

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Thank—You for Your Help—

A grateful note of thanks to all who participated in Saturday’s Shed Clean—up. So many extra hands made for an easier job in cleaning and sorting out our church shed. The dumpster is full of many things that are no longer needed. Better organization and placement of supplies, tools, decorations can save hours in searching for them in a time of need. An annual spring—cleaning can help us maintain a handle on good order and in creating an inventory of what is being stored for future use. On behalf of our staff, we thank all our volunteers for your time and energy!

Update on Church Hall—Reno—

We have made considerable progress on St. Benedict the Moor Community Hall. The following areas are completed.

- [1] At a cost of \$6,480 we have replaced **52 electrical lights** with new LED lights. Edward Electric serviced us well.
- [2] Beto Painting Co. completed the work of prepping the paneling in the Church Hall and removing the chair—rail. A new rail has been installed. The color chosen is taupe that is neutral and has a calming effect. This phase of their work was done at the cost of \$3,500.
- [3] Our **Hall foyer** has been sheet-rocked and painted and will have a vinyl—plank flooring. The work has been done by Beto Painting Co. at a cost of \$4,500.
- [4] Yet to be done is the installation of a **“honey oak vinyl plank”** flooring by Traffic Master at a cost of \$12,896. The flooring will bring together the entire room and is the highest ticket item in the update of St. Benedict Community Hall. If we can raise the funds this can be a dream project realized, rather than a dream deferred.
- [5] The final item that would address the need to bridge the distance from the Church to the Community Hall would be a **new door and ramp** from the far end window of the Hall. It would be Handicapped accessible and we have leads to secure federal funding. If you have the time and skills in grant—writing please contact Fr. Noel ASAP.

Sisters and brothers, this project has been a work in progress from our Finance and Pastoral Councils. Needless to say, an important part of seeing to fruition with a **Strategic Plan**.

The above update was accomplished during the time of the COVID pandemic. and ***is a credit to our resourcefulness and generosity of our Church—Family. Deborah Thompson***, our Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper has been a major contributor in helping us stay in the lane and maintaining contact with our contractors. To date, everything that has been done is paid for. Deo gratias!

Calling all Catholic women of every age. Are you looking for a place to grow in your faith? Are you looking for a place to serve your church and community? Are you looking for a place to build relationships with other women in your parish and surrounding parishes? Come to our ***Columbus Deanery Council of Catholic Women*** (CCW) Summer Gathering at St. Anne's Social Hall Columbus GA on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and let's grow together! Any questions? Email Kathy Smith at [kns64@outlook.com](mailto:kns64@outlook.com) or call 478-442-1850. See you there!

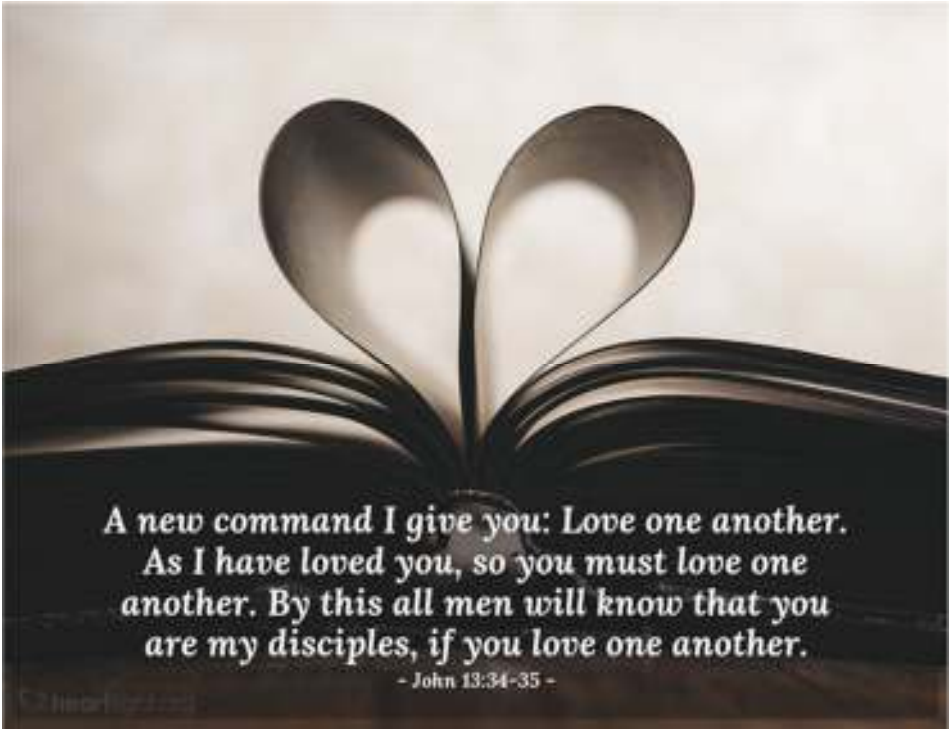
Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: May 8, 2022

Offertory: \$4310.00 (online \$2255.00)  
Altar Flowers: \$250.00  
Building Fund: \$485.00 (online \$25.00)  
Utilities: \$30.00 (online \$250.00)  
Poor Box: (online \$100.00)

*Our stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for everything we have and are. It is an act of personal response to our Baptismal call: to live in a faith community committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and committed to serve each other’s needs.*

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 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I will praise your name forever,  
my king and my God.”

St Benedict the Moor Parish

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

Emergencies:  
call Fr.Noel: 410-818-8149  
Office: 706- 323-8300

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Let us stay anchored in the Lord!

Sisters and brothers—

In the words of the Gospel song:  
*My soul is anchored, my soul is anchored  
My soul is anchored. Anchored in the Lord!*

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is a continuation of how the Christian Community is developing after the resurrection of the Lord. Fixing their eyes on Jesus, they offer one another words of *encouragement and reassurance* as they remain steadfast in their Faith.

Paul and Barnabas felt compelled to call the Church together to report what God had done for them, as they became known as followers of “*the Way!*” It would be later on in Antioch, that they were known by “*the way they loved one another*,” hence the name “*Christian!*”

Turning to our second reading from the Book of Revelation, St. John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth! He shares what he sees—the Holy City, Jerusalem. There the One sitting on the Throne said—“*Behold, I make all things new!*” John speaks of the messianic work of Jesus, as he brings about a transformation of the Church, as the Bride of the Lamb.

In the world of academia, we celebrate the scholastic achievement of our youth during the months of May and June. Graduation, Baccalaureate are ways we ritualize the need to express congratulations and achievement to our graduates. Having received the blessings of an education, we and they have been given the opportunity to make a difference in our lives and the life of the world. The importance of expressing *our “gratitude”* to parents, teachers and educators, who have made a profound change in us. They recognize the gifts from within...as they draw out the potential from us. From the Gospel of John, Jesus offers us a new commandment—“*Love one another, as I have loved you!*” Like the folks from Antioch, they knew who we were “*by our love for one another!*” It may express itself in many ways—

through the way we volunteer at our Outreach Ministry.  
how we visit the sick as Eucharistic ministers.  
tutor children and young adults,  
serve as a catechist and share our faith and interpersonal relationship with our God.  
how we serve the Church—community as usher, altar server, lector, cleaner,.  
or IT expert in live—streaming.

Throughout history, we have been called many things—“*we are His people, the sheep of his flock.*” Or *we are the Bride* and Christ is the Groom. While Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., referred to us as the “*Community of the Beloved Jesus.*” Throughout the course of time, our name speaks clearly of our relationship with God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Church, you and I are called to an interpersonal relationship with God and with one another and others.

As we have been reflecting on how the early Church grew and developed, Pope Francis notes that *the Holy Spirit pushes people and the Church forward, but we cannot resist this. The Holy Spirit upsets us because it moves us, it makes us walk, as it pushes us out of our comfort zone.*

Our Holy Father, clearly notes that too often, “we wish to calm down the Holy Spirit, we want to tame it, and this is wrong! Because the Holy Spirit is the strength of God...*the all powerful One...El Shaddai!*

May the Spirit of the Lord speak to the hearts of our young and those who are young of heart, as we hear the Lord’s invitation—“*to love one another!*” Sisters and brothers, seize the day! carpe diem! Why? Because there’s a world of folks counting on you to make a difference!

Your brother on the road,  
*Friar Noel*

Congratulations, Fr. Noel, on the  
46th Anniversary  
of your Priestly Ordination



May God sustain you  
in celebrating the Sacraments,  
in proclaiming the Gospel  
and in consecrating your life to God  
for the good of the people  
entrusted to your care.

Congratulations and Best Wishes



Worship and Pastoral Schedule

Sunday, May 15, 2022	10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Intentions of the St. Benedict Moor Church	
and for <b>Friar Noel on his 46<sup>th</sup> Year of Priesthood</b>	
Monday, May 16, 2022	12 Noon
Easter Weekday	
Intentions of <b>Sister Dolores Anne, cssf</b>	
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	11:00 a.m.
Easter Weekday	
Intentions of <b>Sister M. Fides, cssf</b>	
Outreach Ministry	
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	12 Noon
St. John I, Pope and Martyr	
+Janet Milwicz	
Pastoral Council Meeting	
Thursday, May 19, 2022	6:00 p.m.
Easter Weekday	
Intentions of <b>Sister M. Deborah, cssf</b>	
Outreach Ministry	
Friday, May 20, 2022	12 Noon
St. Bernardine of Siena	
+Sister M. Seraphica. cssf	
Saturday, May 22, 2022	9:00 a.m.
St. Christopher & Companions	
+Sister M. Claire, cssf	
Sacrament of Penance	
	9:30 a.m.



When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he  
leaves a gift of memories in exchange.  
Wishing you and your family strength and  
peace.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to  
Maria B. Turner and family in the loss of

**Joseph Turner**

May God grant you comfort in knowing that  
your loved one lives on in joyful glory with our  
Risen Lord!

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Donald Julien
Valentina Nejfelt	Earl King
Helen Bell	Elvia King
Beverly Casimier	Veronica Mary Koleser
Amanda Cole	Lenny Korona
Mik Cole	Mittie Lewis
Robert Cole	Rishi Mahabir
LaKeith Collier	Brenda Malone
Paul Danielewicz	Delores McLeod
Robert Dozier	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Carl English	Burnett Nelson
James Fisher	Denvey Nelson
Ollie Fisher	Major Nettles
Carlos Gaslin	Cordell Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Gwendolyn Parker
Elizabeth Grey	Debra Pough
Sarah Hicks	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Joe Ravalese
Lillian Humber	Joan Rogala
Cecelia Hyams	Elaine Shorty
Sabrina Jackson	Lydia Sliva
Clarence Johnson	Madeline Smith
Albertine Jones	Friar Jude Surowiec
Brittany Jones	Emi Talbert
Cecil Jones	Dorothy Washington
	Mamie Wooden



Altar Flowers are donated  
in memory of  
**Bruce Johnson**  
on the anniversary of his death by  
Mary Johnson  
May he rest in God's eternal peace!