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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 29th
9:30 am - Confessions
10:00 am - Mass
Mass Intentions: People of the Parish
Readings: ACTS 1:1-11; EPH 1:17-23; LK 24:46-53; PS 47:2-3, 6-9

Monday, May 30th
Rectory Office Closed
Daily Readings: ACTS 19:1-8; JN 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 31st/Visitation of the Virgin Mary
Office Open: 10:00am-12:00pm
Daily Readings: ZEP 3:14-18A; LK 1:39-56

Wednesday, June 1st
Office Open: 10:00am-4:00pm
Readings: ACTS 20:28-38; JN 17:11B-19

Thursday, June 2nd
Office Open: 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Readings: ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; JN 17:20-26

Friday, June 3rd
Office Open: 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Readings: ACTS 25:13B-21; JN 21:15-19

Saturday, June 4th
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:00pm - Mass
Readings: ACTS 28:16-20,30-31; JN 21:20-25

Sunday, June 5th/Pentecost Sunday/Sodality Sunday
9:30 am - Confessions
10:00 am - Mass
Readings: ACTS 2:1-11; 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23; PS 104:1,24, 29, 31, 34

MASS SCHEDULE

Dear Parish Family our church is open. Our regular Mass schedule is Saturday, 4pm and Sunday 10am. All are welcome. For more information contact our office by calling (202)397-3895 or email office@sbmdc.org. Also join us on Facebook, every Sunday 10am at facebook.com/stbenmoordc.com

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday - May 21, 2022: 26
Sunday - May 22, 2022: Adults: 141 Children: 56
Total Attendance: 223

BULLETING GUIDELINES

Notices and announcements to be published in the parish bulletin are due by 10:00 am on the Wednesday prior to each week in writing, or e-mailed to the parish office at: office@sbmdc.org

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is available 30 minutes prior to the celebration of the Mass or by appointment. For confession appointment please contact Fr. Michal Sajnog at (202)488-1354 ext.1 or by email at pastor@sbmdc.org.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Please remember the deceased in your prayers. Mass intentions may be reserved for a specific date. Flowers for the church altar may be donated in honor of a loved one living or deceased. A Mass intention will also be said for the occasion.

POOR BOX

Your contribution go directly to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, SOME, and The Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations. For assistance, please call the hotline number: 202-397-1616 and leave a message, someone will return your call.

SHUT-INS AND HOMEBOUND

Please remember all the sick and shut-in of the parish in your thoughts and prayers, especially: Richard Austin, Valoria Baylor, James Bell, Vernelle Brown, Alvin Carter, Sylvia Cephas, Juanita Dunbar, Jocelyn Lancaster, Yvonne Mosely, Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Donna Page, Patricia Perry, Dorothy Ridley, James Washington, Anita Whitehurst, Edward Otis Williams, Nellie Williams, Carlos A. Younger.

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Please notify the parish at (202)397-3895 #10 or (202) 488-1354 #1, when a parishioner has been hospitalized or confined at home due to sickness, age or infirmity and need the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact our pastor Fr. Michal Sajnog by calling our office at (202) 488-1354 or by email pastor@sbmdc.org.

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WEEKLY WORD

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. St. Paul clarifies in the first reading that the Lord ascended because he says that "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Therefore, the Ascension is linked directly to Pentecost. The descent of the Holy Spirit among us is superior to Jesus Christ's presence among us. It is so for the Lord is no longer present among them but within them. That is why we can understand the great joy of the disciples, although the Lord was no longer with them physically. The experience of the Lord's presence within us is a participation in the joy of the life of heaven. I believe that this is a significant point. The joy of the Holy Spirit is one of its many gifts. The Good News, the gift of the Holy Spirit, makes us realize that our happiness is not conditioned by external circumstances but by the living presence of God within us. Just as the disciples experienced the gift's enormous joy, we can also participate in it. The Lord has given us the possibility to share in His Divine Life of happiness that is no longer subject to health, money, success, and all the other things that the world offers us as a 'medicine' that eliminates suffering. The Lord has promised eternal life to all who give it willingly for His sake. The disciples understood these words only after they received the Holy Spirit and thus became announcers of the Good News, which is the testimony of the Holy Spirit within us that guarantees that death is no more. In place of fear, love appears. Therefore, brothers and sisters, on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, let us prepare ourselves for the Great Gift, for as the Lord said: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." My beloved brothers and sisters, Happy Sunday! With God's blessing,

Fr. Michal Sajnog

PARISH LIFE

Once again, congratulations to our First Communion Children. It was a beautiful celebration and a grace to our parish community. Many thanks to our CCD teachers, Ms. Malissa Freese and Ms. Kimberly McKinley, for preparing our 1st Communion Class. Also, many thanks to all those who set up and decorated the parish hall for the celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and best wishes to all parishioners who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other special events this week. **Happy Birthday** to: Rita Fisher, May 30. **Happy Wedding Anniversary**: Richard & Robyn Austin, June 2, 30 years, & Charles & Brenda Fisher, June 3, 50 years.



The SBM Sodality Scholarship: The SBM Sodality of Mary invites our graduating seniors, who will be attending college in the fall, and our graduating students, who will attend a Catholic High School in the fall, to apply for the SBM Sodality Scholarship. You must be a member of SBM and submission of a copy of your admission to the school and an essay is required for consideration. All essays must be received no later than May 25, 2022. For more information contact Shelia Parker at scparker61@verizon.net.

Food Bank: The next Food Bank is Monday, June 20, 2022. Time 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers needed Sunday, June 19, 2022, after mass in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

Share Food Program: The next Share pick-up date is Saturday, June 25, 2022. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2022 6:30pm in the Quander Room.



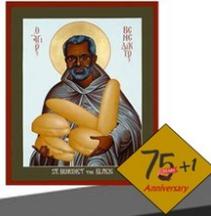
Holy Hour for ADW Ordinandi: We are approaching the time of Diaconal and Priestly Ordinations. We will have a Holy Hour for the Ordinandi of the Church of Washington on Friday, June 10 at 4pm in the church. All are welcome to pray for these young men.

MASS INTENTIONS

Beatrice J. Parker, requested by Shelia Parker, Genita Joyner & Maliya Dodson. Also, flowers for the altar are donated by Shelia Parker in the memory of her mother. We pray for the people of the parish.

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CELEBRATE OUR 75+1 ANNIVERSARY



APRIL 2, 2022

ST. BENEDICT RETREAT AND MASS

APRIL 15, 2022

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

MAY 1, 2022

PAINT AND SIP

JUNE 26, 2022

**CLOSING MASS
AND RECEPTION**

GROWING STRONGER ...

GROWING DEEPER...

REACHING HIGHER...

They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength,
they will soar on eagles' wings;
They will run and not grow weary,
walk and not grow faint.— Isaiah 40:31

St. Benedict the Moor 75+ years of Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher in our Faith in God, and our Community. So far, we already have celebrated many events to commemorate and celebrate our parish community. We need your continuous support and prayers to make it a success. We look for the closing Mass and Reception on June 26, 2022.

NEW OR MOVING?

New to the Parish or changing your address: Please notify the rectory at **(202)397-3895, ext. 10** Wednesday thru Friday so we can keep our records updated. Please stay in touch and updated via our website at **sbmdc.org** and our weekly bulletin. God bless you!

OFFERTORY - MARCH 2022

Offertory		Loose	Total
03/04/22	\$5,294.00	\$492.00	\$5,786.00
03/11/22	\$4,977.00	\$102.00	\$5,079.00
03/17/22	\$2,550.00	\$159.00	\$2,709.00
Online	\$4,130.00		\$4,130.00
Total:	\$16,951.00	\$753.00	\$17,704.00

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

Pastor:	Fr. Michal Sajnog
President:	Shelia Parker-President
Vice-President:	Michelle Lee-Mitchiner
Secretary:	Kimberly O'Neal McKinley
Maintenance:	Martha Barksdale
Golden Age:	Valoria Baylor
Liturgy:	Sherlene Duckett
Health Ministry:	Cheryl Hamlin Williams
Hospitality:	Mary Mays
Ladies of Charity:	Cynthia McFarlane
Art & Choir:	Yvonne Neal
Holy Name Society:	Bill Reed
Kidane Mehret:	Zekarias Tekle

For more information on our parish council members, parish council minutes, and more, please go to sbmdc.org/staff or call our office at **(202)397-3895 ext.10** or email at office@sbmdc.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Customarily, children prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2nd grade, and Confirmation in 8th grade. RCIA is open for registration. For more information please contact Kimberly O'Neal McKinley at komckinley8@gmail.com.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are dedicated to keeping our church building clean and sanitized. The weekly cleanup includes: sanitizing each pew, carpet cleaning, wiping down statues, etc. Therefore, the church is safe for your return. Masks are optional. We miss you and are waiting for your return.

We would like to welcome all visitors to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, please feel free to come again, and make this your home church.