



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.

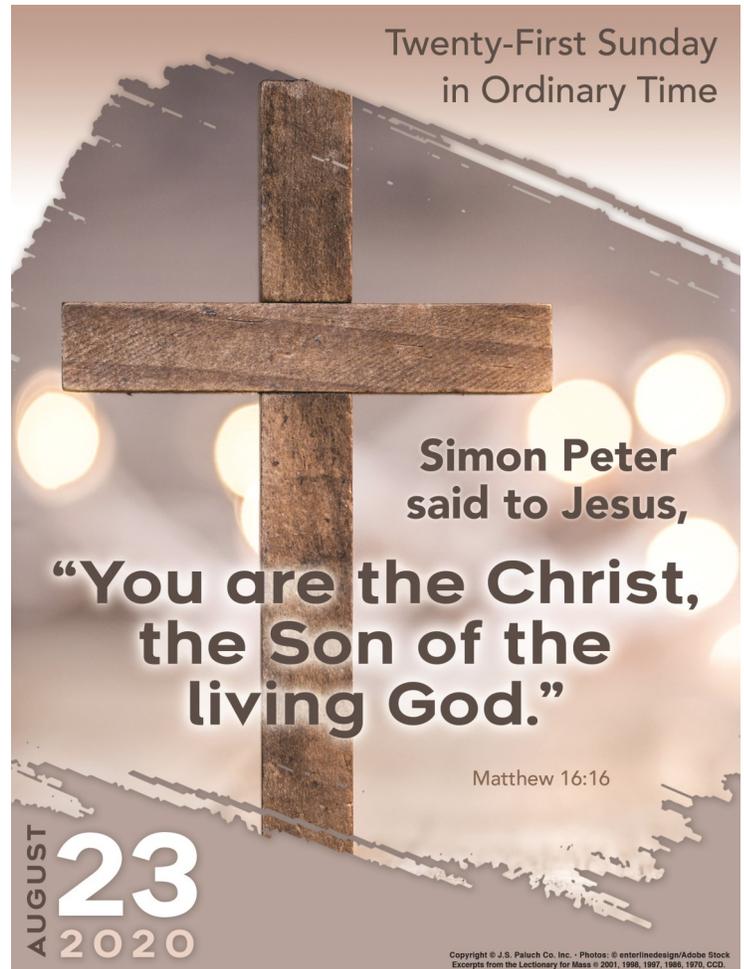
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Saint Benedict the Moor Church

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Pittsburgh PA 15219

Website: sbtmparishpgh.com



[St. Benedict the Moor Parish-PGH](https://www.facebook.com/St.BenedicttheMoorParish-PGH)



[SBTMparishPGH](https://www.youtube.com/SBTMparishPGH)

Mass Intentions

August 23 10:30 am Fr. David Taylor
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
The People of the Parish

August 30 10:30 am Fr. Thomas Burke
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
The People of the Parish

Stewardship

	August 9	August 16
Offertory	\$4,770.00	\$2,941.00
Parish Share	\$605.00	\$260.00
Special Collections	\$1,120.00	\$265.00

Mass Online At this time, the 10:30 am Mass cannot be broadcast live or recorded. St. Mary Magdalene Parish livestreams Mass on Facebook ([@smmppgh](https://www.facebook.com/smmppgh)) on Saturday at 4 pm. The Mass will be available on the homepage of our website (sbtmparishpgh.com) on Saturday evening.

We hope you will take advantage of these online opportunities until we are able to livestream our Mass.

Bulletin Announcements are due no later than 9 am on Monday for next Sunday's bulletin: crffaele@stmarymagpgh.org

Food Pantry Dates

The Parish Food Bank for August 25 and September 10 has been cancelled due to office renovations. The food bank will resume on Friday, September 25.

Friday	October 9
Friday	October 23

That Man Is You! Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then come join *"That Man is You!"* on Saturday mornings starting on September 12, 7:30 to 9 am. The program is sponsored by St Paul Cathedral Parish.

To register:

admin.paradisusdei.org
or Regis Flaherty at 412.287.4007
regisflaherty@gmail.com

Part Time Media Relations Coordinator Position Available

This position entails overseeing the Audio Visual (AV) Ministry, maintaining our website and all social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube), creating weekly bulletins, and sending email correspondence to parishioners.

Interested? Please e-mail Fr. Tom Burke:
tburke@diopitt.org



It's a Musical Celebration
Saturday, 9/12/2020, 6 to 8 pm

Join the Diocesan National Black Catholic Congress Team-Pgh (DNBCCLT), for an evening of *talented artists*; *friends* and *new faces*! Have a *toast* and also, some *surprises*!

Unmask, **safely**, and enjoy our virtual evening!

Details arriving SOON!

SAVE THE DATE and DON'T MISS OUT! 

Inquiries: 724.472.8732 or nbccpgh@gmail.com



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 guest on August 30 is Fr. Tom Sparacino, Rector of St. Paul Seminary.

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

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Peter's Profession of Faith



It is normal to ask someone their opinion about something. Whether it is about a certain food, beverage, music, television show, or even talking politics, people all have different answers and opinions.

This weekend, we celebrate the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time and the readings focus on faith. In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we read how a faithful servant of God is entrusted with the power to steer the kingdom toward peace. In the Gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus heads to Caesarea Philippi and asks his disciples "Who do people say that I am?" Some say Elijah, some say John the Baptist. It is Peter who gives the correct answer; Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus deeply trusts Peter to hold not only the key to God's house, but the key to God's heart and proclaims him as the rock upon whom he will build his church. Jesus made the promise to Peter and the other disciples giving him authority. We can trust them and their successors to help us understand who Jesus is, and how to live as his disciples.

How prepared are we to be disciples upon whom Christ builds his church? The Church's true foundation is Christ himself.

As we prepare to go back to school, work or maybe even continue to stay at home, as we still go through the Covid-19 pandemic and adjusting our routine and new measures, let us see how we can dig deep into getting to know Jesus, even amongst the daily stress and fears that we may encounter.

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School Bells The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year for Elementary School Students on **Tuesday, September 8**. St. Benedict the Moor School will follow all Covid-19 health and safety reopening protocols. The school will offer in person or distance learning, and hybrid plans will be in place to offer a quality Catholic Education for our children. Fr. Taylor and I visited Principal Audrey Bowser and took a tour of the building last week and met several faculty and staff members. Best wishes everyone for a wonderful safe school year!

Religious Education Program We are evaluating our Religious Education Program and one of the options available, especially for those families who have children preparing for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this coming year is to enroll in the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Religious Education program. The program will begin on Sunday, September 13, at 9:45am at St. Bede School. Registration will be held next Sunday August 30, from 9-10:45am in the St. Bede School Cafeteria, 509 S. Dallas Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208. For more information please contact Teresa Maynor, Director of Religious Education at 412.661.7222 or email tmaynor@stmarymagpgh.org.

RCIA Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you baptized in another faith and would like to be Catholic? Are you baptized Catholic but need Communion and or Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation Program (RCIA) will be starting soon. Please give me a call at (412) 661.7222 ext. 202 or email me at tburke@diopitt.org to discuss.

Food Pantry Closure Because of renovations to the parish office and cleaning and sanitizing, our Parish Food Pantry will be not be holding distribution on August 25 or September 10.

Help Wanted-Media Relations Coordinator We are seeking a Media Relations Coordinator for the parish. The person will be responsible for Audio Visual (streaming mass) website, social media (Facebook and YouTube), weekly bulletin and sending out emails and notices to parishioners. If you have experience in Media Relations and would be interested in this position please call me at 412.661.7222 or email be at tburke@diopitt.org

Parish Improvements

Our maintenance staff has begun painting the parish offices. After the painting is complete, we will be installing new carpeting from Toth Carpet of Munhall.

John Buch Electric has begun installing new lighting in our parish offices.

Two new Clean Max commercial vacuums were purchased last week. One for the church and one for the parish office.

Please note that because we are undergoing renovations in the parish offices, if you need to reach the clergy staff please call the St. Mary Magdalene parish office 412.661.7222 or email parishoffice@stmarymagpgh.org

**We appreciate your continued financial support to St. Benedict the Moor Parish. It is important to use the parish envelopes so we can continue with the various upgrades. We will be soon be offering the convenient online giving program, Faith Direct. More information about on line giving will be announced in the next upcoming weeks.

Since we now have our own parish checking account, please remember to make all checks payable to St. Benedict the Moor Parish. If you have arranged your offertory giving automatically sent out weekly or monthly through an online bill payment processing center, please remember to contact your bank to change the checking payments from Divine Mercy Parish 164 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 to St. Benedict the Moor Parish, 91 Crawford Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. We are unable to credit St. Benedict the Moor if it is made payable to Divine Mercy.**

Something to Think About...

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
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Reflections

Fr. David Taylor



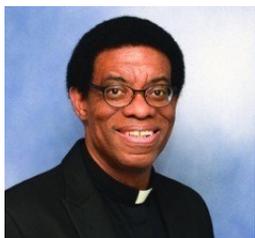
Catholic Schools A Beacon of Hope

Some of you may not be aware that your priests now serve in three Catholic schools. St Bede, St. Benedict the Moor and Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. These three schools are a part of our two parishes. They are a real blessing to the communities which

we serve. The schools, although somewhat different, are part of the Church's ministry of service, and of sharing the faith with others.

Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Academy, a merger of the former Holy Rosary School and St James School, serve primarily the communities of the East End. I served as pastor of Holy Rosary school until the merger in 2010. The Sisters of St. Joseph served Holy Rosary school from its beginning until the early nineties. The Sisters of Charity historically served in St James until the last few years. The school is served by the Extra Mile Educational Foundation. Mrs. Stephanie Michael is principal of STBCA.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



For the past three weeks in this space I have been discussing the concept of "synodality". Pope Francis has said that "The church must be synodal, characterized by 'walking together' as the pilgrim people of God." The pontiff said that the Church has to listen to all

voices -- Catholic or not. He added that "the Church is a communion; all Catholics are responsible for the life and mission of the Church although each person has been given different gifts and roles by the Holy Spirit." Synodality is based on the baptismal gifts and responsibilities of each Catholic.

As I pointed out last week, parish councils (pastoral councils and finance councils) are church exercises in synodality. Other examples include diocesan presbyterial councils, national bishops' conferences, regional councils of bishops, the synods of bishops of the Eastern Catholic churches, the World Synod of Bishops and ecumenical councils such as Vatican II.

If we focus our attention on parish pastoral councils we will begin to understand why it is important for the laity to be involved in pastoral planning. A study titled *Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church*, by the International Theological Commission in the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (2018) explains why "the participation of the lay faithful is essential." The document says, "They are the vast majority of the people of God. There is much to learn from their participation in the various expressions of the life and mission of the ecclesial

St Benedict the Moor School has a long history of service in the Hill District. The School was formerly housed in the Webster Avenue Campus of St. Benedict the Moor Parish. It is now located in the former Vann school building in the Hill. The school was historically served by the Sisters of St. Joseph from Baden. Some of the sisters still live on the parish campus. The school is served by the Extra Mile Educational Foundation. The principal is Mrs. Audrey Bowser.

Most recently I have had the opportunity to serve at St. Bede School in Point Breeze. When I first came to Homewood, the Sisters of St Joseph were serving in the school. Holy Rosary partnered with St. Bede in Summer programs for the students. Today St Bede serves many students in the East End Communities. The school recently opened a Stream Lab that enhances the educational program. Sr. Daniela Bronka is principal of St. Bede's.

We pray for our schools as they prepare for a new challenge under real challenging circumstances. Let's do everything we can to support them.

community, in popular piety and in pastoral work as a whole, as well as in their specific competence in the various spheres of cultural and social life."

The document makes clear that any process of church discernment should begin with a consultation of the laity. This, in turn, requires that the laity must be properly educated and formed in the liturgy and teaching of the Catholic Church. One cannot, after all, offer what one does not have.

The document emphasizes that effectiveness in consulting the laity will require overcoming "a clerical mentality that risks keeping [the laity] at the margins of church life". To bring the laity in from the margins requires "that laymen and laywomen be given more opportunities for education in the faith and more spaces in the church where they can learn to express themselves within the discourse of the [Catholic] church."

This also means that parish councils must be centers of listening and dialogue with all of the parishioners, not simply with an elite group, clique, or faction within the parish. This is to be done in the Eucharistic spirit of communion which brings us together as one in the Body of Christ. "All church members must be better educated in the spirituality of communion and the practice of listening, dialogue and communal discernment," the document says.

This is how we should understand synodality and it is how we should understand the role of parish councils in the life of the parish.