



Saint Benedict the Moor Parish

Personal Parish for Black Catholics in Pittsburgh

"With God All Things Are Possible!"

SEPTEMBER 18, 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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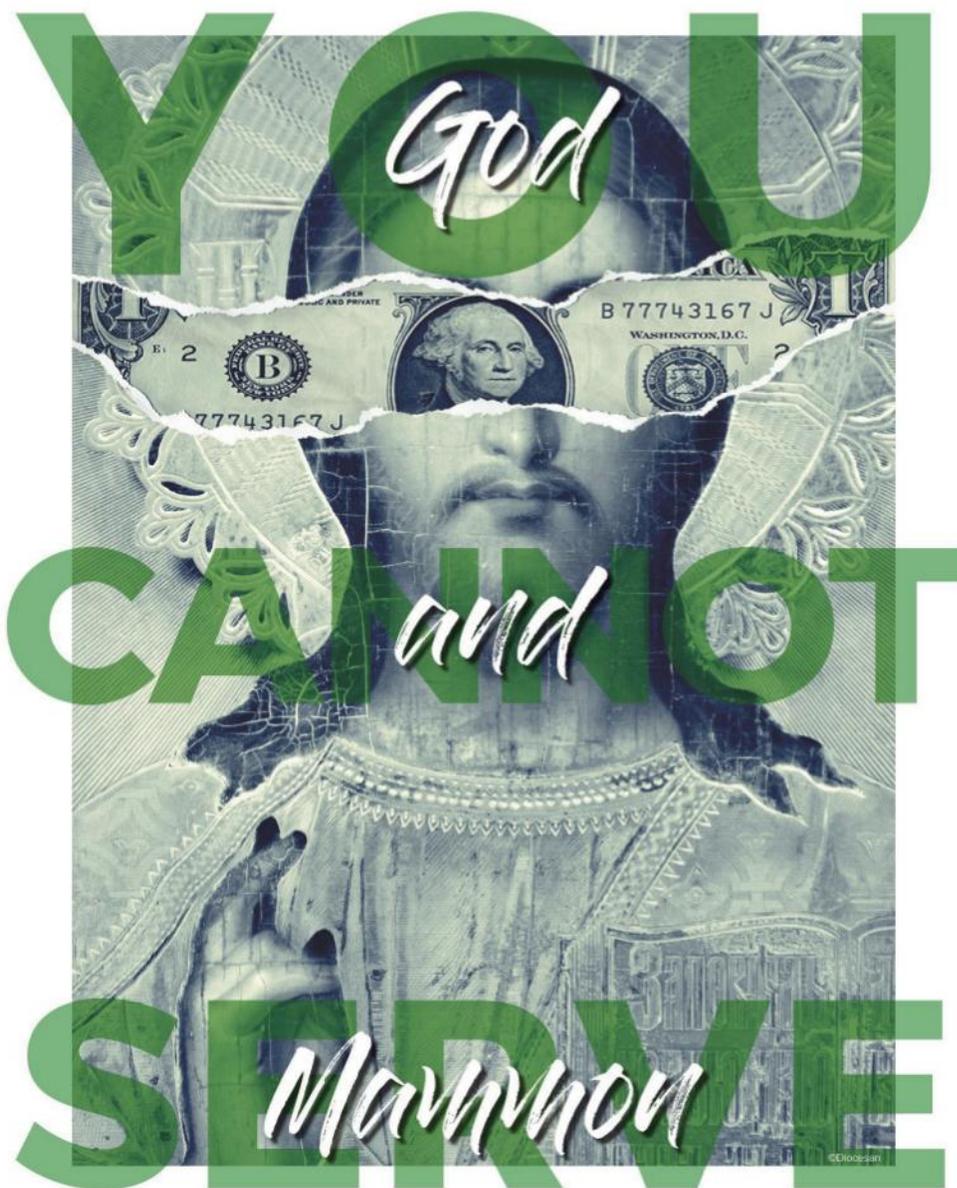
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:13

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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
Patricia Ellis
Fomunjeng Family
Lydia Francis
Marie Francis
Woody Frazier
Sarah Freker
James Fuller
Ann Fultz
Janet Glass

Brenda Glenn
Thoren Griffin
Alda White Johnson
The Jackson Family
Sandra Johnson
Salima Kamadoli
Harold Lee
Stella Lowden
The Mary Family
Eric McDonald

Joan Moran
Josephine O'Connor
Nicole Orlando
Andy Papworth
Mary Samuels
Genevieve Sanford
Sharon Silvestri
Janice Simmons
Rudolph Williams
JJ Younger

Mass Intentions

September 18 11:00 am
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. David Taylor
Matthew J. Patterson
(Keith & Brenda Younger)

September 25 11:00 am
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Matthew Hawkins
Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul
(Mother Teresa Conference of SvDP)

Stewardship September 11

Offertory	PSP	Special Collections
\$3,091.00	\$572.00	\$2,003.00

Birthdays

September 18th — September 24th

D'Andra Goulbourne
Dorothy Roach
Latoya Johnson
Antonia Long
Sager McDill
Keith Younger
Mande Dih
David Finch
Darcell Goodlowe
Sr. Margery Kunder
James Mary



Retrouvaille

Living in a marriage that is missing love can be painful and miserable. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a program to help couples improve their marriages and rediscover the love they once shared, no matter how bad it may be, even for separated and divorced couples.

It is an eight-week program that begins with an in-person weekend retreat. The initial weekend is followed by seven weekly four-hour virtual follow-up sessions. An optional, ongoing monthly meeting is offered to couples for support and growth. It is not counseling or group therapy, and you will not share your struggles with others. Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is hosting a weekend **September 30-October 2, 2022**. For more information: visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 412-277-3434.

blackfacts.com

Black Facts — Week of Sept 18 Gordon Parks' 1969 film, *The Learning Tree*, was registered in the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress on September 19, 1989. It joined other films such as *Casablanca*, *Gone with the Wind*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. "The Learning Tree is an American coming-of-age drama film written and directed by Parks. It depicts the life of Newt Winger, a teenager growing up in Cherokee Flats, Kansas, in the 1920s, and chronicles his journey into manhood marked with tragic events. Based on Parks' 1963 semi-autobiographical novel of the same name, *The Learning Tree* was the first film directed by an African-American person for a major American film studio, in this case Warner Bros.-Seven Arts."



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 September 25th. A link to the podcasts of the program is on KDKA:

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



Pastor's Note

Be Honest!

In the first reading from the Book of Amos, we read how a prophet has a strong message for the people who love neither God nor their neighbor. This reading reveals just how much the people focus on themselves at the expense of others. They have no compassion for the lowly and the poor. Amos was known for his harsh tone and earthy imagery as well as his preaching. He is known for his sustained attack on economic injustices.

In the Second Reading from Paul to Timothy, we read how Paul asks for prayer to God that everyone will find salvation. The Apostle makes this request because it is God's will that everyone will be saved through Christ.

In the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus uses the example of a dishonest steward who acts quickly and creatively to show how a disciple might better proclaim the kingdom of God. A steward in Jesus' time was similar to what we call today a "Business Manager." A landlord's worst nightmare would be to discover that his steward had been squandering the landlord's property. The property owner calls for a financial audit and the steward tries to slash the property owners' debtors' interest and the property owner praises the steward for his creativity.

Today's parable of the dishonest steward presents some difficulties of interpretation. While the story shows the danger of unhealthy habits, it also shows the importance of forming good habits.

One cannot be devoted to wealth and to God in the same manner. In order to serve God, one must recognize the significant demands he makes for us regarding how we treat one another. When we live in the right relationship with God and one another, we are living the way Christ called us to live.

The journey of life involves a choice between two roads, between honesty and dishonesty. This Gospel states that those who are found to be trustworthy in small matters will also be trustworthy in large matters.

No servant can serve two masters. We must share our resources with our sisters and brothers. Let us ask our Lord for help in living justly, prudently, and honestly.

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and bless our Catechists who teach in our Religious Education Program, and our teachers and staff who serve our Catholic Schools. We thank them for their service and wish them well this school year!

RCIA

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you baptized in another faith and would like to be Catholic? Are you baptized Catholic but need communion and or confirmed? The **Rite of Christian Initiation Program (RCIA)** meets Tuesday evenings at the St. Bede Campus of St. Mary Magdalene Parish at 7pm. Please contact Teresa Maynor at St. Mary Magdalene Parish at 412-661-7222 ext. 205 or email at tmaynor@stmarymagpgh.org

Religious Education/ Youth Ministry

We need a Third and Fourth Grade Catechist for our Religious Education Program and looking for adult leaders to help with our Youth Program. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Joy Finch at mass or email at Finchlisajoy@gmail.com

Parish Share 2022

The Annual Parish Share 2022 Campaign continues. Our goal this year is **\$30,000**. No funds collected via the program go towards lawsuits or legal

affairs, rather, they support the day-to-day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Green Tree, the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes, tuition scholarships and grants for our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, and the Campus Ministry programs at our local colleges and universities.

Parish Share also helps the individual parishes with assistance from the Diocesan Insurance and Benefits Office for our parish and school employees, Property and Planning Office to assist with buildings and grounds issues and the Parish Services Office assists Pastors and Business Managers with the day-to-day operations of the parish.

St. Benedict the Moor has been helped by Parish Services and the Office of Property and Planning numerous times this year. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Looking Ahead

Blessing of Pets - In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, we will conduct our annual Blessing of Pets on Sunday, October 2 at 12:30pm on the Green Lawn of the St. Bede Campus at the corner of S. Dallas Avenue and Willard Street in Point Breeze. Please bring your furry little friend to get blessed.

Something to Think About...

"I do not lend. I give. Hasn't the good God been the first to give to me?"

- St. John Vianney

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Fr. David Taylor



Among the many areas of concern which are essential to parish life, most of them can be linked to either education or service. Education always begins at home, and this includes moral and

spiritual foundation. The Church comes in as a major support system to the foundation which began at home. Education must always be linked to service, and this too begins at home.

Our parish is always operating in a teaching mode. From CCD to RCIA to Catholic Education, the church supports our families in their moral and spiritual growth. This continues on the high school and university level, and then there is always a need for the special ministries for youth, young adults, seniors and those with special physical or developmental challenges.

Essential to all these ministries is the care and concern we give to the "least" of our brothers and sisters. This always takes us beyond parish membership and boundaries. It is at the very essence of the Gospel. Jesus always sent his disciples beyond local boundaries. Without this concern, religious education will lose an essential component.

I am always impressed when I have the occasion to encounter individuals and families that I knew from my earlier years in ministry. Many of them have children and grandchildren of their own at this point in their lives. Some of them came from families of significant economic challenges, but they never lost their desire to care for others with the same needs.

Honesty and integrity begin at home. The church can only reinforce this. Many who are poor and have a lot of needs are often most generous when it comes to helping others with the same challenges. Dishonesty and lack of respect for others also begins at home. Learning about love and respect is never enough. It must begin as a lived experience. Today's Gospel reinforces this. It must always begin at home. The Church has a major role of reinforcement, but it always begins in our family environment. It has certainly been true in my life.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



Why should parents enroll their children in Catholic schools even if the parents themselves are not

Catholic? Why should we value Catholic education, even in a secular society? Increasingly I find myself working in all levels of education, from elementary and middle schools to high schools, universities, and adult education. This aspect of my ministry is important because it is part of the process of evangelization.

Catholic education should not just focus on making a student academically competitive so that they will have a good shot at gaining admission to a major university, as is the case for most college-prep academies. Catholic education should not just focus on providing a competitive athletic program so that a scout might notice a student for a college team. Sports and academic programs are important, but they are not the primary reasons for giving a child a Catholic education.

Catholic education should focus on educating the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. Catholic education acknowledges that we are not just physical beings or intellectual beings, but we are also spiritual beings. The development of the student's interior life, the life of the soul, is essential to developing a healthy and well-rounded human being.

Does this mean that our method of instruction for older students, from middle school onward,

should focus on "drill and grill" and "memorization and regurgitation"? Not at all. The teachings of the Church consist of both what we can know about ourselves and the world through rational inquiry and what we know through divine revelation. We are people of faith and reason. We should encourage young people to ask questions and search for answers even as we teach them the wisdom that has been handed down to us through the ages. We must not only tell people what to believe; we must help them to develop and exercise the ability to reason.

The method of instruction in our schools, in faith-formation outside of school, and in adult education for lifelong learning should include a great deal of listening, not just talking. We must listen as people tell us what is on their minds and what is happening in their lives. We must listen as they share the difficult choices they are facing.

The spirit of synodality is based upon the fundamental insight of good teachers and salespersons everywhere: you must listen before you can teach or make a sale. Listening doesn't mean "do what I tell you." Listening means taking the time to hear people out even if you disagree with them. Conversation makes that listening process a two-way street. You have to listen to people in order to help them. The synodal process is grounded in wisdom: "The Church that teaches must be a Church that listens."

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