

Saint Benedict the Moor Parish



Mission Parish for Black Catholics in Pittsburgh
“Without a Vision, the People Perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 11am

Livestream

facebook.com/SBTMPGH/live

Sacrament of Reconciliation

at 10:30 am & by appointment.

Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals

by appointment.



Our church is accessible

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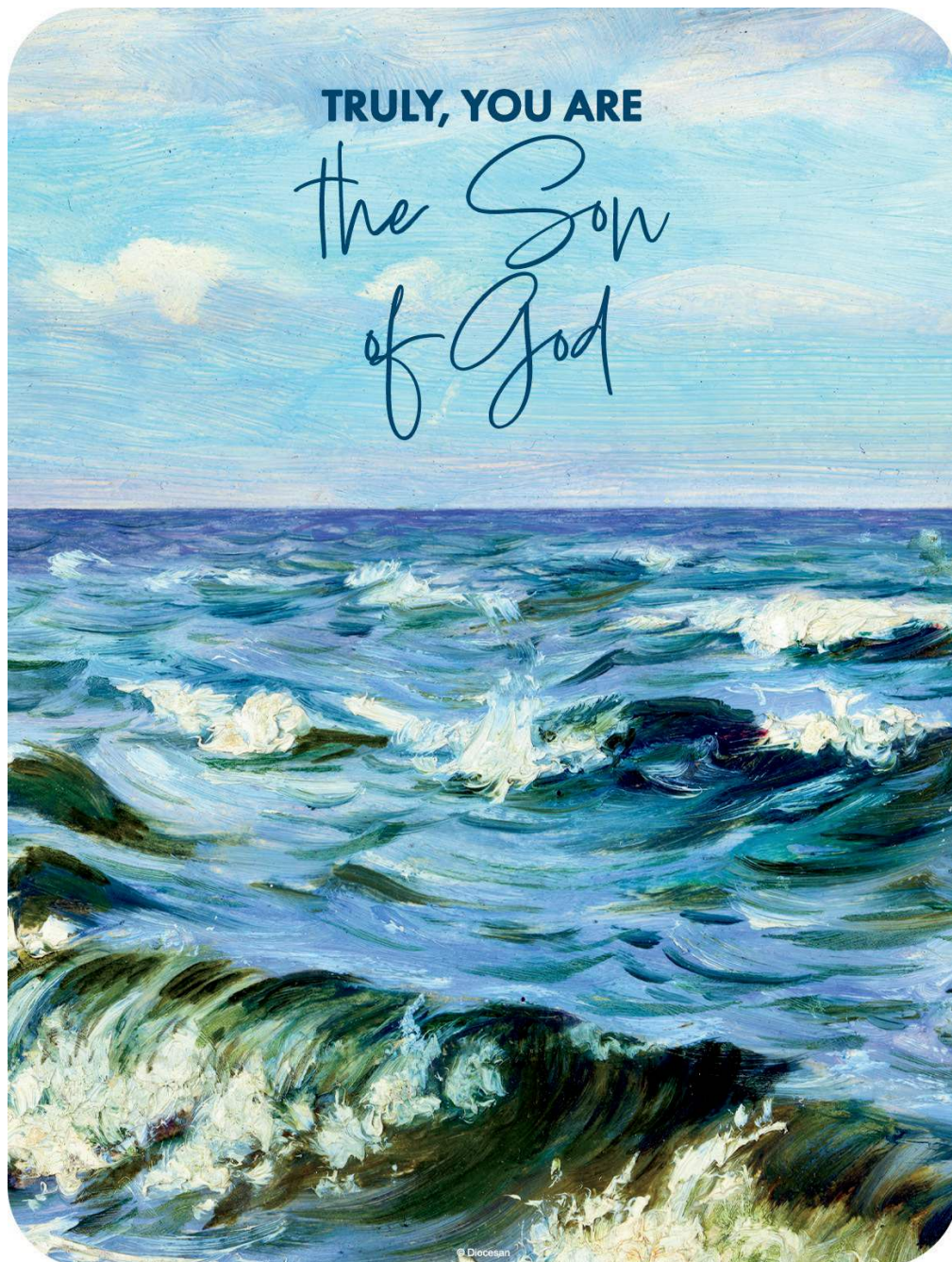
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 9, 2026

Mass Intentions

August 9, 11 am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christina Grayson Hall

(Jennifer Whitley)

Fr. Matthew Hawkins

August 15, 12 pm

**Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St. Benedict the Moor Parishioners

Fr. Matthew Hawkins

August 16, 11 am

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Barbara Kee (Rick & Cecelia Zoucha)

Fr. Matthew Hawkins

Holy Hour

Before the Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, August 15, the Christian Mothers will lead a Holy Hour beginning at 11 am.

This is a beautiful time to quiet our hearts and prepare for Mass in the Lord's presence.

Stewardship

August 2 — 134th

Offertory	\$2,999
Parish Appeal	\$385
Care for the Poor	\$80
Church Building Upkeep	\$75
Peter's Pence	\$5
St. Anthony School	\$10
Technology Expenses	\$85

Protection of God's Children

Report suspected child abuse at the
24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline:
800.932.0313

To report church-related abuse to
the Diocese of Pittsburgh:
888.808.1235

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements are due on
Friday by 4 pm for inclusion in the
following Sunday's bulletin. Please
direct all announcement requests
to: craffaele@sbtmparishpqh.com

Scripture Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time by Fr. Matthew Hawkins

"I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word." (Psalm 130:5)



Elijah is on the mountain, exhausted and half-convinced his mission has failed, when the Lord tells him to stand and wait. A hurricane wind tears the rock apart. An earthquake shakes the ground. A fire blazes past. God is in none of it. Then comes the thing the text can barely name — a tiny whispering sound, a sheer silence — and Elijah, who has just weathered three kinds of chaos looking for God in the wrong places, finally covers his face, because that is where God actually was.

I have been thinking about that whisper all week, because it is also what our psalm asks for: not a spectacle, but a word. "I will hear what God proclaims; the Lord — for he proclaims peace." Peace, in Scripture, is never simply the absence of noise. It is what happens when kindness and truth meet,

when justice and peace kiss — two things that don't reconcile automatically, only by grace and by choice.

Which brings me to the Gospel, and to something we are all in the process of building into the rhythm of this parish. Peter gets out of the boat in faith and starts sinking in fear, and the two are not as far apart as we'd like to think. What actually saves him isn't that the wind stops — it doesn't, until later — it's that he cries out, and a hand reaches him, and Jesus asks him a real question: why did you doubt? Not to shame him. To draw the doubt into the open where grace can meet it.

In our parish discernment session last month and during our sixth parish anniversary, I mentioned that a parish that doesn't plan its year will still have a year—just one shaped by whatever storm happens to blow through, rather than by the mission we've said we want to live. That's Peter's problem exactly. He didn't lack faith because he was a coward; he had walked on water a moment before. He lost his footing because he let the wind, rather than the word, become the thing he was looking at. The four movements of our evangelization blueprint — Eucharist, sacramental imagination, culture and mission, and the practiced life of prayer — exist for the same reason Elijah was told to go back and stand at the entrance of the cave. Not to manufacture the whisper, but to make sure we're standing in a place where we can actually hear it when it comes.

Paul, in Romans, shows us what that listening costs when it's real: he would trade his own salvation for his kinsmen's. That kind of love for one's own people, told honestly — grief and loyalty held together, without flattening either — is what it looks like to wait for the Lord's word and then live as if you believed it.

This week, before you reach for the next fire or wind or earthquake in your life — the next thing demanding your attention — ask whether you've made room for the whisper first.

Readings: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word." Psalm 130:5

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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(Quarter-4 2025/2026 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	253,451
Donations & Bequests	27,138
Fundraising	(200)
Campaign Income	46
Other Income	92,994
	373,429

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	217,025
Operations & Maintenance	62,985
Liturgical & Rectory	48,741
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	28,384
Property & Liability Insurance	18,934
Social/ Outreach/ Other	2,033
	378,102

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (4,673)

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Net Third Party Collections	620
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	12,820
	13,440

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 6/30/2026

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	32,214
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	393,621
	425,835

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	1,580
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	1,022
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
	2,602

LIABILITIES:

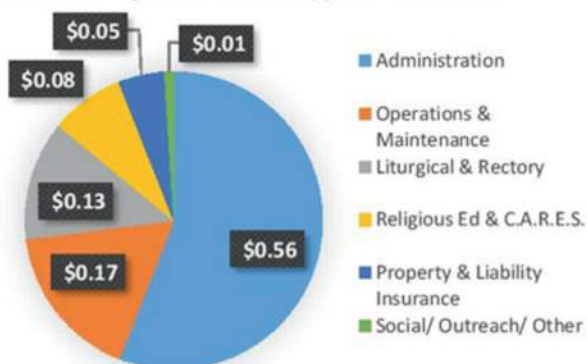
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-
	-

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2026

Revenue: 373,429

Expense: 378,102

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

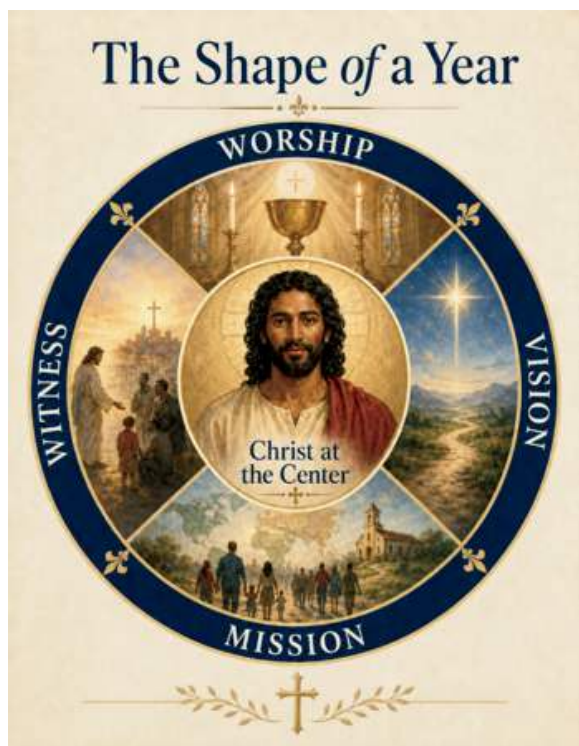
During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, St. Benedict the Moor Parish received **\$373,429 in operating revenue** and incurred **\$378,102 in operating expenses**, resulting in a modest operating deficit of **\$4,673**. Offertory collections, totaling **\$253,451**, remained our principal source of parish income.

The largest areas of parish expenditure were administration, operations and maintenance, and liturgical and rectory expenses. The parish also received **\$13,440 in non-operating income**, primarily from an insurance claim, which more than offset the operating deficit.

At year-end, the parish held **\$425,835 in unrestricted funds** and **\$2,602 in restricted funds**, with no reported borrowing debt, overdue insurance, or other liabilities.

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and friends. These figures indicate that the parish remains financially stable, while also reminding us that our regular operating slightly exceeded our regular income. Continued offertory support, careful stewardship, and prudent planning will be essential as we maintain our historic church, strengthen our ministries, and advance the parish's mission.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



Every community has a rhythm. The question is whether it is a rhythm that forms people, or simply a rhythm that repeats.

The sixth pillar of our evangelization framework is the 12-Month Evangelization Blueprint — and it exists because a parish that does not plan its year will still have a year. It will just be shaped by whatever happens to come up, rather than by the mission the community has said it wants to live.

The blueprint coordinates our parish life around four movements across the year. Each movement builds on the one before it, and together they trace a path that we believe reflects the way people actually come to and deepen in faith — especially people coming to Catholicism from outside it, or returning to it after time away.

The first movement focuses on Eucharistic and liturgical foundations. Everything begins with Christ — particularly Christ present in the Eucharist. For many people, even those who have been attending Mass for years, the Eucharist remains something they participate in without fully understanding. This quarter is dedicated to helping parishioners enter more deeply into the mystery they already practice: the sacrifice of the Mass, the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine, the liturgy as

the source and summit of the Church's life. You cannot evangelize from an empty center. We must know what we have.

The second movement develops what we are calling a sacramental and ecclesial imagination. Catholicism is not primarily a set of doctrines to be memorized. It is a way of seeing — a habit of perceiving the sacred in physical, tangible, historical reality. Water that washes. Oil that anoints. Words spoken over bread and wine that transform them. A community of sinners called the Body of Christ. The saints who have gone before us. Mary, who carried the Word in her body. These are not decorations on a basically Protestant faith. They are how Catholic Christianity thinks. This quarter helps people inhabit that way of seeing.

The third movement turns to Church, culture, and mission. Only after people are grounded in Christ and the sacraments can a parish speak clearly about culture without turning culture into an idol. For us, at St. Benedict the Moor, this means engaging honestly and joyfully with Black Catholic heritage — not as a sociological category, but as a living spiritual tradition that has gifts to offer the whole Church. It also means addressing the particular challenges of evangelizing African Americans: the weight of history, the legitimate grievances, the ways the Church has sometimes fallen short, and the ways it has also been a place of extraordinary faith, courage, and community.

The fourth movement focuses on prayer, formation, and witness. The goal is not only that parishioners understand Catholic ideas. It is that they learn to pray, to discern, to serve, and eventually to tell the story of what Christ has done in their own lives. Witness is not something reserved for extraordinary saints. It is the ordinary vocation of every baptized Christian.

In practical terms, the blueprint coordinates homilies, adult formation, liturgy, music, bulletin messaging, and parish communications across all twelve months. The aim is that the parish speaks with one integrated voice instead of many disconnected fragments — that what you hear from the pulpit, read in the bulletin, encounter in formation, and experience in the liturgy are all pointing in the same direction.

We are six years into being a mission parish. This blueprint is our attempt to make the next twelve months count.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins

Final installment next week:
What Kind of Parish Are We Becoming?

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