



Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

Mass Schedule Sunday 10:30 am.

Mass is also available on Facebook and YouTube.

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



Our church is accessible.

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August 9, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions

<p>August 9 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33</p>	10:30 am	For the People of the Parish	Fr. Burke
<p>August 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-31 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28</p>	10:30 am	Javier Umugabo, Deceased Rich Minimbu, Living Intention for Birthday <i>(Emma Nziraguseswa, mother of Javier and grandmother of Rich)</i>	Fr. Hawkins

Stewardship: August 2

Offertory	\$3,017.00
Parish Share	\$420.00
Special Collections	\$1,135.00

Bulletins are available in front of the church on Centre Avenue and at the side door entrance in the parking lot. Please come by to pick one up.



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Please note: the website address was listed incorrectly in last week's bulletin.

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  By phone
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Church Volunteers



Audio Visual Ministry We are in need of people to join our Audio Visual (AV) Ministry. In order to Facebook live stream every Sunday, we need dedicated people. Basic technology skills are necessary.

Thanks in advance for making the commitment!

Interested? Please email Fr. Tom Burke:
tburke@diopitt.org



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 guest on August 16 will be Fr. Mark Ackerman, Director of Vocations, on the topic of priestly vocations.

Link to the podcasts on KDKA:
kdkaradio.radio.com/media/podcast/catholic-education-plus

St. Benedict the Moor School is now enrolling for the 2020-21 School Year. Parents can choose: Traditional In-Person Instruction or the New Virtual Learning Academy, streaming from the school classrooms.

For more information:
412.682.3755 or info@sbtmpschool.org.

PASTOR'S NOTE



Keep the Faith!

Last Saturday afternoon as I was heading to the North Hills for dinner, I was driving on 279 North in my Jeep and could barely see the cars in front of me because of the amount of rain coming down. Several cars turned on their flashers which helped. I took my time, said a prayer and after several detours and road closures I arrived at my destination. It was scary not being able to see in front of me but with faith I made it through the storm.

This weekend, we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. All three readings focus on keeping the faith in difficult times. In the first reading from the Book of Kings, we read how God comes in a quiet whisper and invites Elijah to set aside his jealousy and assume a calmer attitude that will dispose him to listen and understand God's purpose. In the Gospel of Matthew, we continue the reading from last week's passage after the multiplication of loaves and fish, the calming of the storm. Matthew emphasizes the power that Jesus exercises over wind and waves and focuses on Peter's lack of faith. Jesus says "take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid."

Faith and doubt can weigh us down in life. God meets us in the most unexpected places, sometimes in a tiny whisper or in the midst of a storm. When we find ourselves in deserted places, we seek to have courage to meet the Lord in whatever way he appears and allow ourselves to be transformed.

As we continue to deal with the social pandemic, and the civil and social unrest in our city, state and region, let us not be fearful but faithful.

Keep the Faith!

Feast of the Assumption-Not a Holy Day of Obligation Saturday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption. Because it falls on a weekend this year, it is not a Holy Day. Mass will still be held at 9 am at St. Bede.

Welcome Ray Krivanek

I am pleased to welcome **Ray Krivanek** to the St. Benedict the Moor Staff. Ray has been an employee for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the former St. Mary of Mercy Parish (now Divine Mercy Parish) for the past eight years. He will be doing maintenance at the church, rectory and the parish center (former St. Benedict the Moor School on Bedford Avenue.) He will also be on staff at St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Ray and his wife Terri live on the North Side, have two sons, and are members of Blessed Trinity Parish in Carrick/Baldwin/Brentwood/Hays/Overbrook.

Finance Council

I am pleased to announce the new Finance Council for St. Benedict the Moor Parish; **Rita Canton, Esa Davis, Richard Stewart, Sonya Tighman, and Gwendolyn Young.** Former Business Manager, **Brenda Younger** will be an "at large member" during this parish reopening transition period.

Pastoral Council

Since we are now a new parish, I am collecting names of parishioners who would like to sit on our Pastoral Council. If you have leadership skills and are interested in the Pastoral Council, please reach out to me to make an appointment to discuss.

Parish Offices

I ask for your patience as we prepare to reopen the parish office. There is no set date as to when we will officially open as we are restructuring how to use the first floor offices while sharing it with the Food Bank and the Vagabond Ministry which currently occupies the second floor. Priscilla Davis and I will be cleaning out old papers and furniture and unused items and look at painting and installing new carpeting. We still need to get phone, internet and Wi-Fi installed. (Comcast Business is working on this project). In the interim period if you need to reach the clergy staff please call the St. Mary Magdalene Parish office or email us. We are here to serve you. You may mail items to either the St. Benedict the Moor or St. Mary Magdalene Parish Offices in the transitional period.

Parish Improvements

All registered parishioners should have received their August offertory envelopes. If you are not registered but would like to become a member we will have parish registration forms available in church to complete and return.

We are working with Faith Direct on line giving program to be our on line collection company. We hope to have more information on how to register and sign up for this service in the next few weeks.

A new iPad has been purchased for the parish so that we can Livestream our masses. Special thanks to Joelynn Parham and Greta Stokes Tucker for making this project a possibility.

Something to Think About...

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
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Reflections



One of the most significant challenges we face today in our families, churches and with all of our neighbors is how to remain faithful during a time of suffering, fear, and isolation. The call to be strong often comes when we are most vulnerable and weak.

The recent passing of Congressman John Lewis gives us all encouragement. During his last days he continued to encourage all of us that there can be a victory over racism and the pandemic. We continue to be inspired by the many individuals who selflessly put their lives at risk in caring for others.

Jesus often said fear is useless, what is needed is faith. He knew Peter could not walk on water, but he was teaching a lesson on faith. During these times when all of us are most vulnerable, we can be most secure in faith.

In a conference call with my family, my cousin spoke of the difficulties of those who face extreme vulnerability in the pandemic. A few years ago she had a heart transplant. Yet she continues to inspire all of us.

Let's not give up or give in. God will see us through.

Fr. David Taylor

Over the years, there has been some degree of confusion about the term "Synodality." Some have thought that the term only described the collegial relationship between the pope and the bishops. Recent Church documents have given a broader application of the term so that it includes the relationship between priests and their bishop and between the laity and priests and bishops. In Pope Francis' use of the term, it also applies to how we interact with non-Catholics and non-Christians.



At its core, Synodality acknowledges that a territorial parish, such as St. Mary Magdalene, includes all who live within a specific geographic territory, this includes Catholics and non-Catholics alike. This is also true for a personal parish, such as St. Benedict the Moor, which must nonetheless be concerned about its entire distinctive cultural or ethnic community and not just the Catholics within it.

As Catholics, we cannot afford to be indifferent toward people or to wall ourselves off from their concerns. We travel on this journey through life together. Our spirituality is one that must be inclusive, not exclusive. We must, from a Catholic perspective, engage the society and the world around us.

And, as I pointed out last week, our willingness to embrace a collegial approach of Synodality will be essential for re-evangelizing fallen-away Catholics who have left the church. It will be essential for the new evangelization which involves inviting non-Catholics to "taste-and-see" that the Lord is good. And it will be essential for deepening the engagement of currently-active lay members of the Church so that they may more fully experience and participate in the life of the Parish.

It is essential for a vibrant, healthy, and growing church. I will say more about this next week.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



August 9, marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Let us pray for the abolition of nuclear weapons and for peace in our world.

*War is the work of humankind.
War is destruction of human life.
War is death.*

Pope John Paul II,
Peace Memorial Hall, 1981

Lord of all creation, make us instruments of your peace.
Let us learn the lessons of the past, and put an end to nuclear weapons.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

May our love for each other and for all of your creation
leave no place for making or owning weapons of mass destruction.
Where there is injury, let us be bearers of your healing and pardon.
May we create paths to dialogue, understanding and reconciliation.

Where there is doubt, let us foster faith in you.
May we let the weapons fall from our hands and know that you are God.
Where there is despair, let us hold up hope.

May our lives reflect your love in the face of violence,
knowing that love is stronger than death.
Where there is darkness, let us be bearers of your light.
May our choices show that peace is possible.

Where there is sadness, let us bring the joy of the Gospel.
Amen.