and homebound. With the holiday season upon us this becomes even more important. We are all gifted but with the gifts comes the responsibility to enhance the lives of others.

This has been a most difficult time in the life of our country. We have been greatly blessed, but have not always shown gratitude for this. The current pandemic which is worsening in most areas of our country presents special difficulties in almost every thing we do. But we can never let it prevent us from being generous to others. We are ever aware of the challenges of race and racism.

And now we have a change of leadership in our country. Let's not forget that every challenge presents new opportunities to affirm the goodness of one another. The gifts we have been given we must give as a gift.

We are being called to a spiritual awakening, especially in these times of social, geographic, and political divisions in which far too many of us treat "the other side" as being our mortal enemies as opposed to mirror images of ourselves in our partisan zeal. As Christians, we are called to transcend the angry hyper-partisanship of the secular world. We are also called not to live in fear. We must be awake and sober-minded if we are to add to God's blessings in the world and to be instruments of peace, rather than adding to the chaos.

Paul's First Letter to the Thessolonians reminds us that "All of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." Amen.

