

St. Bede Catholic Parish

509 South Dallas Avenue ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15208



St. Bede Mission Statement

~St. Bede Parish is a Roman Catholic faith community located in Point Breeze with members from the East End neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

~Rooted in our Baptism and centered in the Eucharist, we share responsibility for the mission of our parish and the universal Church.

~Blessed by our legacy of faithfulness and commitment, we reach out to include the diverse population of our dynamic city neighborhood.

~We seek to deepen our faith in all stages of our lives, to bear witness to Christ's teachings in the secular world, and to serve the needs of others.

December 9, 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

Reverend Thomas J. Burke, Administrator

Reverend David H. Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Cajetan Anyanwu, Reverend Augustine Temu, Reverend James Adeoye - In Residence

www.cceepgh.org

www.saintbedeschool.com

Mass Times

Daily: 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00

Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am

Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

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“With God All Things Are Possible!”

Pastor's Note

December 9th, 2018

First Sunday of Advent



Prepare the way of the Lord!

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The readings this weekend focus on preparing for the Lord. In the Gospel of Luke, we are introduced to John the Baptist who is a cousin of Jesus. We will read about John this week and next Sunday because he is a major figure during the Season of Advent and focuses on preparation and repentance.

In the First Reading from Baruch, we read how a faithful servant of the Lord has good news for the people. Their sorrow will turn into joy. Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring her exiled children to her. Baruch and John the Baptist speak of conversion and remind us that Advent is about preparing the way of the Lord, clearing space and making room for Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, we read how John the Baptist calls the people to commit themselves to an immersive experience of repentance.

One of the most important things we can do this Advent Season is to prepare our own heart to receive Jesus. During this busy time of the year with work, school, Christmas shopping, writing out Christmas Cards, and attending various holiday gatherings and events, let us slow down and make time for Christ in our hearts.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Angel Tree Project a Success!

Thank you to all the generous "Secret Santa's" who helped make our St. Bede Angel Tree Project a success. Hundreds of gifts were dropped off at the church and rectory for distribution. This year we are able to help **Auberle, Bethlehem Haven, Every Child, Life Line, CCEEP needy parishioners, and St. Vincent de Paul.**

Christmas Wafers

Christmas Wafers or "Oplatki" are available at the rectory offices at St. Bede and St. James. Each package contains four blessed wafers for you to use during your Christmas Eve or Day Dinner. Suggested donation \$4.

Light is On For You

The Diocese of Pittsburgh will once again be having the "The Light Is On For You" this coming Tuesday, December 11. CCEEP will have confessions and private mediation available in the St. James Chapel and St. Bede Church from 6:30pm to 9pm.

Staff Changes

We continue moving forward to bring our three parishes- St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga, and St. James in the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh (CCEEP) together as one parish family. So far we have already combined our Religious Education and R.C.I.A programs and our Music Department is working with one another. With the new year of 2019 approaching we are adjusting some of our staff positions:

Sister Mary Elizabeth- Pastoral Associate at St. Bede will be ending her employment effective December 31.

Judy Meyers- St. Bede Parish Secretary will be ending her employment effective December 31.

Nadine Powell- St. Charles Lwanga Secretary will be ending her employment effective December 31.

Jim Speranza- currently part time Maintenance at St. James will become full time for all three parishes effective January 1, 2019.

With the adjusting of the staff we are hiring an Office Manager at the St. Bede Rectory Office. The job posting is on the Diocesan Website at diopitt.org. Applications for this position are being accepted until Friday, December 14.

Special Farewell Celebrations for Sister Mary Elizabeth

Thanking Sister Mary Elizabeth for her fifteen years of service to St. Bede Parish and School, we will be having several farewell celebrations for her next weekend: Friday, December 14 at the 9am School Mass our students and faculty will have an opportunity to say farewell and after the Saturday night and Sunday morning weekend Masses in the school cafeteria we will have a farewell reception. Please plan on stopping by to wish Sister Mary Elizabeth well on her new journey.

Looking Ahead- Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24

4pm- St. Bede (Fr. Taylor)

4pm- St. James (Fr. Tom)

9:30 Choir Prelude / 10pm Mass St. Bede (Fr. Tom)

Christmas Day- Tuesday, December 25

9am - St. Bede (Fr. Tom)

10am - St. James (Fr. Taylor)

11am - St. Charles Lwanga (Mother of Good Counsel) (Fr. Tom)

Something to Think About...

There is always hope, but only if that hope is turned into action. - *David Mitchell*

With God, All Things

Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke

Administrator

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HELP! HELP! HELP!

Saturday, Dec. 15 is the date for the bi-annual **CHURCH CLEANING!** Since there is Adoration, the time for cleaning will begin at 11:00 am. Bring a bucket, rags and energy to wash the pews, statues and furniture. There is no limit to age or number of people who can help!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Chloe Rosemary Coyne**, daughter of Christopher and Melissa Masnovi Coyne who is being Baptized this weekend at St. Bede.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS

is a radio program sponsored by our Diocese and hosted by our own Fr. Tom. It airs every other Sunday at 6:30am on KDKA radio, 1020 AM. The next program is **December 23rd** at 6:30am. Show guests will be the choirs from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Shadyside and St. Patrick Elementary School in Canonsburg.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Produce to People (P2P): Volunteers are needed on Saturday Jan. 5 from 8:30am to noon at the Volunteer Firefighter Bingo Hall in Braddock to help distribute fresh produce to our food insecure neighbors. This is a great opportunity to obtain service hours or to meet other parishioners while helping the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank carry out this wonderful program. Must be at least 12 years of age. Please contact Paula Cerrone to sign up at pmcpg@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Central Catholic students **High Honors** - William Allen, Benjamin Azar, Alwxander Bilyak, Cameron Cardiff, Liam Coughlin, Francesco Gloninger, Galen Lovejoy, Gary Lynch, Tom Maier, Patrick Miller, Joe Olsavsky, Jack O'Toole, Michael Pistolesi, Anthony Scholle, Henry Shaver, Adam Sipe, Joseph Stern, Liam Sullivan.

Honors - Danick Barboza, Michael DeAntonis, Brennan Dorcak, Michael Fantini, Ethan Hess, Timothe Kihonia, Nathan Matthews, Brian McGaffin, Parker Osth, Sam Patton, Andy Patton, Alex Ribnick, Oscar Shaver, Stephen Statnick, Nate Steitz.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC PLACEMENT TEST

for fall of 2019 will be on Saturday, December 15th at 9 am. There is no fee to take this test. Register at www.centralcatholicchs.com/apply. Or contact Admissions at bmiller@centralcatholicchs.com or 412-621-7505 with any questions.

HELP WANTED

Sidewalk shoveling this winter. If interested please call 412-521-4698.

ST. BEDE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW

The annual St. Bede School Christmas Show is Thursday December 13th at 7pm in the church. The highlight is the Kindergarten performing the Christmas story. All are welcome!

ST. BEDE CHOIR CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE

CONCERT: The St. Bede Adult Choir will present their annual **Christmas Eve Prelude Concert, at 9:30pm on December 24th at St. Bede.** This extended prelude will feature the St. Bede Adult Choir, instrumentalists, and a narrator. We invite you to join us this Christmas Eve! Mass will immediately follow the conclusion of the concert at 10pm.

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

CCEEP is looking for an office manager to provide administrative support to the three parishes and the administrator in various capacities including coordinating weddings, baptisms, funerals; supervision of office support staff; oversight of volunteers; parish and administrator scheduling; maintaining parish records; arranging meetings; scheduling staff hours and parish facilities; and other duties. Seeking candidates with 5 years of experience, organizational skills, MS Office proficiency, and strong interpersonal skills. Interested candidates please contact Joe at the rectory 412-661-7222.

FAIR TRADE SALE - THANK YOU

A heartfelt thanks to all you took part in any way in the very successful Fair-Trade Sale last weekend. If you missed it and want to place an order, order forms can be returned to the St. James rectory by Dec. 10th. All proceeds benefit the producers of the fair-trade items, Catholic Relief Services and charities connected to our three parish campuses.

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12th in Saint Paul Cathedral, Bishop David Zubik as principal celebrant. Begin at 5:30 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration, followed with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. and a reception will follow. All are invited to attend. For more information call 412-337-7268.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Are you interested in volunteering to assist a local refugee? There are opportunities available at Catholic Charities (call Bonnie Rolison at 412-456-6696) and Casa San Jose (call Sr. Valerie at 412-343-3111).

There are many openings for volunteers at the St. James Ministry Center serving the community of Wilkinsburg. Please contact the Ministry Center to learn more about them and to see if there is an opportunity to serve there for you. 412-241-1309.

Next Sunday

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Third Sunday of Advent

SANCTUARY VOLUNTEERS December 15th / 16th
Parish Cleaning

LECTORS - December 15th and 16th

4:00 Daniel Siewiorek
8:00 Mary Jean Havern
11:00 Dante Romio

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 15th and 16th

4:00 Lynda Burkel, Henry Rettger, Kathy Spechtold
8:00 Joan Price, Maureen DiBattiste, Mary Beth
Olander
11:00 Mary Jo Breen, Kari Romito, Melissa Viator

ALTAR SERVERS - December 15th and 16th

4:00 Natalie Azar, Daniel Patton
8:00 Patrick Newell, Bridget Shaver
11:00 Ericson Kimbel, Francesca Viator

Protecting God's Children:

CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse [800-932-0313](tel:800-932-0313)
Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline [1-888-808-1235](tel:1-888-808-1235)

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**ST. BEDE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

- Thank you to all who participated in the school wide poinsettias sale. Please mark your calendars for the pickup date in the cafeteria: Friday December 14th 2:45-6:00p; and also Saturday December 15th from 9am-noon.
- This year our school adopted home bound parishioners for Christmas, making cards for them and delivering a Poinsettia to their homes.
- As a school community, we continue to work on kindness. As an Advent project each homeroom will create a "Chain of Kindness". Each student will decide on three act of kindness she or he wants to work on during the Advent season. We will display those chains in the main hallway of our school.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (Second Sunday of Advent)

4:00pm Mary Camphire (Dave Dzombak and Carolyn Menard)

SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT) [9]

8:00 Keith Bemer (John and Geraldine Warner)

11:00 Barbara Owsinska and Barbara Kozak
(Eva Tumiel-Kozak and family)
Charlotte Muro (Family)

MONDAY (St. Francis Xavier, priest) [10]

9:00 John Joyce (Family)

TUESDAY (Advent Weekday) [11]

9:00 Sean O'Connor (Family)

WEDNESDAY (Advent Weekday) [12]

9:00 *T.&S.W-b: Ginny Kenna (Kenna Family)

THURSDAY (Advent Weekday) [13]

9:00 *T.&S.W-b: Faith Ann Perozich (Joe Perozich)

FRIDAY (St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor) [14]

9:00 Joe & Marge Perozich (Joe Perozich)

SATURDAY (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY) [15]

9:00 Dorothy Hays (Helen and Joe McKinney)

VIGIL (Third Sunday of Advent)

4:00pm Peter Corcoran (Corcoran Family)

SUNDAY (THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT) [16]

8:00 Dorothy Hays (Angie McVeagh Family)

11:00 Jeannine and Lucien Charron (Prochownik family)
Charlotte Mauro (Family)

*T.&S.W-b: = temporal and spiritual well-being

PRAY FOR HEALING for Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Bruno Cassara, EumeniaCastro, John Ceric, John Davis, RuthAnn Donnelly, Jacqueline Dumond, Herbert Durbeck, Judith Dyke, Donna Dzikowski, Cindy Farabaugh, Butch Filter, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Audrey Fusco, Frances Galardi, Jack Gall, Michael Gallagher, Makenna Grace, Pat Griffin, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Marianne Mangine, Fran McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Ruth McGill, Dorothy Meyers, Aileen Minnock, Brendan Minnock, Giovanna Nistico, Judith Nosling, Helen Nothwang, Kevin O'Brien, Charles Papale, Elizabeth Petnuch, Susan Petnuch, Laurie Raffaele, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Sarah Rooney, Joanne Schwarz, Susan Schwochau, Judy Siewiorek, Doreen Simeone, Arthur Smith, Rex Smith, Gregory Spechtold, Sarah Stanfield, Terri Stevenson, Suzanne Steitz, Neil Stewart, DJ Stinelli, Laura Swain, John Temu, Haley Thelen, Barbara Tierno, MaryJane Tirk, Arlene Trichtinger, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Nira Yarris, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.
