



Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

Personal Parish for Black Catholics in Pittsburgh

JULY 11, 2021

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am

Livestream:

facebook.com/SBTMPGH/live

**Sacrament
of Reconciliation,
Baptisms, Weddings,
and Funerals**

by appointment.

Adoration

Thursday 10:00 am



Our church is accessible.

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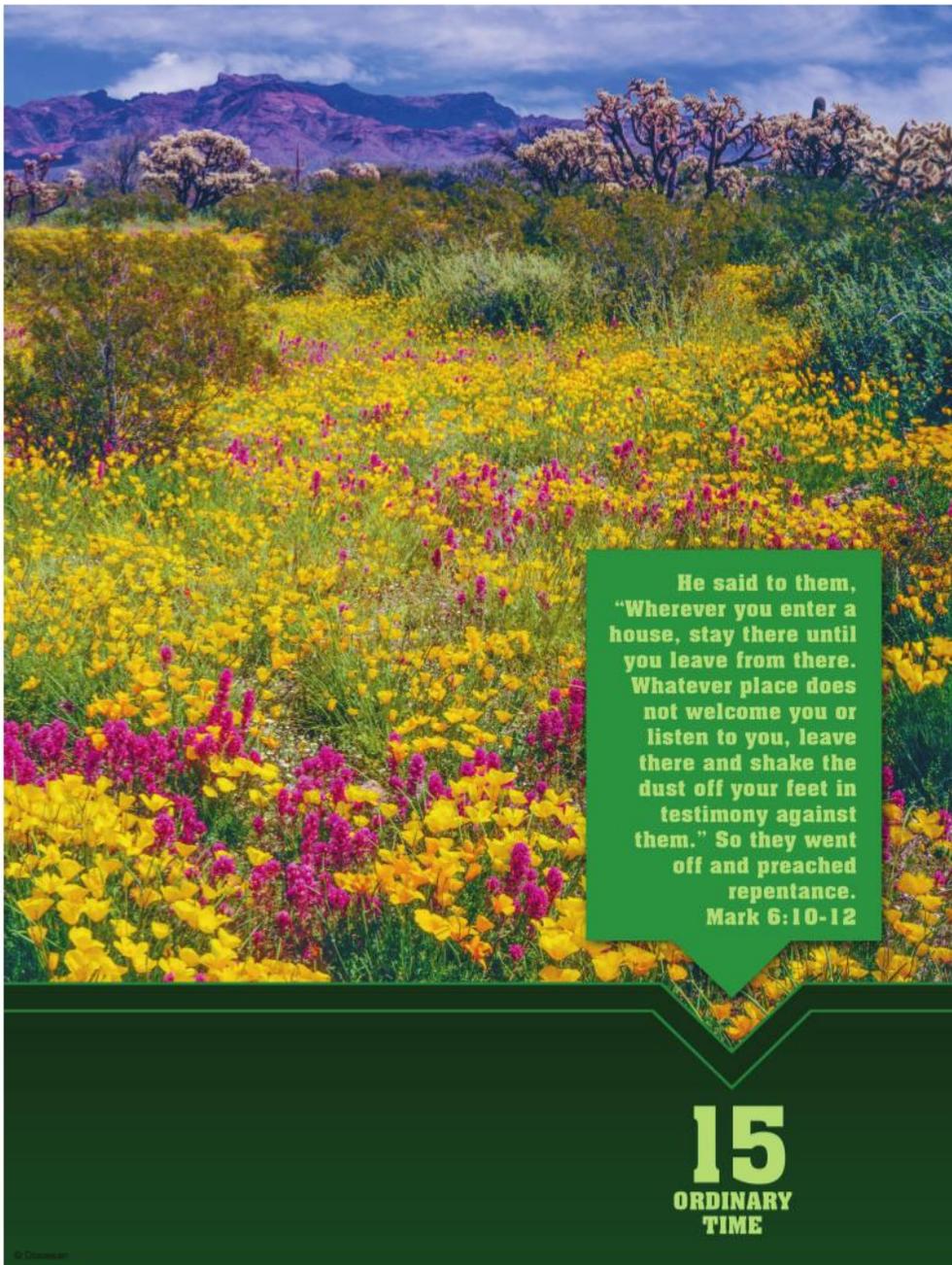
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He said to them,
"Wherever you enter a
house, stay there until
you leave from there.
Whatever place does
not welcome you or
listen to you, leave
there and shake the
dust off your feet in
testimony against
them." So they went
off and preached
repentance.
Mark 6:10-12

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ORDINARY
TIME

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Pray For All Who Request Prayers

Our parish community prays for those who request prayers for any reason. If you, a family member, or friend would like to be on our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at 412.281.3141 or office@sbtmparishpgh.org.

Duane Ashley
Dorothy Brisbane
Rita Costa
Edward Davis
Rita Davis
Robert Davis
Dolores Denton
Frederick Elliott

Lydia Francis
Marie Francis
Woody Frazier
James Fuller
Ann Fultz
Janet Glass
Brenda Glenn
Mary Graham

Alda White Johnson
The Jackson Family
Sandra Johnson
Salima Kamadoli
Aisha Lado
Lynda Ravnell Lewis
Josephine O'Connor
Nicole Orlando

Mary Samuels
Genevieve Sanford
Janice Simmons
Rudolph Williams
Jenell Younger

Mass Intentions

July 11 10:30 am
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Thomas Burke

Sylvia Griffin
(Mr. & Mrs. Keith Younger)

July 18 10:30 am
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Matthew Hawkins

Garfield Dansby
(Mrs. Dorothy Dansby and Family)

SBTM Sunday School is In Need of Your Help

Restarting our program from scratch takes time, talent, and treasure. Right now we need YOUR TREASURE to assist with the cost of program materials including books, craft supplies, music, and re-treats.

We are asking YOU to sponsor a SBTM child.

\$ _____ \$50 for one child
\$ _____ whatever you can afford.

For more information please see LisaJoy Finch, Joelynn Parham, or Julie Mondello. You can also email religiouseducation@sbtmparishpgh.com

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Offertory	PSP	Special Collections
\$3,268.00	\$223.00	\$723.00

Bible Study with Fr. Matthew Thursdays at 7 pm on Zoom.

For more information, contact Fr. Matthew at 412.661.7222 or mhawkins@diopitt.org.

To register : see the [Bible Study](#) page on our website.

St. Benedict the Moor Display Case

Please check out the display case. We have great items, and if you are looking for anything special, we may be able to assist you. Thank You.

Please see Theresa Orlando for more information

blackfacts.com

July 11 Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 17, 1823, Mifflin Wistar Gibbs apprenticed as a carpenter. By his early 20s he was an activist in the abolition movement, sharing platforms with Frederick Douglass and helping in the Underground Railroad. In 1850 he migrated to San Francisco, California; starting as a bootblack, he was soon a successful merchant, the founder of a black newspaper, *Mirror of the Times*, and a leading member of the city's black community. A tireless advocate for the black community, he helped to organize the colony's first militia, an all-black unit known as the African Rifles. He toured the Reconstruction South and settled in Little Rock, Arkansas, soon becoming the first black elected municipal judge in the United States. Gibbs launched Capital City Savings Bank, became a partner in the Little Rock Electric Light Company, gained control of several pieces of local real estate, and supported various philanthropic causes. He died in Little Rock on July 11, 1915 at the age of 92.



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 July 18 will be John Harrison from the Catholic Non-Profit Group "Rebuilding Hope," talking about upcoming Summer Youth Group Mission Trips.

A link to the podcasts of the program is on KDKA:

kdkaradio.radio.com/media/podcast/catholic-education-plus



Pastor's Note

Send Out and Proclaim the Good News!

Recently I had a discussion with a parishioner who approached me for some advice asking what they could do about their three children who no longer practice their Catholic faith. It is a very common question I hear these days.

We all know that unfortunately many people have left the Catholic faith because of a bad experience, the clergy sex abuse scandal, lack of trust or transparency with the church hierarchy, or just because they were not being spiritually fed. Commercialism, sports, or other activities have also caused many to walk away from organized religion.

This weekend we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings focus being called and sent out to proclaim the good news. In the First Reading from the Prophet Amos, we read how the prophet is faithful of the task to proclaim the Good News despite being rejected by those who is sent. In the Second Reading to the Ephesians, we read this hymn of thanksgiving to God for the great spiritual gifts he had given us in Christ. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus summons the twelve apostles to be sent out two by two to proclaim the Good News.

It is a great challenge to us all to be active followers. Amos was called away

from his ordinary work to preach. Let us live simply and share the message of salvation as best as we can. When the message falls on deaf ears, do not become irate. Shake the dust off your feet and leave the path open to try again. Let us continue to proclaim the good news by our actions, how we treat people, and how we live out our daily lives. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace to boldly go forth to share the Good News to all who might listen.

This coming Tuesday, July 13, is our "One Year Anniversary" of reopening of St. Benedict the Moor Parish as a personal parish for Black Catholics in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We have come a long way this past year with reopening our church and office and continue to move forward. I am honored to serve you and walk this journey with you as your Pastor!

We are open!

We are now open to full capacity for mass. New signs have been put up indicating that those who are fully vaccinated may attend Mass without wearing a mask. Those not fully vaccinated or those fully vaccinated who feel more comfortable seated around others who are wearing masks, reserved sections are available while attending Mass. Those who are not comfortable yet to return to mass can continue to mail in their weekly envelope or participate in our online giving program.

Bishop Zubik has dispensed every one of the Sunday obligation until further notice so those who are at risk or with health issues still can refrain from coming to Mass. Those who are unable to attend Mass physically are welcome to view the Mass Livestream.

Parish Improvements

Mark Clayton Southers Tree Service (The Tree Squad) recently cut up and removed a large tree branch that fell a few weeks ago in front the St. Benedict the Moor Center Convent and former

rectory along Webster Avenue when those heavy storms hit our area. Thankfully, there was no major damage to the buildings.

St. Benedict the Moor Center

As we continue to prepare to transfer ownership of the former St. Benedict the Moor School, Rectory and Convent property on Bedford Avenue, Hunt Studios will be removing several religious stained-glass windows from both the school building and the convent in the next few weeks. Several parish and school signs have already been removed.

We continue to wait to hear from the Diocesan Legal Office and Office of Property of Planning as to when the closing of the real estate transaction will take place for the Hill Dance Academy (HDAT) to take ownership of the property. We will continue to keep you posted on any details that may

Happy Anniversary

Happy 40th Anniversary to Conrad and Carol Johnson!

Something to Think About...

Preach the Truth as if you had a million voices. It is silence that kills the world.
St. Catherine of Siena

With God, All Things Are Possible!

**Fr. Tom Burke,
Pastor
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Fr. David Taylor



During the time I was discerning about a vocation to the priesthood, I thought a lot about the years of formation. My

brother had attended the seminary at an earlier time. I would be preparing for ministry during a time of significant change both in the Church and in the country. In addition to my academic formation, I knew I would need a lot of pastoral experience. Many seminaries at that time were very limited in offering this kind of ministry experience. In any case I knew that I would have to learn much about ministry after ordination. I was fortunate to be able to include a lot of parish ministry in my formation period, but the most significant preparation would come in my years as a priest. After 47 years of priesthood, I am still learning.

Jesus knew when he sent forward his disciples on missions, that they had to learn along the way. They learned how to serve as they were serving. And he warned them not to expect "success" in every missionary encounter. Being a minister requires a spiritual life that includes a lot of faith and willingness to learn. Priests today are not experts in every area of pastoral leadership. A willingness to listen to others and admit to mistakes is an essential challenge for every ministry experience.

Those who wish to serve need not "overpack." In the end the Lord is in charge of outcomes. We are at best members of his team.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



In the Gospel this week we read how Jesus' apostles received their mission: "Jesus summoned the

Twelve and began to send them out two by two..." (Mk 6:7-13). This sentence summarizes a deep reality that many of us have experienced: we discover that we did not choose Christ, Christ chose us. We are called to our vocation. This is true whether our vocation is to the clergy, to the religious life, to the married life, or to the single life. In many different ways, we find that we are called to service within the Church. While our calling is something that we discern slowly and gradually through life, the seeds of our vocation are present at the moment we are conceived. In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul wrote: "[Christ] chose us in him, before the foundation of the world."

This awareness of being called has been characteristic of the community of the faithful throughout history. When, in the Northern Kingdom of ancient Israel, Amaziah thought that the prophet Amos merely worked for money and should tell the authorities what they wanted to hear, Amos set Amaziah straight: "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel," (Amos 7:12-15). In other words, Amos did not pick his calling, his calling

picked him. Although Amos came from humble origins, he was not motivated in his ministry by money, nor did he live in fear of powerful people who could help or hurt him. To be a faithful messenger of God, Amos knew that he would have to speak truth to power, no matter the consequences.

We often publicly acknowledge and applaud the accomplishments of our volunteers, staff, the religious, and clergy. We want to publicly recognize them and show our appreciation for the work they have done. These activities are well-intentioned, but they run the risk of leading us to a mistaken understanding about how the work of the Church actually gets done. We are flutes, but God is the flute-player. It is not our work that we are engaged in, it is -- or at least it should be -- God who works through us. Paul explained this in his letter to the Ephesians when he wrote: "In [Christ] we were ... chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will..." (Eph 1:3-14).

What all of this means is that part of our task as Christians is to discern what it is that God is calling us to do. We should not be surprised if the work we are called for forces us to encounter obstacles, resistance, and setbacks. God will supply, in us, what we lack in fortitude, wisdom, and courage. As we discern our calling, let us pray along with the Apostle Paul, "May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call."

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