

3rd Sunday of Advent

Rejoice!



Rosary Society
Bake Sale  TODAY!
After each Mass Celebration

Mass Celebration

⌘ 10:00 AM

✦ Prayers For our Parish Community

⌘ 12 Noon

✦ In Memory of Atagrace, George & Antoine Jean
Req. Georgette Jean

⌘ 5:00 PM ~ Prayers For our Parish Community

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell,
Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Ron Copland,
Anthony Davis, Dr. Rose Marie Dorvily, Cynthia Fairly,
Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Will Holmes, Troy Lima,
Roland Melhado, Lennox Osouna,
Terrace & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall,
Santos Rodriguez, Evelyn Washington, Yvonne Young

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make Me Holy.
Body of Christ, Save Me.
Blood of Christ, Fill Me with Your Love.
Water from Christ's Side, Wash Me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me.
Good Jesus, Hear Me.
Within Your Wounds, Hide Me.
Never Let Me Be Parted From You.
From the Evil Enemy, Protect Me.
At the Hour of My Death, Call Me,
and tell Me to
Come to You, That with Your Saints
I May Praise You
Through All Eternity. Amen

Our 2018 Contribution Envelopes are available.
Please pick up your envelopes along with your
2018 Parish Calendar.

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
St. Benedict the Moor
Thursday – Friday ✦ St. Bonaventure

Monday: *Joyful Mysteries*
Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
**In Memory of Carmen, Berenice, Antoinette &
Altagrace Blemur**

Tuesday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25
In Memory of Edmonde, Clenierce, & Alice Jean

Wednesday: *Glorious Mysteries*
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38
Advent Adoration with Sr. Ave Clark, O.P.

Thursday: *Luminous Mysteries*
St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. of the Church
In Memory of Souls in Purgatory
Sg 2:8-14 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Friday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56
Deliverance for Georgette Jean

Saturday: *Joyful Mysteries*
St. John of Kanty, Priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14 /Lk 1:57-66

4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
Glorious Mysteries
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 /Rom
16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday Mass Intentions \$20.00
Weekday Mass Intentions \$15.00
Use Blue envelopes.

Please submit your Mass Intentions
In a timely manner – one (1) week before requested date
of intention or Tuesday of the Sunday requested.

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

Untying sandal straps were no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position.

John realizes that the Christ—the Anointed One, the Messiah—is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of Him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in His presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today He chooses to allow us to encounter Him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by His example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, He is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, *"May the God of peace make you perfectly holy."* Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

Our Sacrificial Giving to our Parish



Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 AM 126 ~ \$1,120.00
- ✦ 12 Noon 70 ~ \$904.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM 52 ~ \$655.00

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Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171

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Jingle Ball with Santa

Saturday, December 23rd • 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

Must be registered to attend

Faith Formation Classes resume January 7th



Friends of Distinction

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Sunday, December 31st • 9:00 PM

Dinner served at 10:00 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Tickets \$25.00

Please contact Billy Gittens 917-560-6372

Save the Date ✦ Saturday, June 9, 2018

St. Bonaventure – St. Benedict the Moor Rosary Society

Is returning to Lancaster, Pa.!

We will visit Sight and Sound Theatre to see...

Jesus, The Heart of the Story



The trip includes: Round trip bus transportation on coach bus / Tickets to Sight and Sound Theatre production of *Jesus* Family Style Lunch / Shopping / **See flyer for details & Reservation**

Support your community before, during, and after emergencies by becoming a member of the New York City Emergency Response Team (CERT).

As a member of CERT you will be trained as a volunteer to assist in emergency preparedness and response in the event of a disaster.

- **In order to become a CERT volunteer, you must be 18 years of age or older, live or work in New York City, and pass a NYC Emergency Management background check.**

- **All NYC CERT members are required to undergo an intensive 10-session* training-program that raises awareness about emergencies. All training sessions will be held at York College / 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.**

- **CERT Training will occur two nights a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings from about 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the following dates:**

Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, and 26 – March 5, 7, 12, 14 and 19. Dates may be subject to change.

To participate in the CERT Training Program you **MUST register no later than January 1, 2018** by visiting the following website: www.NYC.gov/cert or through the direct

link: <https://nycem.samaritan.com/cert>