



Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

Personal Parish for Black Catholics in Pittsburgh

"With God All Things Are Possible!"

JUNE 12, 2022

Mass Schedule

Sunday 11:00 am

Livestream:

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

by appointment.



Our church is accessible.

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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.

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Marie Francis
Woody Frazier
Sarah Freker
James Fuller
Ann Fultz
Janet Glass

Brenda Glenn
Christina Hall
Vincent Hall Sr
Vincent Hall Jr
Alda White Johnson
The Jackson Family
Sandra Johnson
Salima Kamadoli
Stella Lowden
The Mary Family

Eric McDonald
Joan Moran
Josephine O'Connor
Nicole Orlando
Mary Samuels
Genevieve Sanford
Janice Simmons
Jennifer Whitley
Rudolph Williams
JJ Younger

Mass Intentions

June 12 11:00 am
The Most Holy Trinity

Fr. David Taylor
Basil Mulumba
(Chilufya Mulumba)

June 19 11:00 am
Corpus Christi

Fr. Matthew Hawkins
All Living and Deceased Fathers

Black Facts for June 12th

- ◆ 1840—the World Anti-Slavery Convention is held in London, England
- ◆ 1876—The first known monument erected by African Americans to honor one of our heroes is dedicated to Richard Allen in Philadelphia
- ◆ 1963—Medgar Evers was assassinated in front of his home in Jackson, Mississippi by a segregationist
- ◆ 1967— the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Virginia law banning interracial marriage was unconstitutional
- ◆ 1972—the National Black MBA Association was incorporated
- ◆ 1991—Michael Jordan leads the Chicago Bulls to an NBA title, his first



This week
the Sanctuary
Candle
is lit for
Special Intentions



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 at 6:30 am on KDKA-AM. Fr. Tom's next show is June 19th. A link to the podcasts of the program is on KDKA:

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

Stewardship MAY 22

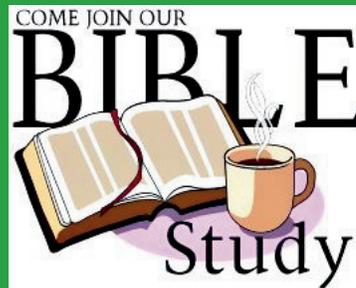
Offertory	PSP	Special Collections
\$5,362.00	\$375.00	\$576.00

Stewardship MAY 29

Offertory	PSP	Special Collections
\$2,292.00	\$270.00	\$155.00

Stewardship JUNE 5

Offertory	PSP	Special Collections
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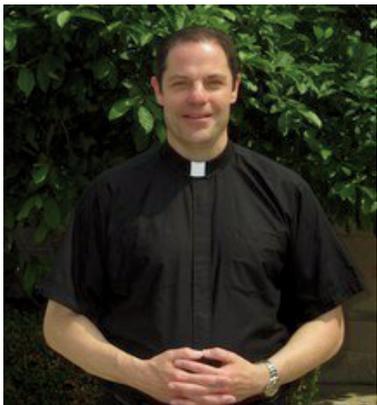


Bible Study with Fr. Matthew Hawkins

Thursdays at
7 pm on Zoom

For more information, contact
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Pastor's Note

Come Holy Spirit!

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity, a day we marvel at how fortunate we are to be in a relationship with God. Our readings this weekend emphasize the eternal presence and workings of the Holy Spirit. We believe in one God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus assured the Apostles that the Spirit of truth would guide them. We, too, can count on the Holy Spirit to strengthen us faith, hope, and charity.

In the first reading from Proverbs, we read how Wisdom guides the creation of the world and all the people within it. After man and woman enter this world, Wisdom joyfully assumes the task of teaching them how to serve God and live in the earthly realm that God has so carefully prepared for them.

In the Second Reading from Paul to the Romans, we read how Paul assures us that adversity can lead to many spiritual advantages because of the love of God and the gift of the Spirit. Through faith we are blessed with the grace in which we stand and the hope which we boast.

In the Gospel of John, we read how Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them the spirit of truth who will guide them. The doctrine of the Trinity is considered one of the central Christian affirmations about God. It affirms the unity of the Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit as three persons in one God-head.

Our response to God is a matter of believing not of knowing. To renew our faith commitment, which implies we do not have all the answers, but we trust in the God who has called us.

Today we celebrate a mystery; all our efforts to understand it bring us back to a response of faith. St. Patrick used a shamrock to describe the Trinity. A triangle is often used as a symbol of the Trinity, and some theologians prefer a circle to represent a procession from the Father to the Son, to the Holy Spirit. This mystery of the Trinity leads to acknowledge we have an awesome God!

God is with us as Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, and when we are with God, we are also with one another. Let us reflect on this great mystery and prepare ourselves for next week as we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Body, and Blood of Christ.

This weekend at the 11am Mass, we welcome the Sisters of St. Joseph, members of Duquesne University, Dr. Patricia Grey, Dr. Greta Stokes-Tucker, and Dr. Shannen Dee Williams author of the Book *Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle*. Extra copies of the book will be available after mass.

Mission Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Annual Mission Co-op Appeal last weekend to assist the **Friends of the Agnes Charitable Foundation, Inc., in India**.

Parish Improvements

Last fall **S & N Roofing of Slippery Rock** came to assess our roof to evaluate what repairs would be needed. As with several contractors we have been on a waiting list. I am pleased to report that this past week they have begun to repair

seven areas of our church roof that are leaking and are inspecting the entire roof. They will be writing up a full assessment of their recommendations. Funds from the sale of the former St. Benedict Center on Bedford Avenue that are in our Savings Account will go to help with the repairs and inspection. David Schmidt, from the Diocesan Office of Property is assisting us with this project.

Bishop Zubik to Visit St. Benedict the Moor

Bishop David A. Zubik will be the Principal Celebrant at the 11am mass on Sunday, July 17 to celebrate 133 years since the founding of St. Benedict the Moor Parish on July 28, 1889, and the reestablished Personal Parish for Black Catholics on July 13, 2020!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 of St. Benedict the Moor School, St. Bede School, and Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. Best wishes to our graduates!

Congratulations to **Kamilah Aniyah Haynes**, daughter of Rodrick Anthony Haynes and Kamilah Aisha Parks who is being baptized this weekend.

Happy Birthday to Chris Catone, Our Director of Music who celebrated his birthday this past Thursday, June 9.

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.

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Rev. Thomas J. Burke
Pastor

Fr. David Taylor



When it comes to entertainment many people love mysteries. Some of the most popular books, novels, and movies are those shrouded in mystery.

Many of the most popular TV shows of the past were based on mystery until the very end. How different it can be when it comes to our everyday lives. We often want to know the end of human events before they even begin. So much of our lives are scheduled around tasks where we can anticipate the conclusions, and we seek prompt conclusions to many of our tasks. It can be troubling when we must wait for an answer for things which may vastly change our life, health, and well-being.

But this is where faith becomes preeminent. We must face the reality that our future ultimately is not under our control. Faith, however, will always assure us of God's protection and love even in the most troubling events of our lives. In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that there is much more for them to know, but they have to wait for the Spirit to show them the way. And while this may create anxiety, this is what faith is all about. He gives them this reassurance before his passion and death. In light of this, the mystery of the Holy Trinity should not be an obstacle for people of faith. Our future is assured. The Trinity is a pledge and a promise that everything will, ultimately, be alright. Faith is the assurance of things not seen, and this is how we must live each day.

This weekend we celebrate the National Holiday of Juneteenth. The many sad events associated with this observance remind us of the power of faith in the most troubling of times. We still experience these times today as we live through the pain and suffering of hate, and the lack of respect for life. Yes, we need Pentecost and the power of the Trinity. This is to be certain Blessed Assurance.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



We live in a time when there are many misleading sources about Christianity and the Catholic faith. Throughout our history, the Church has

drawn from many rich sources for insight and inspiration. These sources range from Richard Rohr to Robert Barron and from Dorothy Day to Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The Church is a big tent with plenty of room for many forms of social action and spirituality. We should be wary, however, of publications that tend to divide us and encourage Catholics to see others within the Church who disagree with us as our "enemies." Those sources generate a great deal of heat but not very much light.

While we often pray for unity within the Church, many have defined Catholicism based on personal social and political agendas, which cannot help but lead to harmful divisions. If we want to be united in Christ, we must stop trying to impose secular cultural, political, and social hobby horses on each other, while calling these secular leanings and national and political agendas "Christianity." We must stop confusing our secular opinions with the essential teachings of the Church. We must rediscover, instead, the Church's apostolic teaching, 2,000 years of spirituality, and what the Church has said about Herself in the Second Vatican Council.

The Church is a spiritual encounter and a spiritual awakening. There are at least seven schools of Catholic spirituality. To make these spiritual exercises more widely available, the Church has produced classic spiritual works, including the spiritual exercises of St. Benedict and St. Ignatius of Loyola and the writings of Saint Catherine of Siena. The prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, is also a powerful practice to deepen one's spirituality. As of this month, the Word on Fire Institute has made praying the Liturgy of the Hours easy and affordable with monthly

publications of the text as we move through the liturgical calendar.

The Word on Fire Bookstore, which is online, offers beautiful publications on spirituality and many other texts I mention in this reflection. Bishop Robert Barron founded the bookstore and the Word on Fire Institute as a resource for evangelization and encountering Christ. You can also find versions of many of these works by other publishers, and you can order texts from your local bookstore if they do not already have them in stock.

People struggle to discern between actual Christian teaching as opposed to the mere opinions and personal preferences of many evangelists and people who happen to acquire a website. One of the treasures for finding our way through the murky territory of what many people believe are essentials of our faith is to adhere to apostolic teaching. The apostles handed on to us Christ's authentic teachings and the teachings we received through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed provides a concise summary of such instructions. Thankfully, several books offer sound reflections on the Creed, including Robert Barron's *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*, Hans Urs von Balthasar's *Crede: Meditations on the Apostles' Creed*, Timothy Luke Johnson's *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters*, and Scott Hahn's *The Creed: Professing the Faith Through the Ages*.

Some might ask, "But what do I need to know about Catholic social teaching? And what does the Church say about Herself and what it means to be a Church? Also, how does the catechism fit what I need to know about spirituality and my faith journey?" We will explore those questions next week.

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