

# ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 11th**

**9:30 am** - Confessions

**10:00 am** - Mass

**Mass Intentions:** People of the Parish

**Readings:** EX 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 TM 1:12-17; LK 15:1-32

PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

**Monday, September 12th**

**Rectory Office Closed**

**Daily Readings:** 1 COR 11:17-26, 33; LK 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 13th**

**Office Open:** 10:00am-12:00pm

**Daily Readings:** 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A; LK 7:11-17

**Wednesday, September 14th/Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Office Open:** 10:00am-4:00pm

**Readings:** NM 21:4B-9; PHIL 2:6-11; JN 3:13-17

**Thursday, September 15th/Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Office Open:** 10:00 am-4:00 pm

**Readings:** 1 COR 15:1-11; JN 19:25-27

**Friday, September 16th**

**Office Open:** 10:00 am-3:00 pm

**Readings:** 1 COR 15:12-20; LK 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 17th**

**3:30 pm** - Confessions

**4:00pm** - Mass

**Readings:** 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49; LK 8:4-15

**Sunday, September 18th**

**9:30 am** - Confessions

**10:00 am** - Mass

**Readings:** AM 8:4-7; 1 TM 2:1-8; LK 16:1-13, PS 113:1-2, 4-8

**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](mailto:office@sbmdc.org). Also join us on Facebook, every Sunday 10am.

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, September 3- Adults: 25

Sunday, September 4-Adults: 58 Children:25 **Total: 108**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Ext.18 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, Jude & Josephine Ugochukwu, 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](mailto:pastor@sbmdc.org).

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## WEEKLY WORD

My beloved brothers and sisters,

The parable of the prodigal son is one of the most recognizable parables in the Gospel of Luke. The younger, prodigal and older "exemplary" son find welcome in the Father's embrace. It is a story of forgiveness and love. However, let us not forget that the parable of the prodigal son comes within a context. The Lord addresses the Pharisees who accuse him of mingling with the sinners. At first, the Lord tries to make them understand how God acts towards the strayed. The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin hint at the economy of God. God's ways are contrary to what the world teaches. The motivation behind God's action is always His love which has nothing to do with productivity, sustainability, efficiency, or even math. We find examples of this in other parables. One instance of it is the parable of the talents. In all fairness, the story seems contrary to common sense. To take away from someone with little and give it to someone with much appears ludicrous. All the parables end with a feast. Biblical feasts are the image of eternal life God wants for all his children. And this is the point that the Pharisees missed.

The end product of the law is not the law itself but the heavenly feast. The parable of the prodigal son helps to understand God's ways. There is space in the Father's house for both the obedient and the strayed, sinner and a saint. But acknowledge this truth, one needs to face the scandal of the parable, which is the fact that God loves the sinner. Yes, He loves the unlovable. It is an invitation for all of us to love the unlovable. I hope we can identify with the sons in the parable because there is one thing that God wants. And what He wants is that everyone remains in his house. May the Word of God guide you these days and help you stay close to Him.

Fr. Michal

## MASS INTENTIONS

- For the eternal repose of the soul of **James Godla**.
- For the eternal repose of the soul of **Abraham Germa**, requested by Hailemichael family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy Birthday to:

Afonki Berhane , September 11  
Porche' V. Brooks, September 12  
W. Ree Wilkinson, September 16.

### Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

Teklezgi Yohannes & Aster Tesfagergis, September 11.



**Food Bank:** The next Food Bank is Monday, September 19, 2022 Time 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers needed Sunday, September 18, 2022, after mass in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

**Parish Hall Use:** To all church organizations, if you are planning an event and need to use the Imperial Hall or the Quander Room Hall please check with the Church Office to see if the place and times are available. Our Office contact number is: (202)397-3895, Ext. 10.

**Share Food Program:** The next Share pick-up date is Saturday, September 24, 2022. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

**SOME Volunteer Needed:** The second Monday of each month St. Benedict the Moor goes to SOME to prepare and feed about three to four hundred people. The menu is eggs, sausage, grits. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kevin Beasley or contact Rebecca Flaherty, email: [rflaherty@some.org](mailto:rflaherty@some.org) or call (202)235-1583. The number of volunteers is six(6).

**Parish Council:** The SBM Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Please contact Shelia Parker if you will not be in attendance. The Pastoral Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month starting in September.

**Hall Improvements:** The St. Benedict the Moor Parish Hall is undergoing improvements in the areas of IT and security. These coming weeks, the building will be equipped with fast internet access and surveillance system. As our parish is growing and the number of activities are increasing, there is a need for safe and protected environment as well as bringing our classes up to date with technology. More updates to come.

**HVAC Maintenance:** We have successfully completed the first stage of the HVAC Maintenance. The HVAC system is now fully repaired and functional.



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WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR

**75 YEARS**

St. Benedict the Moor 75+ years of Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher in our Faith in God and our Community. You may still visit our website if you could not participate in the final celebration. There you may view the previous pastors' tributes to St. Benedict the Moor, and from our elders from days past, and various pictures.

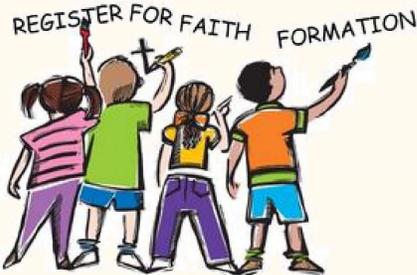
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**God bless you for many more years to come!**

**St. Benedict the Moor Parish**

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Register after Sunday Mass  
on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.



- Open to all students in Pre-K4 to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Registration is \$20.00
- Classes begin September 18

**Faith Formation Director, Kimberley McKinley, will be in the lobby of the Quander Room to assist parents and students with registration and to answer any questions!**

**Back to School Supply Drive** - Today, September 11, 2022 school supplies will be given to the children of the church, after the 10:00am Mass. We will also meet with the parents of our CCD program.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

For more information on our parish council members, parish council minutes, and more, please go to <https://sbmdc.org/staff> or call our office at (202)397-3895 Ext. 10 or email at [office@sbmdc.org](mailto:office@sbmdc.org).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 at [komckinley8@gmail.com](mailto:komckinley8@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**September 3 & September 4, 2022: \$3,775.00**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## 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](http://sbmdc.org) and our weekly bulletin. God bless you!

## 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.***