



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

We gather as the Church-Family of St. Benedict the Moor, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity in whose name we were baptized...and in whose name we come to worship! Our model for **“Christian community”** is based on the community of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In essence, we believe in One God who is three persons that share a communitarian life called **TRINITY**.

Attempting to wrap our minds around **the mystery of the Trinity**, simple signs from nature and mathematics are helpful in offering a visual image. Such as, the shamrock, triangle, and circle. Let us begin with the **TRIANGLE** and the **CIRCLE**. The triangle denotes three separate angles that represent the distinctiveness of person—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Encircling the triangle is the circle, symbolic of shared life, love, and unity. It is this dynamic love and life—energy that overflows into our lives filling us with God’s **amazin’ grace**.

Our relationship with God extends to our relationship with one another and beyond our boundaries to all of creation. It might be helpful to call upon the advice of one of our learned ancestors, St. Augustine, who, while walking along the beach, Augustine stumbles upon a small child pouring water into a hole in the sand. Augustine jokingly says to the child, **“You’ll never fit the whole sea into that little hole!”** And the child answers back: **“And you’ll never fit the Trinity into your little brain.”**

Turning our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy we read: **“Did people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did and live?”** And remember what God did for the Israelites in Egypt’s land? With strong hand and outstretched arm....He led them to the Promised Land.”

Whether from the **“call of Moses** in his experience of GOD in the burning bush on Sinai’s Mountain, or that of Israel being led by God out of slavery and captivity in Egypt’s land with the **Exodus Event** of liberation and freedom to the Land of Promise. GOD acted in human history to reveal himself more directly and fully to all of humankind.

Throughout the history of **the Chosen People**, God entered into a special relationship called **COVENANT**, where God promised to be their God, and they promised to be his people. **ISRAEL** became a people whom God walked with through the sacred bond of **COVENANT** sealed in the blood of animals, and finally, sealed in the Blood of Jesus, the Only—Begotten Son of the Father.

St. Paul in his Letter to the Church at Rome reminds of who we are and whose we are! Paul says, **“we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, through whom we cry, “Abba Father!” the Spirit himself bears witness with our Spirit that we are children of God...heirs with Christ and sisters and brothers to one another.”**

Church, because **GOD IS....we are!** We are made in the image and the likeness of God....**the Imago Dei**. Recalling the words of Jesus from the Gospel of John—**“God first loved us and calls us to love one another!”** The essence of God is **LOVE!** And at Baptism you and I have been incorporated into the Life of the **TRINITY** as adopted sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of the Son, and living temples of the Holy Spirit. Yes, we are numbered among the **redeemed of the Lord** as we have been claimed and named for God, washed and anointed, seared and forgiven, clothed and set free!

May Jesus’ **Great Commission** be carried out as we **“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.”**

We have a lot of work to do....as we go and do what Jesus asks of us: **tell someone about Him! Invite them to come and worship with us, walk with them** and let them know that St. Benedict has plenty of good room for them in our Father’s House!

Looking for at least 10 folks.....
Friar Noel



St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

“As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord.”

May 30, 2021

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“Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.”

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 12:00
Tues.,Thurs. 11:00am
Saturday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

Emergencies:
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Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are dedicated this week in memory of

Janice Hamilton

Pastoral Concerns

• **Special Thanks**—to all who participate in last Sunday's Liturgy at Pentecost. We thank Mary Beth and the Choir for their leading us in song and praise. For our pep talk from Mr. Gibbs as we prepare to reach our ACA Goal. And for all who remembered to wear red as we celebrated the birth of the Church.

• **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Barbara Lawrence, Celia Ferguson, and Andrea Lane. Barbara brought the Eucharist to her mom/Evelyn and sister/Debra Pough; Celia gave her son, Mauricio Communion; and Andrea gave the Lord to her mother-in-law, Ruth Lane. If you have a loved one who would like to receive please notify Fr. Noel, so that he can designate you as an Extraordinary Minister.

• **Finance Council Meeting:** this past Tuesday, May 25th the Finance Council met with Fr. Noel and worked on the preparation of the Church Budget 2022. Bob Cole, chair was ably assisted by Lamar Barnett, CPA, Deborah Thompson our Church Bookkeeper, along with Mike Barnett and Mik Cole. The Council is addressing the Offertory deficit during this time of the pandemic, as well as future directions for growth, evangelization and development. We will be looking at **live—streaming our Sunday Liturgy** in the near future, and continue to build on our prayerful gathering of the **8PM Rosary** conference call. Thanking all of our Church—Family for their responsible stewardship as we continue to work toward financial sustainability.

• **Virtual Operations Committee:** a new committee of the Pastoral Council to address the developing needs of communication in the Church to help us become more visible. Areas of need are: keeping the St. Benedict the Moor **Website** updated; and working the live-stream for filming Mass. Please call the office or see Fr. Noel

Lector Schedule

May 30: Ethel Johnson & Joseph Turner
June 6: Beverly Saulsbury & Willie Lawrence
June 13: Richard Gibbs & Mary Ellen Evans
June 20: Celia Mason-Ferguson & Joseph Turner
June 27: Ethel Johnson & Gary Dawson

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: May 23
Offertory: \$1546.00 (Online \$275.00)
Kitchen Reno: \$1200.00
Com. Camp.: \$254.00
Church Repair: \$125.00
Repast Fund: \$15.00
Utilities: (Online \$50.00)

Mass Intentions

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 10:30 AM
Sunday, May 30th, 2021
+ Michael King, Sr. St. Benedict Church Family
Feast of the Visitation of Mary 12 Noon
Monday, May 31st, 2021 (Memorial Day)
for the Deceased Felician Sisters
requested by Sister Christine Marie, cssf
St. Justin, Martyr 11:00 AM Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Blessings upon Fr. Noel/Priesthood Anniversary
requested by Sr. Patricia Marie, cssf
Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs 12 Noon
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Health and strength for Joe Ravalese
requested by Sr. Patricia Marie, cssf
St. Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs of Uganda
Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:00 AM
+Sister Mary Bernice, cssf
requested by Sr. Patricia Marie, cssf
Ordinary Time 12 Noon Friday, June 4, 2021
+Gilbert Jones
St. Boniface 8:00 AM Saturday, June 5, 2021
+Roy Lee Jones

Honor A Love One!

Sundays are available to honor a loved one by donating **Altar Flowers**. Please call the office to reserve a date: June 13; July 4, 11; Aug. 22, 29; Sept. 5, 26; Oct. 3, 17, 24



Most Holy Trinity

READING 1 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people:
"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;
by the breath of his mouth all their host.

For he spoke, and it was made;

he commanded, and it stood forth.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death

and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD,

who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us

who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

READING 2 Rom 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz
Valentina Nejfelt
Sr. Apollonia, cssf.
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf
Helen Bell
Amanda Cole
Mik Cole
Robert Cole
Ola Danielewicz
Robert Dozier
Carl English
Stephanie Findlay
Yvonne Gilberti
Elizabeth Grey
Ginnette Hughes
Cecelia Hyams
Clarence Johnson
Cecil Jones
Donald Julien
Earl King
Elvia King

Lenny Korona
Shirley Labbe
Ida Ruth Lane
Mittie Lewis
Delores McLeod
Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Denvey Nelson
Major Nettles
Cordell Parker
Gwendolyn Parker
Debra Pough
Evelyn Pough
Joe Ravalese
Joan Rogala
Lydia Sliva
Madeline Smith
Emi Talbert
Friar Steven Tremier
Dorothy Washington
Friar Carl Zdancewicz

