

December 23, 2018



Mass 10:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Church

Christmas Day Mass

9:30 AM

St. Benedict the Moor

☞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

*Altar Bread & Wine offered in
Memory of Isaac Polite*

- ✦ Happy 101st Birthday Viola Simon
- ✦ Healing Prayers for Katherine Ford-Johnson
Req. Delores Gibson
- ✦ God's Healing for Shirley Hutton
- ✦ Christmas Blessing for Good Health,
Happiness & Peace to the Gibson Family &
Friends Req. Delores Gibson
- ✦ Christmas Blessings to you in Heaven ~
 - Mildred Gibson
 - Dennis Gibson, Jr.
Req. Dolores Gibson

☞ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ Little Infant Jesus of Prague
Req. Myrtha Bastien & Pascale Victor
- ✦ God's Healing for Carolyn Green
- ✦ In Memory of Beloved of ~
 - Virginia Molokwu
 - Althea McKenzie
Req. Denise & Barry Francis
- ✦ In Memory of Will Holmes 1st Anniversary in
Heaven & 38th Wedding Anniversary
Req. Joanne Moore

☞ Spanish Mass Celebration – 3:00 PM
St. Benedict the Moor

☞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Parish Families

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - St. Benedict
Thursday & Friday - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018

Monday 12/24: **Christmas Eve – Joyful Mysteries**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-14, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday 12/25: **The Nativity of the Lord**
Joyful Mysteries

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday 12/26: **Glorious Mysteries**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Thursday 12/27: **Luminous Mysteries**
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Friday 12/28: **Joyful Mysteries**
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Saturday 12/29: **Joyful Mysteries**
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Next Sunday: **The Holy Family**
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Mass of Christian Burial for our Beloved
Catechist & Rosarian
Virginia Molokwu
Saturday, December 29th ✦ 12 Noon
St. Benedict the Moor Church**

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4th Sunday in Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19 /Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! Pray for friends and family who are despondent around the season of joy. God invites you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion.

Follow the example of Mary! She received news that someone is in need. She goes immediately to her cousin Elizabeth. If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. **This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."**



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If you do not see your name, please fill form & return to receive envelopes.

Thank you 

**For your Sacrificial Giving
To our Parish**

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

- ✦ 10:00 AM - 110 / \$1,413.00
- ✦ 12 Noon - 75/ \$ 1,050.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM 28 / \$671.00

**Please help our parish by making your payments towards your pledge to...
Generation of Faith**

Our efforts have resulted in us to achieve one of the goals the renovation of St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall floor & bathrooms.

Annual Bishop Appeal
Also assist the parish

We need to have an authentic conversation about Church.

“It’s not going to get better until we have that conversation—about inclusion, understanding, ministry **and working together** to uplift our community.

Not only our parish but also around the Diocese and the country we’re losing members for one reason or another.

But there are tangible things we can be doing in our community.

The first task is to accept and **READ** our gift to *you...*

“The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity”

Then be open to a conversation!

Saturday, March 16th Details to follow

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Charles & Ethel Adams, Theresa Addai, David Bluford, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Joyce Hunt, Vida Isles, Lucy Johnson, Joanne Moore, Kevin & Richard Newton, Philomena Ntagbu, Tarrant Palmer, Gwen Pruden, Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Viola Simon, Carl Spivey, Sheila Vassar, Evelyn Washington, Steven Wilson, Mary Williams, Yvonne Young

Merry Christmas

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We too should embrace the fervent hope and desire because...

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

-- John 1:14

Blessed Christmas, Father Ted

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Lk. 2:14).

The Son of God became human just like one of us, in order to show God’s unconditional love for each one of us; at the same time, Jesus has taught us to love another and to live in peace and harmony; thus, we may glorify God by our lives as true Children of God.

My dear God’s favored members of St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor Church, I wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas as well a prosperous happy New Year 2019. May the Infant Jesus along with Mary and Joseph bless you and your families with bountiful joy, peace, happiness and good health.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Father Vinod

The Twelve Days of Christmas.

I’m sure you are also wondering...

What does leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Well... From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
 - Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
 - Three French hens stood for faith, hope & love.
 - The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
 - The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
 - The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
 - Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
 - The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
 - Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
 - The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
 - The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
 - The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.
- Please share this interesting and enlightening tip on how this strange song came to be a Christmas Carol. **Merry Christmas, Angela**