



∞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

Altar Bread offered in Thanksgiving for
Mr. & Mrs. Rafua & Family

Req. Francisca Rafua

- ✦ Happy Birthday in Heaven Louise Henderson
Req. Loving Daughter Sally Davidson
- ✦ In Memory of ~
 - Mary Lewis Req. Rey Lewis & Family
 - Isaac Polite Req. Mr. & Mrs. Kenrick Maraj
- ✦ God's Healing for Sandy Bryant

∞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing for Linda Hazel,
Joanne Moore & Will Holmes

- ✦ In Memory of Mary Lewis
Req. Rey Lewis & Family

∞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

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

*Thank
you*

- ✦ Magdalene Khan for the Nativity Display
- ✦ Ray Knight & Family Christmas Flowers at
St. Bonaventure

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

St. Benedict the Moor

Thursday – Friday ✦ St. Bonaventure

Monday: *Joyful Mysteries*
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
World Day of Peace; New Year's Day
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops & Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: *Glorious Mysteries*
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: *Luminous Mysteries*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: *Joyful Mysteries*
St. André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk
1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday "20+ C+M+B+18"

Glorious Mysteries
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph
3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 /Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a]
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 /Lk 2:22-40

The end of one year and the beginning of another is usually a time to reflect on what has been and what to look forward to in the New Year. To look back includes both the positive as well as the negative things as we look forward to new possibilities in the coming year.

Today's Gospel describes a beginning we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required, Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "*grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.*"

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. Baptism is the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

As it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, His formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of His home. How important this home was, where His parents raised Him in their faith and helped Him live in such a way that "*the favor of God was upon Him.*" On the threshold of the New Year 2018 may we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

Happy New Year, Happy New Beginning with faith, hope, love, joy, and prosperity for us all bring spiritual renewal and growth.

Our Sacrificial Giving to our Parish



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

✦ 10:00 AM 159 ~ \$1,384.00

✦ 12 Noon 98~ \$1,356.00

✦ 5:00 PM 45 ~ \$176.00

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To date \$107,840.50 has been collected.

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Live in Faith Give in Love

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please help us meet our goal!

We need \$5,821.00!

78 Donors Pledged- \$19,725.00

Collected to date - \$17,634.00

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

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.

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

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM
Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult Physical Training,
Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM
St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall
Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171

St. Anthony International

Contact Niven Harry 917-518-8930

✦ Job Training & Placement

6 Week HHA program.

First ten (10) applicants Free Training!

✦ BUSINESS ANALYST & QUALITY

ASSURANCE - 7 Weeks Intensive On-Line Training
on Weekends. INSTRUCTOR with 15 years
International Experience. Free assistance for resume,
interview training, referrals & job assistance until
you get a JOB. Register Today. Limited Seats. \$750.00

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**

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

New Year' Message from Deacon Pascual

God is Good!

What was from the beginning? The Word-Jesus.
What have we heard? The Good News. What
have we seen with our own eyes? His Glory.
What have we looked upon and touched?
His Body and Blood.

Good people of St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the
Moor: **Greetings!**

We have all experienced various adventures and
changes in our lives; some good and some bad.
Yet, we all rose to the occasion to accept and
adopt. This is evident in your participation and
continued support of our parish.

In 2017, we all went through a huge shift in our
parish, though difficult, we moved on and
continue to grow in spirit. I pray, today, that that
same spirit flourishes in our hearts, and God
who is light, strengthens our faith and trust in
Him and in one another in this New Year, 2018,
for we do not know what it will bring. May,
(1Jn 1:7) we all walk in the light, as He is in the
light.

Violet and I would like to wish you and your
families a very happy, healthy, prosperous, safe,
loving Blessed New Year. God Bless!

Deacon Pascual (Namule@juno.com)

thank you

*Warren Rolling, Deanna & Deannie Joseph,
Roxanne Jones, Tamika Puckett &
Angie General for our Christmas Pageant.*



Love, Fr. Ted & Staff!