



*please
join us*

Most Reverend Bishop Sanchez will install
Father Bartholomew Mrosso M.Afr
as our Pastor on
Saturday, October 5th at our 5:00 PM Mass
Cultural Pot-Lock Reception to Follow
Please share a dish

☞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Healing Prayers for ~
 - Father Paul Palmiotto
 - Cynthia Fairley
 - Anthony Lima, Jr.

- ✦ In Memory of ~
 - Gloria Mears Req. Pinkard Family
 - Yvonne Browne Req. Padgett Family
 - Andre Christopher Gordon
 Req. Maria Larocque & Marissa

☞ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

*Altar Bread & Wine offered in
Loving Memory of Nesar Khan, Sr.*
Req. Magdalene Khan & Family

- ✦ St. Michael & The Archangels
 Req. Pascale Victor & Myrtha Bastien

- ✦ God's Healing for ~
 - Father Paul Palmiotto
 - Mauva Torrel, Renee Sampson, Irene
Callwood –Jackson, Linda Hazel &
Dolly Jankee

☞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Our Lady of Czestochowa
 Req. Pascale Victor & Myrtha Bastien

*Father Paul will offer his last mass before
retirement on Sunday, September 29th at
11:30 AM
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
101-41 91st Street*

Weekday Mass

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

Readings for the week of September 29, 2019

Monday 9/30:

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday 10/1:

*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin &
Doctor of the Church*
Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday 10/2: *The Holy Guardian Angels*
Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday 10/3:
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday 10/4: *St. Francis of Assisi Bar*
1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: *Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 /Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-
7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13- 14/Lk 17:5-10

2nd Collection for the Victims of Hurricane Dorian
God, my heart breaks as I see the devastation left in
Dorian's path. Entire communities are destroyed.
Families separated. Lives lost. Please grant grace to
those who are grieving. Supply them with the help
they need as they pick up the remains of their lives.
Provide comfort to lives that have been shattered
and healing to bodies that bear the effects of this
storm. I lament with them. The brokenness of the
world is all-too-clear today. Amen

Pastoral Letter XII

Generosity



Brothers and sisters, the last pastoral letter was on stewardship. The letter reminded us that all we have and even the life we have are gifts from God, and we have been entrusted with the vocation to take good care of everything for the

glory of God.

All the girls that God has entrusted us are the signs of God's generosity to us.

Generosity

Generosity is a quality that is a bit like unselfishness, someone showing generosity is happy to give time, money or kindness to people in need. Generosity is a quality like honesty we all probably wish we had more of.

The God we believe in, is a generous God. God has been generous to us by the free gift of life. God created us out of his gratuitous love (Gn.1:27).

God not only created us out of love, but also granted us all the material world for our earthly existence (Gn 1:29-30).

God's generosity is not conditioned by our human response to his love, for even when we fail to obey God, God continues to show his generosity to us. After the fall of our first ancestors (Gn.3:1-16) God did not abandon us. God started a plan of salvation and restoration which came to fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ the only begotten Son of God is the climax of God's generosity to us. In Jesus Christ we encounter God who out of his generous love gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believe in him may not perish but have eternal life (Jn 3:16-19). At the Cross God reveal his generosity and his gratuitous love for us.

Our generosity to God and others

The generosity of God to us through his only begotten Son, demands that we also become generous towards one another. Jesus gave up his life for us so that we may give our lives for God and for one another. We give our lives to God by making God the center of life. We give God the first priority in our lives. Why? Because our lives come from God, we are sustained by God and the destiny of our lives is God.

Once God becomes the center of our lives, then material things fall to their proper place. We become free to share our lives and what we possess with those in need.

If our material things become the center of our lives then God will be put to the periphery. That is why we are reminded that we cannot serve both God and wealth. In other words we can say we cannot center our lives on God and wealth. We have to make a choice either God or wealth.

Inability to be generous with material things is a clear sign that we have centered our lives on wealth. We don't share because we fear that we might lose our life by losing our wealth. The one whose life is rooted in God and has been touched by the generosity of God is able to share freely and happily. This is the reason that God loves a cheerful giver (2Cor 9:6-8). God has become the source of his or her joy. True peace and joy comes from God and not our possessions. In fact possessions can be the source of unhappiness and lack of inner peace.

"When God bless you financially do not raise your standard of living but raise your standard of GIVING" –

(St. Mother Theresa)

"This is the meaning of true love to give until it hurts" - (St. Mother Theresa)

Brothers and sisters let us thank God for the spirit of generosity and self giving among us. Let continue to pray to God that we may be touched by his generosity and being able to share more for the pastoral needs of our parish and especially for the care of the vulnerable members of our parish.

Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso M.Afr
Pastor

Bible Study will resume

**Monday, October 14th Focus ~ Discipleship
St. Benedict the Moor Church 6:30 PM**

Thank you For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

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Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000.00

✦ 10:00 Mass – 135 / \$1,375.00

✦ 12 Noon – 83 / \$ 807.00

✦ 5:00 Mass – 23 / \$249.00



Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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

95 Pledged to date: \$23,478.00

We're almost there!!! \$4,469.00 to pledge!

You can also text 917-336-1255

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: \$176,629.00

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry of St.

Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor is actively seeking members! We are at a point in history when "advocating for social justice; and growing spiritually through the gift of self to others," has never been more critical! One of the greatest challenges to "seeking and serving the distressed" is that of acknowledging that we are all vulnerable. If you have a passion for change with regard to "social justice", e.g., health, education, environment, quality of life, diversity and inclusion, the Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry welcomes you. Please join us! "Live to give"!



It is our hope that you will come to see that Faith Formation is essential in your young person lives. For an hour a week (2 hours if you count Sunday Liturgy) when they can gather with other children

to concentrate on what it means to be Catholic, and to learn what the church and gospels teach us about being followers of Christ. The catechists are mothers, father's teenagers and grandparents that give of their time to share their faith with your children. We will do our best to make your children's time spent with us interesting and inspiring. We will do our best to teach the lessons, to pray with them, to involve them in activities that will build their faith.

This cannot be done without you!

Please get them to scheduled Faith Formation on TIME!



Our parish will soon begin our faith journey with opportunities for you to inquire about the Catholic faith. Please see Fr. Bartholomew Fr. Gazena, Ms. Debra & Ms. Carolyn.

**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**



There is power in every girl!

Troop 4454

Meet every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Friday