

# Pastoral Letter II

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear friends in Christ, in our first pastoral letter we made it clear that our aim of being here is to be missionary disciples of Christ. We also stressed the importance of the spirit of team work and collaboration. In this letter we would like to

reflect on the style or the model of leadership that will guide us in our efforts of striving to become authentic disciples of Christ in the context of our parish of St. Bonaventure-St Benedict.

A true disciple always strives to be like his or her Master (Lk. 6:40). A disciple stays with the Master in order to learn from him. Our Lord Jesus Christ before he began his mission he call the twelve disciples so that they can be with him and learn from him how to lead others(Lk.6:12-16). He instructed them on how to lead others. He wanted them to adopt a different model of leadership. A leadership model which is centered on love and service. He wanted them to lead as servants and not bosses(Mt. 20:20-28). He set himself as model of servant leader. Towards the end of his ministry Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a vivid example of leading others through love, humility and service(Jn.13:1-20).

My dear people of God of St. Benedict the Moor-St. Bonaventure Parish, Our Lord Jesus Christ want us to look at him and learn from him how to lead one another as Servant leaders.

The model of leadership of our parish will be that of Christ. It is a servant leadership model. The governing attitudes of our leadership will be , Love, Service and humility. We should remember that Jesus Christ was a loving person, a caring person and a humble man.

How are we going to make this servant leadership model our way of leading our parish? First we shall make sure that our pastoral activities will be done through teams. We shall strengthen the existing groups, teams, societies and parish councils. We shall form new committees if necessary.

The system of parish leadership will be of a cyclic form and not pyramidal.

At the center of our parish life is Jesus Christ. This means that Jesus way of leading becomes the model of all groups, councils, etc.

Communion with the diocesan bishop is very important. As a parish, we're part and parcel of the diocese and we are also in communion with other parishes in the diocese.

**“ A parish is a certain community of Christ’s faithful stably established within a particular Church, whose pastoral care, under the authority of the diocesan Bishop is entrusted to a parish priest as its proper pastor”(can.515)**

This is how the Chart of our parish leadership will be:

1. Bishop
2. Parish Executive Team: The members are The Pastor, The Parochial Vicar, Pastoral coordinator and Secretary.
3. Parish Pastoral Councils, all the heads of groups, Societies and committees are members of Pastoral Council.
4. Parish Finance Council- Some members should have skills in finance.
5. Parish Strategic Planning Team- some members should be familiar with organizational Strategic Planning.
6. Parishioners of St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor parish

As you will see in the diagram the parishioners are part of the leadership team. The arrows indicate communion and collaboration. All groups have to maintain constant communion with Christ and with other members of the parish. Through the Executive Team that maintains communion with the bishop,and all other groups, all parishioners are also united with the Bishop.

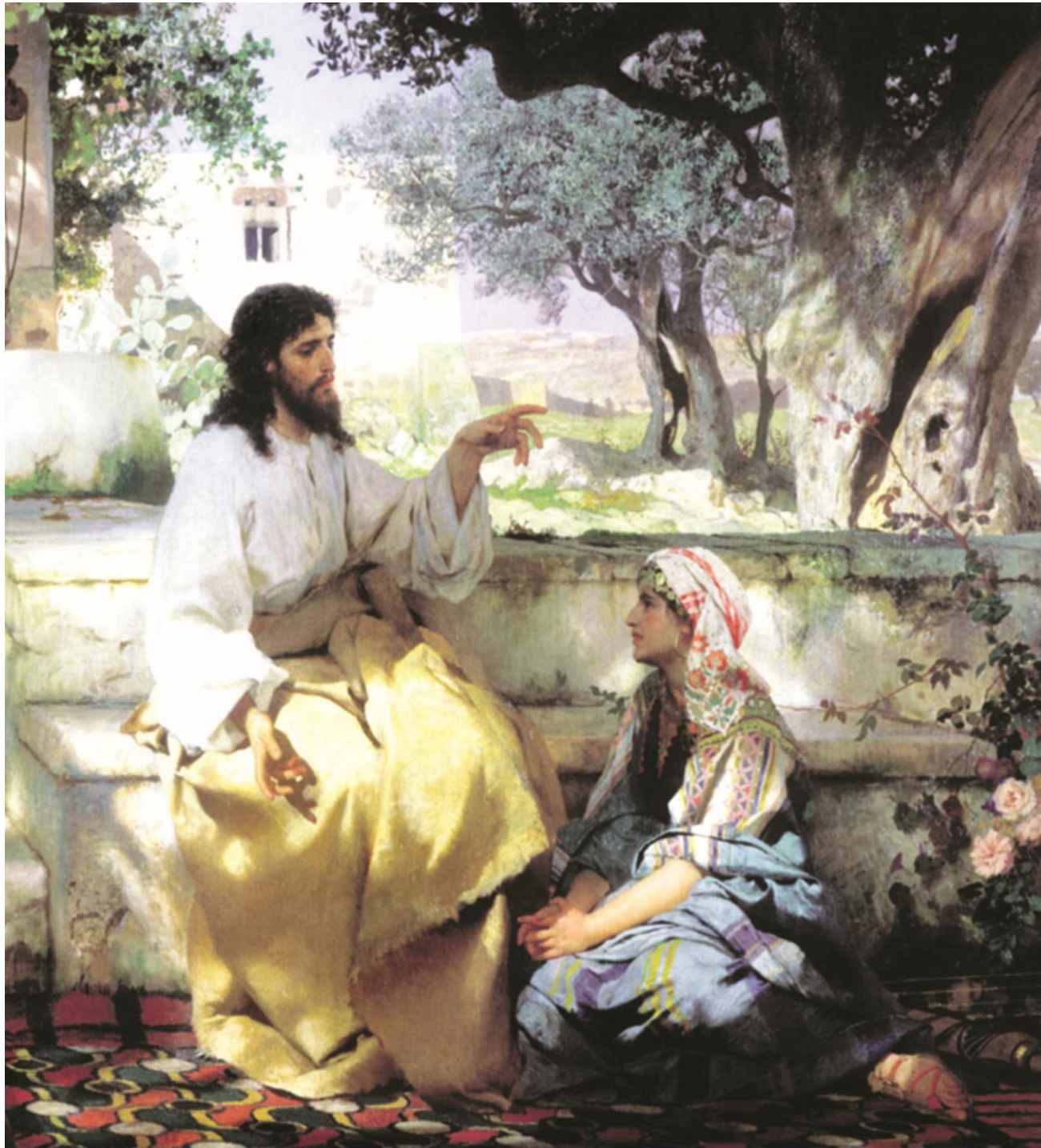
Let us pray that our Lord Jesus May teach us how to love , serve and care for one another as beloved Children of our loving father. May he keep us always in communion with him and with one another.

Sts. Bonaventure-Benedict the Moor, pray for us.

Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso M.afr – Pastor

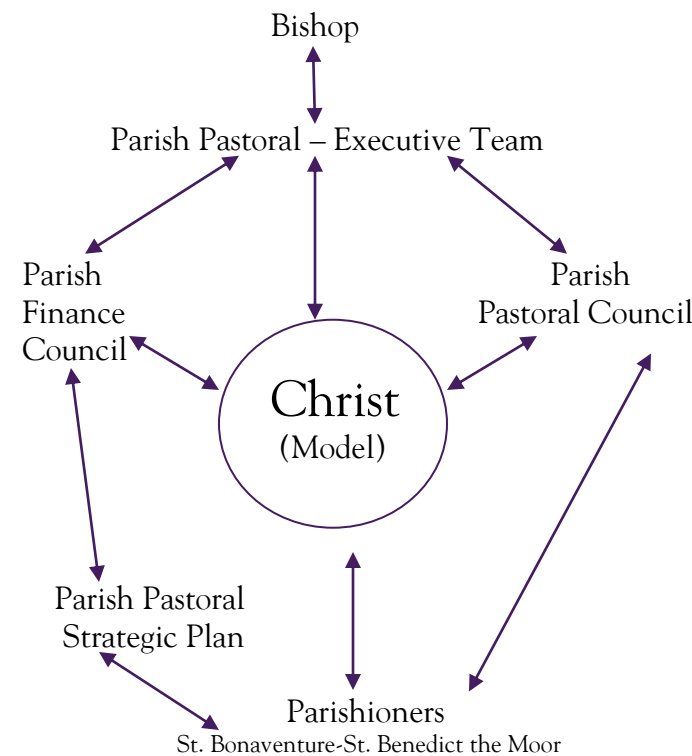
**Most Reverend Bishop Sanchez will install Father Bartholomew Mrosso M.Afr as our Pastor on**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at our 5:00 PM Mass  
Details for Reception to Follow**



The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” - Lk 10:41-42

## Parish Chart of Collaborative Leadership



**Our Parish App** provides opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engagement for Evangelization. This app allows us to send Useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life i.e.: death notice and upcoming events. There are also great features that helps us, such as, Daily Mass Readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, Confession reminders, and our weekly bulletin published prior to Sunday. Go to you app store request "myparish app"

When searching for our parish put 11434

**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**  
**See Mr. Sam or Sensei Rey**

## ☪ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ **Birthday Blessings for Christopher Anakhu**  
Req. Anakhu Family
- ✦ **Prayers for Healing for Evelyn Washington**  
Doris Colon & Cynthia Fairly

## ☪ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

**Altar Bread & Wine offered for**  
**Richard Johnson**  
**Birthday Blessings**

- ✦ **God's Healing for ~**
  - Mauva Torrel
  - Dolly Jankee
- ✦ **In Memory of ~**
  - Nova & Bauer Bariento
  - Nova & Gerard Bastien

Req. Myrtha Bastien & Pascale Victor

## ☪ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ **Healing prayers Theresa Addai**

**Remember in your prayers for God's Healing**  
 Charles & Ethel Adams, Theresa Addai, David Bluford,  
 Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia,  
 Bernadette Creswell, Rose Desir, Rose Marie Dorvilly,  
 Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Joyce Hunt,  
 Vida Isles, Lucy Johnson, Ethel Boyd Journette,  
 Gloria Mears, Joanne Moore, Kevin & Richard Newton,  
 Tarrant Palmer, Edna Pryce, Gwen Pruden,  
 Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Viola Simon, Sheila  
 Vassar, Mauva Torrel, Evelyn Washington,  
 Steven Wilson, Mary Williams, Virginia Wilkes

### Weekday Mass

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM - St. Benedict  
 Monday thru Friday 12 Noon - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/22:**  
 Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday 7/23 **Joyful Mysteries**  
**St. Mary Magdalene**  
 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 /Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday 7/24: **Sorrowful Mysteries**  
**St. Bridget, Religious**  
 Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

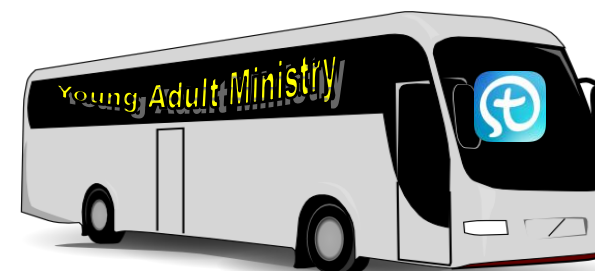
Wednesday 7/25: **Glorious Mysteries**  
**St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**  
 Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 7/26: **Luminous Mysteries**  
**St. James, Apostle**  
 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1- 6 /Mt 20:20-28

Friday 7/27: **Sorrowful Mysteries**  
**Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday 7/28: **Joyful Mysteries**  
 Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time :  
 Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2--8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



**Atlantic City Bus Trip**  
**to Resorts Casino**  
**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Leaving from St. Bonaventure at 8:30am.**  
 Tickets \$45 with \$10 back to play.

**Have a good Summer!**

Please remember your church continues to need your help!

The parish can't run off of our offering. We thank those who are donating.

Thank you For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

*thank you*

For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 Mass 184- \$3,215.00
- ✦ 12 Noon 92 - \$1,102.00
- ✦ 5:00 Mass



Please support the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal with Faith and Good Works  
 Goal: \$27,947.00

86 Pledged to date: \$23,338.00  
 You can also text 917-336-1255

**We're almost there!!! \$4,609.00 to pledge!**  
 Anything over goal comes back to parish!

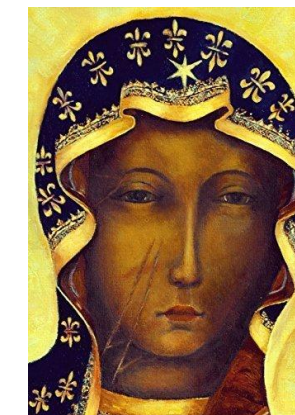
**Thank you!**

Please help our parish by making your payments towards your pledge to...

**Generation of Faith**

**Total Pledged \$500,010.00**

**Paid to Date: \$175,029.00**



### Save the date

Trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (The Black Madonna) Doylestown, PA on September 14, 2019. Bus leaves from St. Bonaventure at 6:30 AM sharp!  
 Price is \$50.00  
 Transportation, snack & Lunch included.