



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	9 am & 11:30 am
Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am Wednesday-Friday in the Rectorly	

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Most Sacred Heart Devotion
@ 6:00pm**

**Christian Initiation:
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Holy
Communion**

Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass. Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday from 6-7 pm
Healing Mass every 3rd
Wednesday

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm and
by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.

February 18, 2018

Welcome

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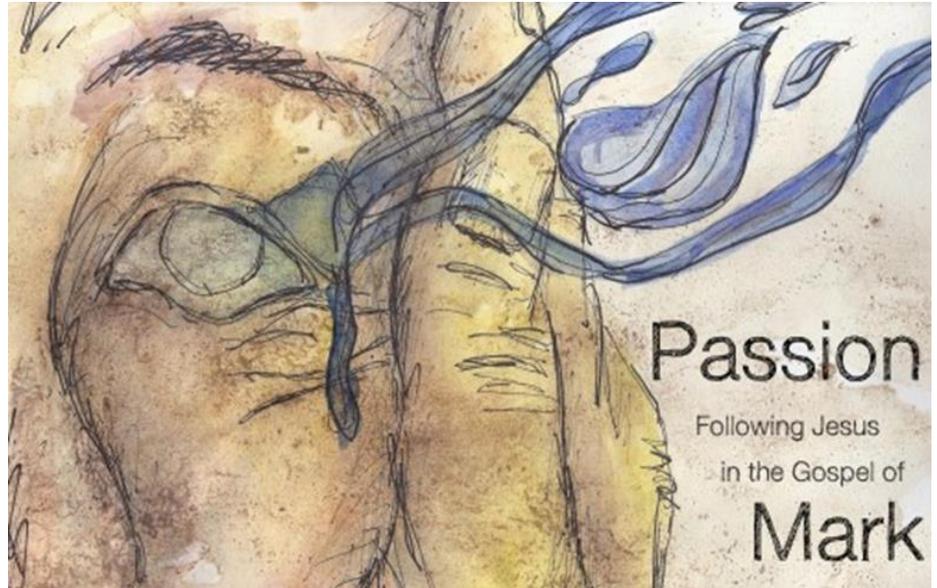
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February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

Dear Lord, as we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Amen.

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Zachary Bailey, Parish Council Chairperson
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Bobbie McIver, Bldg /Maint. Mgr.
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



A few days ago, we may have been told, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," as ashes were placed on our foreheads. We hear these words again in today's Gospel. Lent is an appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin the first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 396.

From Fr. Romanus:
Key point of today's Reflection

Two conditions for the kingdom - repent and believe:

In announcing the good news of the Gospel Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. Repent means to turn away from sin and wrong-doing in order to follow God's way of love, truth, and moral goodness. Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, my disposition, and the way I choose to live my life - so that the Lord Jesus can be the Master and Ruler of my heart, mind, and will. Whatever stands in the way of God's will and plan for my life must be surrendered to him - my sinful pride, my rebellious attitude, and stubborn will to do as I please rather than as God pleases. When we submit to God's rule in our lives and believe in the Gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by pride, sin, and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). Repentance is the first step to surrendering my will and my life to God.

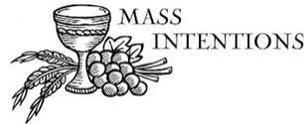
To *believe* is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is *our* Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his *beloved* sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe in the Gospel -the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of Christ? This Lenten period offers us the opportunity to repent and to receive Jesus Christ in our lives – believing in his name.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12)

February 10/11, 2018

Offertory	\$ 6,509.25
Deanery Schools	\$ 21.00
Parish Bus	\$ 97.00



ALL MASSES:

*For the repose of the soul of Marilyn Jackson on the 2nd anniversary of her passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III.*

9:00am: *In celebration of Jayden Simmons' 13th birthday. *Ruth & Kimberly Simmons.*

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.

Readings for This Weekend:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp. Psalm 32 "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation." 1 Corinthians Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45 The leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Genesis 22:1-2, (a, 10-13, 15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith Psalm 116 "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living." Romans 8:31b-34 God will not spare his own Son. Mark 9:2-10 This is my beloved Son.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



In our parish, we don't see many members each Sunday. They are at home or in personal care or assisted living facilities, praying with and for us.

Let us remember all those here at St. Benedict who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Let us keep them in our prayers: Parishioners: Joe Battle, M. Marie Blue, Ida Branch, Carmen Broussard, Lillie Mae Chisholm, Josefa Citizen, Thomas Dickerson, Lillian Dilworth, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Kelvin Lee, Richard Mack, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Kathy Stewart, Felix Walden, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey, Sharon Wingster.

Prayer requests-Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an ongoing illness. May they experience fortitude and strength: Michael Allen, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia Williams.



UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING:

Protecting Our Youth: Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the diocesan code of conduct for working with minors prior to commencing their ministry. Register at www.virtusonline.org This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry. It must be completed before ministry starts. Registration required: www.diosav.org, under Upcoming Events Calendar.

Please come & join us in asking the Virgin Mary's help as we pray the Rosary before each Mass. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.



What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter, that began with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season. That means it is an opportunity to examine your life, give your struggles to God, and invite him to help you become the-best-version-of-yourself.

During Lent, there is a strong **focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. All these spiritual exercises help prepare us for the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

What Should I Give Up for Lent?

Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up chocolate. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent.

Giving things up can help us to have a meaningful Lent, but that's not what Lent is all about. Lent is about doing something—something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc. What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing.

Try **Living the Eucharist**; *Living the Eucharist* is a parish-based program for enhancing our Lenten journey. Come out and see how this Lenten season can reawaken our spirits. During Wednesday night Bible Studies and after Friday night Stations of the Cross.

Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates take place on Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and/or are seeking full reception into the Catholic Church are invited to attend. Sessions will take place in the old school building located next to the rectory. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of faith. *RCIA Team.



The Four Groups of Parishioners

***Those who make things happen**
***Those who watch things happen**
***Those who do not know what is happening**
***Those whose words and actions hinder anything good that is happening**

Where Do You Belong?
"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve . You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love." — Martin Luther King Jr.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE
Weekend of February 17/18, 2018 02/17 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & B. Kennedy 02/18 - 9:00am - J. Carter & A. Carter 11:30am - "Faith Formation"
Weekend of February 24/25, 2018 02/24 - 5:30pm - E. Mason & Y. Williams 02/25 - 9:00am - M. White & T. & Udowana 11:30am - R. Locke & S. Ingram

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10274

A KOC business meeting will be held on Monday February 19, 2018. The meeting begins with a social and dinner at 6pm. Brothers, please make effort to attend for this is also our Insurance night; be prepared to meet, greet and purchase insurance from our newly appointed Insurance Agent, Mr. Cerrone. Thanks -Program Director, Toland Wright.

COMMUNITY GOSPEL FEST



The New Horizons of Women and Men Organization of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church will present their Annual Gospel Fest on Sunday February 25, 2018 from 4 -6pm at the Church (441 E. Broad St.) Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of music and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering will be taken p. – Thank you!

THE DEFINITION OF “ACTIVE CATHOLIC” for parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic School attendance, etc., requires that a person must be registered, attend Mass regularly and involved in Time, Talent & Treasure (Stewardship.) Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. If you choose not to use envelopes or are unable to contribute, please make a notation of your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

BIRTHDAY & ANIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

All Birthday & Anniversary celebrants, please remember that March 4th is Unity Sunday. Planning for the Unity Mass reception is needed and a meeting date & time will be announced now. Please contact Brenda Kennedy (660-3464) or Edna Mason (247-1671) if you have any suggestions or questions.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February Calendar

- 19 Mon. President’s Day
- 21 Wed. Memorial of St. Peter Damian
- 22 Thu. Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- 23 Fri. Memorial of St. Polycarp

**DISCOVER THE INNER PATH:
A Gathering of Women**

Take time to get in touch with God, yourself and other women. Spend Saturday February 24, 9-3PM at *Inner Path: A Gathering of Women* at beautiful Villa Marie Center on the Isle of Hope at 6 Dolan Drive. Sr. Grace Agate, RSM will facilitate the day, “In the Company of Women”. Donation \$20. Bring a bag lunch and a mug. Beverages and snacks provided. Seating is limited. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call/e-mail Sr. Donna Loeper at (912) 484-7860 or donnaloeper@comcast.net for registration form and details.



SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

St. Benedict the Moore Parish is responsible to help the Social Apostolate with groceries during the month of February.



Suggested items they would like are:

Breakfast cereal, jelly, soup, especially hearty soups, canned tuna, salmon, and canned peas. The Social Apostolate is our Catholic outreach to the poor! Thank you so much!

Lenten Schedule

Fasting - The Law of Fasting binds all Catholics age 18 and over until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting means having only one full meal on that day. Two smaller meals may be eaten if necessary to maintain strength, however, those meals should not equal another full meal.



Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday night at 6:00pm**

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

February 16 – Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary, Men’s Choir

February 23 – PPC, PFC, Friends of St. Benedict

March 2 – Extraordinary Ministers of the H. E., CCD teachers, and New Horizons

March 9 – AMSP, Traveling Moors

March 16 – Ushers, CCW, Lector’s

March 23 – Traditional & Family Choir, Bible Study Group

March 30 – Gospel Choir, Legion of Mary, Youth

Note: The Cross is carried by the Altar Servers during the Stations of the Cross. The leading groups should follow the order in this list: the first group leads from the opening prayer to the 5th Station; the second group leads from the 6th Station to the 10th Station; the third group leads from the 11th Station to the conclusion.