

ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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LET YOUR
YES *be* YES
AND YOUR
NO *BE* NO

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH, 2020

**MONDAY 2/17: THE SEVEN HOLY
FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER**
Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76
Mk 8:11-13

THURSDAY 2/20:
JAs 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

TUESDAY 2/18:
Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15, 18-19
Mk 8:14-21

**FRIDAY 2/21: SAINT PETER
DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH**
Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

WEDNESDAY 2/19:
Jas 1: 19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26

**SATURDAY 2/22 : THE CHAIR
OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**
1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
-8:30 AM WEEKDAY MASS-

ST. BONAVENTURE
-12 NOON WEEKDAY MASS-

ST. BONAVENTURE
-5:00 PM SATURDAY MASS -

ST. BONAVENTURE
-10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS-

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
-12 NOON SUNDAY MASS -

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
-5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS-

PASRISH OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED:

MONDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAYS

OPEN:

TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ST. BONAVENTURE-ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY

THE RHYMES LOWERY DANCE THEATER ARTS GUILD

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Presents

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Salute
Unsung Heroes
of yesterday and today

SAT FEB 22, 2020
4pm-8pm

\$25 donation for Vendors interested in participating in this event.

For more info contact
SBSBPraiseDancers@gmail.com

Bring your family and friends to this FREE event. Support black entrepreneurs, enjoy live entertainment and a tribute to the unsung heroes among us.



St. Benedict the Moor Hall
171-17 110th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434

Pastoral Letter



Let your “Yes” be Yes and your “No” be No

Brothers and sisters in Christ, one of the gifts that God has endowed us is the ability to choose. The power to make choices implies freedom. God created us as free beings, who discern and make choices. And we have two standards of making our choices. We choose between what is good and what is evil. God sets before us fire and water. If we choose fire we will suffer the consequences of our choice which will be total destruction. If we choose water, we choose life and we will live and have life. So choose what is good so as you can live or choose evil and you shall die.

God is Good

When we speak of God we simply mean the absolute Goodness. That is why we normally say God is good, we can also say God is goodness and therefore to choose good means to choose God. Any good choice put the person towards the way to God. Any good choice or act helps the person make a step towards God. This means that the more good we commit what is good the closer we move towards the absolute Goodness that is God. If goodness moves us closer to God, it necessarily follows that evil deeds moves us away from God. The more evil we commit, the wider the gap we make between us and God. The evils we commit takes us closer to satan who is the master of all evil and destruction.

To make a choice means to say Yes to one thing and No to another. To choose good means to say Yes to what is good and that means No to what is evil. You can not choose good and evil at the same time. Good and evil cannot coexist. It is the same as you cannot have light and darkness together

Jesus, The Ultimate Yes of God

In Jesus we encounter not only someone who has said Yes to God but also in his person we meet the Yes itself of God. Jesus is the Yes of God for us. As the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus reveals to us that God has approved our humanity by letting his Son become one of us. If God had not said Yes to our humanity he wouldn't let his Son come down and bond with our humanity.

Jesus reveals his Yes of God not only through Incarnation, but also through his life ministry, death and resurrection. The whole of his life and ministry was centered and focused on doing what is good for God and for humanity. Jesus as the Yes of God was committed in fulfilling the law of God. This law is rooted in Love of God and of one another. By fulfilling this law of love, Jesus addresses the root causes of evil and hatred which is within the human hearts. It is within the human hearts that all evils sprout.

Jesus reminds us that to Say Yes to God demands commitment and radical stand on what is good. Anyone has said Yes to what is good should not allow anything including his or her own body deviate him or her from doing what is good. Any temptation to change one's Yes to God will come from the evil one. God will always inspire you to commit yourself to what is good. The evil one(satan) will always move you to his way of committing evil. That's why always; " Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'NO'. Anything more is from the evil one.

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Mardi Gras
FEBRUARY 23, 2020
2:30 PM
 Come in your costume - Best costume wins a prize!
 Adults: \$20.00
 Children: \$10.00 (6yrs. -18 yrs.)
 Free 6yrs. and under
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH HALL
 17117 Brinkerhoff Ave., Jamaica, NY 11433

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING:

Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, David Bluford, Ethel Boyd-Journette, Helen Broady, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Bernadette Creswell, Lotess Cright, Rose Marie Dorvilly, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Joyce Hunt, Vida Isles, Dolly Jankee, Lucy Johnson, Jean Monterio-Prioleau, Joanne Moore, Kevin Newton, Richard Newton, Tarrant Palmer, Edna Pryce, Gwen Pruden, Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Viola Simon, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Steven Wilson, Mauva Torrel, Sheila Vassar...



To add a person's name for prayer please call the Rectory. Names will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks unless the Rectory is notified.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
 Born: 9 December 1579 Died: 3 November 1639
 Pope Gregory XVI beatified Martin de Porres on 29 October 1837, and nearly 125 years later, Pope John XXIII canonized him in Rome on May 6, 1962. He is the patron saint of people of mixed race, and of innkeepers, barbers, public health workers and more, with a feast day on November 3 with a feast day on November 3

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
FEBRUARY 26, 2020
 8:30 AM MASS - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
 7:00 PM MASS - ST. BONAVENTURE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
Thank You!
for your sacrificial gift to our Parish

February 2, 2020

10:00AM Mass (Sun.)	\$ 2,092.00
12 Noon Mass (Sun.)	\$ 1,011.00
5:00PM Mass (Sun.)	\$ 528.00
3:00PM Mass (Spanish Comm)	\$ 0.00
(Total: \$3,631.00 for week ending 2/1/2020)	
5:00PM Mass (Sat.)	\$ 184.00

Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000

Reminder please indicate the dollar amount on your tithing/offering envelope.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2019
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Please support The Annual Catholic Appeal 2019 with Faith and Good Works

Goal: \$27,947.00
 Pledged to Date: \$28,328.00
 Actually Paid: \$26,508.60

We're almost at our Pledged Amount!
\$1,819.40 is remaining.

To pledge... You can also text (917) 336-1255.
 Remember anything over the parish goal comes back to our parish!



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

Total Pledged to Date: \$500,810.00
 Paid to Date: \$192,542.00



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 begins Friday February 28, 2020 7:00pm
 St Benedict the Moor Church

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
 will be held at
 St. Bonaventure Church

