



Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

Personal Parish for Black Catholics in Pittsburgh

"With God All Things Are Possible!"

JUNE 26, 2022

Mass Schedule

Sunday 11:00 am

Livestream:

facebook.com/SBTMPGH/live

Sacrament

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

by appointment.



Our church is accessible.

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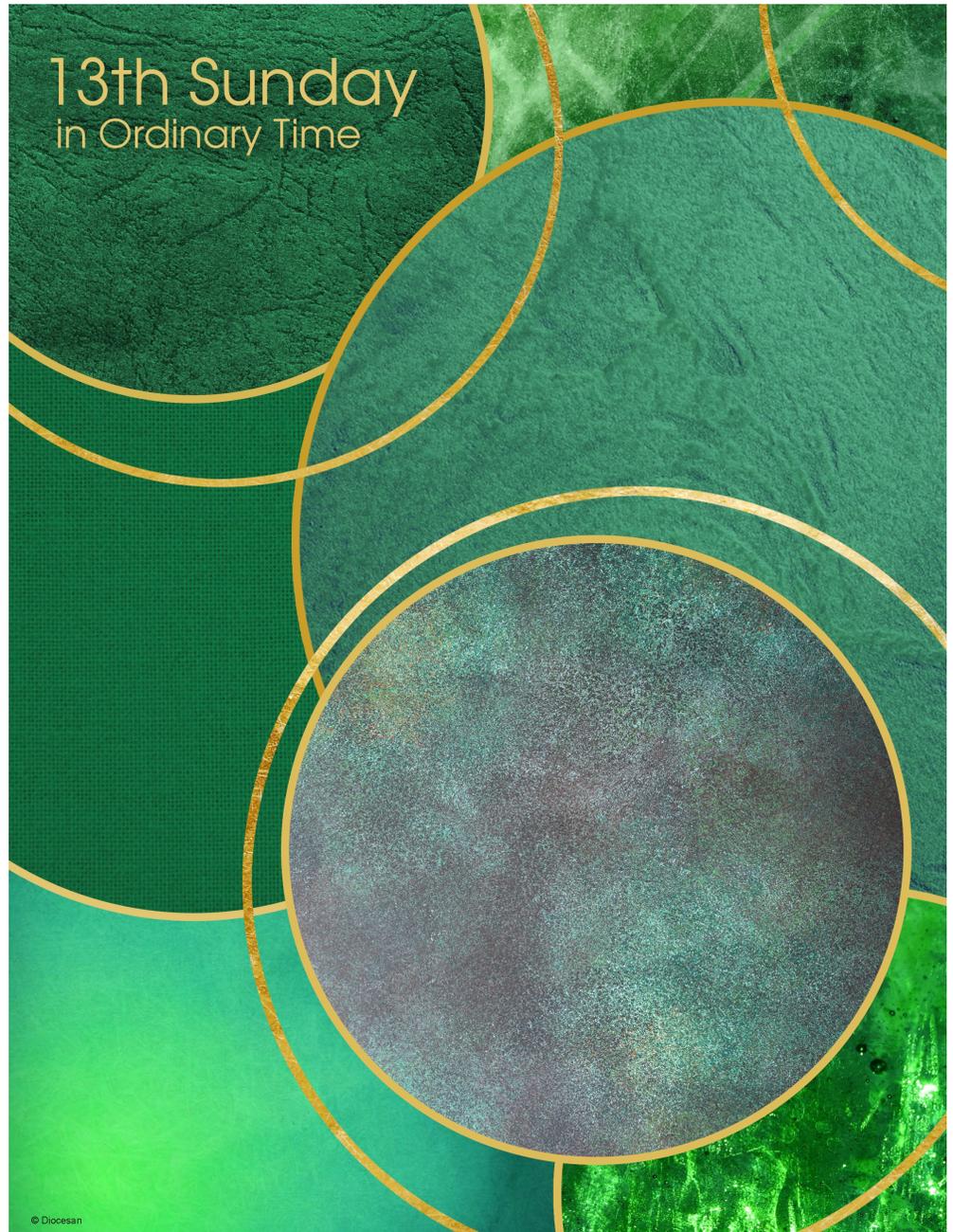
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Pray For All Who Request Prayers

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.

Joseph Anthony
Duane Ashley
Marqus Clancy
Kristen Ashley-Cooper
Rita Costa
Dorothy Dansby
Edward Davis
Gloria Davis
Robert Davis
Dolores Denton

Frederick Elliott
Fomunjeng Family
Lydia Francis
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 26 11:00 am
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Thomas J. Burke
Mwenya Bwalya
(Chilufya Mulumba)

July 3 11:00 am
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. David Taylor
Elizabeth Betty Patterson
(Keith & Brenda Younger)

Stewardship JUNE 19

Offertory	PSP	Special Collections
\$3,462.00	\$270.00	\$485.00

Help Wanted

Looking for reliable person to clean houses with me. Have own transportation, great wages and flexible hours.

Call Kim Houck at 724.953.9342

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

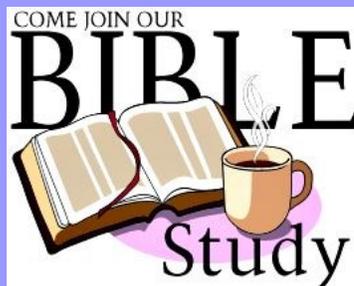
It is wise to dig for facts than to jump to conclusions.

- Anonymous

**Congratulations to
Father Matthew Hawkins on the
2nd Anniversary of His Ordination
(June 27, 2020)
We Thank Him for His Service and Ask God
to Bless Him Always!**

Father's Day 2022

**St. Benedict the Moor Men of Faith &
Fr. Matthew Hawkins**



**Bible Study with
Fr. Matthew Hawkins**

Thursdays at
7 pm on Zoom

For more information, contact
Fr. Matthew at 412.661.7222 or
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Pastor's Note

Come, Follow Me!

Recently, I gathered with my Priesthood Ordination Classmates at St. Mary of the Mount Church, Mary, Queen of Peace Parish on Mt. Washington, to celebrate twenty-one years of Priesthood. As we sat on the front porch of the rectory along Grandview Avenue, enjoying the city skyline, we reflected on the changes that we have experienced. A lot has changed in our ministry, but we all agreed that we love our Catholic faith, our parish assignments, and our priesthood.

Today we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Each of the readings today confronts a disciple with discernment or a process of discovery.

In the first reading from the Book of Kings, we read how Elisha is asked to leave his parents and homeland to follow his new master and teacher Elijah. Elisha follows without hesitation and is committed to learning what is necessary to become a prophet for the Lord.

In the Second Reading from Paul to the Galatians, we read how Christ sets us free to do good work and to love one another with the same degree of love we have for ourselves.

In the Gospel of Luke, we begin to read the "travel narrative" as Jesus heads towards Jerusalem. Jesus first begins his ministry in Galilee by being rejected in his hometown of Nazareth, then by the Samaritans, as he continues his important journey. Discipleship demands integrity, strength, mobility, and persever-

ance. God calls each of us on a unique journey. Let us look at our gifts and talents and answer the Lord's call.

Auxiliary Bishop Mark A. Eckman ordained three seminarians as Transitional Deacons on Saturday, June 4 at St. Therese Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Munhall. Congratulations to **Daniel D 'Antonio** of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish- Polish Hill, **Jacob Gruber** of Triumph of the Cross Parish-Jefferson Hills/Pleasant Hills/West Mifflin/Clairton, and **Thomas Kadlick** of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish- Bairford/Russelton/West Deer Township. Deacons assist the priest and can preach the homily at mass, baptize, and celebrate weddings and funerals that do not take place during mass. These "Transitional" Deacons will be ordained to the Priesthood next Summer.

This weekend at St. Paul Cathedral, Bishop David Zubik will ordain **David C. Schmidt Jr.** to the priesthood. **David** is from All Saints Parish in Butler.

Happy Second Anniversary to our Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Matthew Hawkins**. He was ordained on June 27, 2020, at St. Paul Cathedral by Bishop David Zubik.

Eagle Scout

Congratulations to my nephew **Keegan Burke Schueler**, who received the Rank of Eagle Scout on June 6, 2022, from Troop 329 at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church in Allison Park. For his Eagle Scout Project Keegan helped coordinate and install multiple light fixtures around the St. Bede Campus. Keegan is a 2022 graduate of Pittsburgh City High Charter School and will be attending Robert Morris University in the Fall studying Accounting. All three of his brothers, Wyatt, Donovan, and Killian also obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the son of Eric and Linda Burke Schueler of the North Side.

Parish Leadership Follow-up Committee

Back in April, leaders from our parish attended a Day of Retreat conducted by John Flaherty as they discussed

and prayed about the future of our parish as we continue to move forward setting out our hopes and dreams, and goals. In the next several weeks, members of the Parish Leadership Follow-Up Committee will be begin posting some communication in the bulletin and on our parish website. Stay tuned for further information and how you can become involved with the pastoral planning. Members of the committee include **Julie Mondello, Thomas Reiter, Darrell Rubin, Janice Sims, and Gwendolyn Young**.

Parish Improvements

Sean Jones with Observatory Hill-Stained Glass recently inspected the large Rose Window that hangs above the church entrance facing Centre Avenue and Freedom Corner. The window has a rotting frame and will need to be repaired. The Pastoral and Finance Council will meet at the end of the summer to discuss how to proceed with the repairs.

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 our 133 years of the founding of St. Benedict the Moor Parish on July 28, 1889, and the reestablished Personal Parish for Black Catholics on July 13, 2020! We are planning to have food and refreshments immediately after mass and hope to have a tent outside in our parking lot. Stay tuned for more details!

Something to Think About...

Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.

With God, All Things Are Possible!
Rev. Thomas J. Burke
Pastor

Fr. David Taylor



When I visit family members on the East and West coasts, it is always amazing to see the immense challenge of

homelessness which is apparent both in Los Angeles and in New York. There are streets in LA lined with homeless families. Many of these individuals and families take care and look out for each other the best that they can. Los Angeles County is also home to some of the wealthiest families in this country. There is so much more we can do.

The Holy Family knew the challenges of not having a permanent residence. This was a reality on the occasion of the birth of Jesus. The disciples were often sent on missions without knowing where they might stay. They had to travel by faith.

Jesus, on the journey to Jerusalem, called on many to follow him. They had to leave family and friends, and journey to unknown places; most of us do not have to make such extreme sacrifices, but we should have the spirit of willingness to go that extra mile if needed. The poor and homeless among us can show us how to be faithful, even in the most difficult of circumstances. Too often we find our own security in transient material possessions, and when they are gone, we can be devastated. Jesus knew this when he called his followers to service. If we have really decided to follow Jesus, as the song reminds us, then there can be no turning back.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



Over the past two weeks, I have been writing in my reflections that one of the biggest obstacles to unity in the Catholic Church

in the United States is the tendency to mistake the particularity of our politics, culture, or social background for Christianity. We certainly experience Christianity through our culture and our communities, which are often expressed through our politics, but this does not mean that our culture, communities, and political affiliations are universal and may be imposed upon others in the name of "Christianity." Instead, the Holy Spirit harmonizes many voices to create the chorus of Christianity. These voices, however, must learn how to sing in harmony.

Through God's providence, we have the means to harmonize our voices. We rely on Catholic spirituality, the ancient creeds of the Church, the relatively recent articulation of Catholic social thought, and the documents of the Second Vatican Council to keep us from singing out of tune.

Moreover, seven schools of Catholic spirituality have developed during the past 2,000 years to lead us into fruitful contemplation, meditation, and prayer. One thousand five hundred years of reciting the creeds handed onto us from the Apostles have instructed us in the fundamentals of our faith. In addition, ten principles of Catholic social thought have become more focused over the past century to guide us to more fruitful social action as we read the signs of times and prayerfully discern our role in society. Finally, over the past half a century, the documents of the Second Vatican Council, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have taught us what it means to be a Church. Diversity is a blessing, but it can easily be mishandled and become a curse if it is not grounded in something transcendent. These resources anchor our faith and will keep us from being washed out to sea by the rough waters of the splendor of our

diversity.

Many publishers have made these resources available to us. Recently, Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Institute has been particularly helpful in forming Catholics in their faith. Publication of *The spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola* and *The Rule of St. Benedict*, along with the writings of St. Catherine of Siena and the monthly publication of the *Liturgy of the Hours* in an affordable booklet format, may strengthen our spiritual growth.

Bishop Barron's *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed* may strengthen our understanding of what the apostles taught. *The Word on Fire Collection of Catholic Social Teaching* draws upon the works of Old Testament prophets and writings from the New Testament, the fathers of the Church, the saints, and papal encyclicals, which will help us discern the signs of the times.

Finally, *The Word on Fire Vatican II Collection* features the central documents of the council along with Bishop Barron and post-conciliar popes' reflections and commentaries. This will help us understand what it means to be a universal church that is "a sacrament of salvation" to all humanity.

The challenges facing the Catholic Church in the United States are formidable; but not insurmountable. When we do not allow the Holy Spirit to shine through, we create difficulties for ourselves, and we prevent the world from experiencing the love of Christ. We cannot be a universal church if we narrowly focus on our social identities, cultural upbringing, and political partisanship. We experience Christ in our particularities, but we should not use this to insulate ourselves from those who do not share our culture, social upbringing, and politics. Our spirituality, creed, social thought and action, conciliar documents, liturgy, and sacraments make us Catholic. Everything else is incidental and must not become weapons that divide us.