



4th Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing & Recovery for ~
 - Shaniqua Wilson, Renee Campbell & Angela Lewis Req. Georgeann Campbell
- ✦ God's Healing for Karen Rose
 - Req. Lima Family
- ✦ Birthday Blessing for
 - Jonathan & Deirtre Cotton
- ✦ In Memory of James Simpkins, Jr.
 - Req. Lorraine Simpkins & Family

Anthony Osuji has completed the workshop for Moderators of Altar Servers for the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens. Congratulations & Thank you!

12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing & Recovery for ~
 - Ellinor Grosvenor, Mauva Torrel Carolyn Green & Joyce Hunt
- ✦ 86th Birthday Blessing for Gwen Pruden
- ✦ In Memory of Dorothy Maynard

5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing Theresa Addai
- ✦ In Memory of Abena Adwubi - Father Gordon's beloved mother lovingly known as Agnes

Father Gordon extends an invitation to celebrate a Memorial Mass in his mothers honor followed by Traditional Funeral Rites in the parish hall on **FRIDAY, APRIL 5th - 7:30 PM** **St. Benedict the Moor** Final funeral rites in Kuntanasi-Toanfom, Ghana on May 11, 2019.

Please bring dessert & Drinks to share
Father sends his gratitude for your love & support,
Please wear **Black & or Red**

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - St. Benedict
Thursday & Friday - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

Monday 4/1: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 4/2: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday 4/3: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 4/4: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
St. Benedict the Moor
St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday 4/5: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday 4/6: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

4th Sunday of Lent: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Why Pray? Lenten Prayer Groups
Wednesday's 7:00 PM – St. Benedict
Sunday's 9:00 AM – St. Bonaventure

Mass of Hope & Healing
Tuesday, April 30th – 7:00 PM
St. Athanasius Church
2154 61st Street – Brooklyn
Homilist Fr. Jeffrey Dillon

All are invited to come together on this day for healing for all those impacted by sexual abuse.

4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered your gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

On Monday, April 15th our Diocese will join both the Archdiocese of NY & Rockville Ctr.

In celebrating *Reconciliation Monday*

After 8:30 AM Mass – St. Benedict the Moor
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – St. Bonaventure

GARDENING FOR LENT

First plant five rows of peas:

Preparedness
Promptness
Perseverance
Politeness
Prayer

Next to them plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash criticism
Squash indifference

Then plant five rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful
Let us be loyal
Let us be unselfish
Let us love one another
Let us be truthful

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for Worships
Turn up with a smile
Turn up with a new idea
Turn up with real determination

Then see what a wonderful garden you can grow.
Have a meaningful LENT

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**For your Sacrificial Giving
To our Parish**

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Generation of Faith**

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To date four donors - \$135.00



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Let us have charity and humility and give alms.
At death we lose all that we have in this
world, but we take with us charity and the alms-
deeds we have done, and for these we shall
receive a great reward from God –

St. Francis of Assisi

Please support the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
with *Faith and Good Works*

In-Pew TODAY & April 7th

Please return your pledge in collection basket or
give to Ms. Jackie, Mr. Barry, Mr. Malcolm
Ms. Lorraine or Ms. Victoria

Thank you!

Station's of the Cross

Friday's after 8:30 AM Mass

St. Bonaventure Church

Friday's during Lent

St. Benedict the Moor Church



April 5th – 6:30 PM

Led by People of God



April 12th – 7:30 PM

Led by the Men's Ministry

Save the date... **Friday, May 10th**

The Rosary Altar Society presents...



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,
Gloria Mears, Joanne Moore, Kevin & Richard Newton,
Tarrant Palmer, Edna Pryce, Gwen Pruden, Katherine
Randall, Rita Richards, Santos Rodriguez, Viola Simon,
Sheila Vassar, Evelyn Washington, Steven Wilson,
Mary Williams, Virginia Wilkes, Yvonne Young

Christian families are the first teachers of our
Catholic faith. We are missionaries in everyday
life, doing everyday things!

Diocesan Family Catechesis Initiative

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material straight to your phone
text **FAMCAT** to 84576

Youth Choir 🎵 Monday's 6:00 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church

girl scouts  Troop 4454

EVERY 1st, 2nd, & 3rd FRIDAY's
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Parish Hall

email Troop4454.SBSB@gmail.com

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 Sensei Rey 646-296-1171

*Our conversation on the "Biggest Lie in the
History of Christianity" has been rescheduled to
Saturday, May 4th Details to follow! Please
continue to read book & take notes*