

# ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso, M. Afr. - Pastor -



Fr. Gazena Haile, M. Afr. - Parochial Vicar

Parish Secretary - Kathleen Webb



## PREACH BY YOUR WAY OF LIFE

**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2019

Monday 11/4:  
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34,  
36 Lk 14:12-14  
see 670: Rom 12:3-13 Jn 10:11-6

Tuesday 11/5:  
Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1b-3  
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday 11/6:  
Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9  
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 11/7:  
Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4,  
13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday 11/8:  
Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday 11/9:  
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN  
BASILICA  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,  
8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

## MASS INTENTIONS

**-8:30 AM, Nov. 2-  
All Souls Day**

For all Parishioners who  
have lost loved ones, we  
pray for all our loved ones

- Req. Lydia Afeli

**-10:00 AM Mass-  
Feast of St. Martin de Porres**

**-Birthday Blessings-**

for Vanita Dotson

- Req. Juanita Dotson

**-Anniversary Blessings-**

Richard & Carolyn Johnson

53rd Anniversary

**- In Memory of -**

Leslie C. & Leslie D. Browne

- Req. Padgett Family

**-12 Noon Mass -**

Prayers for the Deceased  
Members of the  
Rosary Society of  
St. Benedict The Moor

**-5:00 PM Mass -**

God's Blessings for all  
families in the parish



## Pastoral Letter

Sisters and Brothers, our Christian faith is the precious gift that God has granted us. The foundation of our Christian faith is Christ, and that's why it is called Christian faith. This is to say that one cannot claim to have Christian faith without having the person of Christ at the center of his or her life. To be centered on Christ means to make Christ the model of your life.

The centrality of Christ in our Christian life is due to what God has done to us through Jesus Christ, that is the salvation of our souls. Through Christ God has revealed his unconditional love for us. And this is what we call the Good news that has to be preached to the whole world.

All Christians have been entrusted by Christ with the mission of preaching the good news to others. You and I by the virtue of our baptism are preacher of the word of God.

There are two ways of proclaiming the Word of God. The term "Word of God" has double meanings: first the word of God as the Holy Scriptures: the Old Testament and its fulfillment in the New Testament. Second meaning of the Word of God is Jesus Christ who is the incarnate Word of God (John 1:1-5)

The two ways of proclaiming the word of God are: first we proclaim the word of God by the words of our mouth. The second way preaching the Word of God by practicing the word of God. What we speak has to be seen in our behavior.

When we preach the word of God through our words, we express our verbal faith. When we put our faith in practice, we make our faith visible. Our life needs to be a reflection of our faith if we're are to be authentic Christians. We should not forget that our actions speak louder than our words.

We can summarize the dynamic of our Christian faith in this way: the source and foundation of our Christian faith is the Word of God. Our faith to be concrete and visible we need to proclaim by words and our actions. By maintaining this balance of preaching Christ who is the incarnate word of God by words and action, we will be revealing to the world the purpose of our Christian life. It is through our witness of life that many will come and follow Christ the Savior of the world.

Let us not be afraid of proclaiming Christ through our words and our actions. If our words as Christians do not reflect our Christian way of life, we will become hypocrites who do not practice what they believe. Once we do not practice what we profess we become the source of obstacles to those who long to follow Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the life (John 14:6)

*Fr. Bartholomen Mrosso,*

**Pastor**

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns of the  
Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens invites you to a 2-Day

**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH  
CELEBRATION**

themed

**"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR  
OF GOD"**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH,  
2019 10 AM - 3 PM**

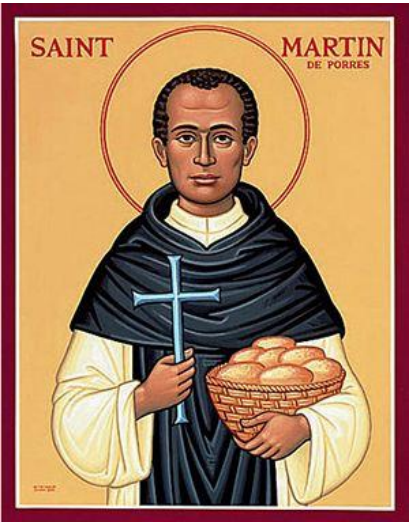
1 day retreat with workshops for  
Adults & Youth

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2019  
4:00 PM**

Our Diocesan Eucharistic Observance of Black Catholic History Month

**Guest Homilist: Fr. Chester Smith, SVD**





**St. Martín de Porres** feast day is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was known for his vegetarian lifestyle, social work and unique healing powers. He also founded a residence in Lima, Peru for orphans and abandoned children.

He is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, and mixed-race people. **St. Martin de Porres** died on November 3, 1639, but he was not beatified until 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962.

**St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us!**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING**

Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, David Bluford, Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Bernadette Creswell, Lotess P. Cright, Rose Marie Dorvilly, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Joyce Hunt, Vida Isles, Lucy Johnson, Ethel Boyd Journette, 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

*thank you*

**FOR YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO OUR PARISH**

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

- 10:00 AM Mass - \$ 1,583.00**
- 12 Noon - \$ 729.00**
- 5:00 PM Mass - \$ 348.00**



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

111 Pledged to date: \$24,018.00

**We're almost there! \$3,929.00**

To pledge...

You can also text (917)336-1255.

Remember anything over goal comes back to parish!

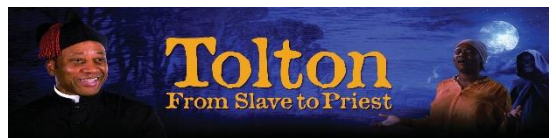
**Thank you!**

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

**November 17 - St. Benedict The Moor Church - 3:00 PM**



**The Remarkable Story of America's First Black Priest**

Tolton is a powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. It brings a message of hope and healing for the wounds that plague our culture.

Sponsor this show and be inspired by Fr. Augustus Tolton's perseverance and faith.

**THE Q9 DEANERY PRESENTS**  
the Black Catholic History Month edition of  
**MEET ME AT THE WELL**  
**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT BOWLING EVENT**  
themed **THIS IS HOW WE ROLL**  
BOWL FELLOWSHIP EAT DRINK GOOD CHRISTIAN FUN  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**  
**PRICE: \$20** BOWLING FROM 12:30-2:30PM  
SHOULD ARRIVE BY 12:00PM FOR SHOE RENTAL  
ON-SITE FOOD FOR PURCHASE  
**JIB LANES**  
67-19 PARSONS BLVD • FLUSHING, NY 11365

For more info on the Bowling Event... Please contact Warren Rolling, Youth Minister

## PARISH MINISTRY & LEADERS

### Finance Committee:

Barry Francis & Jacqueline Pinkard

### Liturgy

James Jones, Director of Music  
Minister of Song & Music: Rey Lewis  
Morning Mass: Merceider Williams

### Liturgical Dance

St. Bonaventure – Paulita Campbell  
St. Benedict: Terri Lowery

**Children Liturgy:** Roxanne Jones

### Ghanaian Coordinator

George Yeboh & Turkson Samuel

### Nigerian Coordinator

Raphael Monfunaya

### Spanish Comm. Coordinator

Angel Mora

### Altar Guild

St. Bonaventure:

Kassandra Wilson &  
Lorraine Simpkins

St. Benedict: Harriett Scott &  
Paulette Atkins

### Altar Servers

St. Bonaventure: Anthony Osuji  
St. Benedict: Annette Hunt Walker

### Sacristy

St. Bonaventure: Anthony Osuji  
St. Benedict: Carolyn Isles

### Men's Ministry

Roy Pinkard, President

### Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Benedict: Kathleen Gilbert

### Rosary Society:

St. Bonaventure: Patrice Gibbs  
St. Benedict: Denise Francis

### Young Adult Ministry Y.A.M.S.

Warren & Gabrielle Rolling

**Youth Minister:** Warren Rolling

**Athletic Director:** Rey Lewis

### Girl Scouts:

Angie Robinson &  
Gabrielle Rolling

### Liturgical Design & Preservation:

Maxine Townsend Broderick

# November is National Black Catholic History Month

## Membership Drive!

The St. 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”!



### Bible Study

Share your Monday Evenings with us  
as we journey to discipleship and  
grow in the love of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

*Monday 7:00 - 8:30 PM*

*St. Bonaventure Church Hall*  
Look forward to seeing you!



Please see Fr. Bartholomew,  
Fr. Gazena, Ms. Debra & Ms. Carolyn



### Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday 6:00 - 6:30 PM  
at St. Benedict Church

All Youth and Young Adults are welcome  
to join!



### Faith Formation Classes

It is essential that every  
young person register for  
Faith Formation.

Special Notice to Parents/Guardians:  
Your young person should receive their  
sacraments in the parish where the family  
is registered.



### GET FIT!

**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS!**

**St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall**  
**Youth Basketball & Karate**

5:00 – 7:30 PM

**Adult Physical Training /**  
**Self Defense / Karate**

7:30 – 9:30 PM

See Mr. Sam or Sensei Ray for more info.



**Celebrate with Fr. Gordon Kusi,**  
**his 25th Anniversary in Priestly**  
**Ministry in Ghana!**

July 28th - August 5th 2020

### Information Meeting

**Thursday, Nov. 7 2019, 7:00 PM**

Christ The King, Upper Room.  
145-39 Farmers Blvd.  
Spring Field Gardens, 11434



**girl scout troop #4454**  
of Greater New York

Meets every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd  
Friday 6:30 – 8:30 PM

St. Bonaventure Church Hall  
email troop4454.sbsb@gmail.com  
for more info.