

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE EAST END OF PITTSBURGH

St. Bede Church

509 South Dallas Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15208

**Mother of Good Counsel Church** 

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm St. James Sunday 9:00 am Mother of

**Good Counsel** 11:00 am St. Bede

Monday - Saturday 9:00 am St. Bede

Novenas 9:30 am St. Bede

Monday Miraculous Medal

Perpetual Novena

Wednesday Mother of Perpetual

Help Novena

## Confession & **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 am St. Bede

> St. Bede Church is open: Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 12 pm

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment.

#### **Faith Formation**

CCD Sunday 9:45 am at St. Bede School RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in the Activities Room

## Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

By appointment only.



Our churches are accessible.

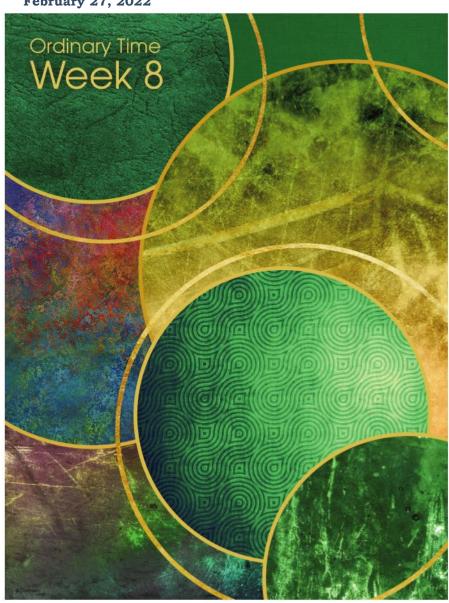
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**Protection of God's Children** Report suspected child abuse at the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: 800.932.0313. If a child is in imminent danger, call 911.

Bulletin Announcements are due on Monday at

9 am for next Sunday's bulletin: bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org

## Welcome

If you are looking for a Spiritual home, we welcome you and invite you to become part of our parish community.

To register, please call or email the parish office. Registration forms are also available on the welcome page of our website.

A vibrant faith community waits for you.

## Stewardship

**Offertory** for February 20 will be reports nex week.

**PSP 2022** 

Goal \$167, 523.00 Received \$7,398.00

## Giving Weekend for PSP

**2022** This weekend, parishioners are invited to make a pledge to the Parish Share Program. Our assessment of \$167,523.00 is based on our parish income. If our parish raises more than the assessment, the extra amount contributed stays in our parish.

We are *One Body in Christ*, called to work together and support each other in ministries that benefit people across all six counties of our diocese.

**Text OneBodyInChrist to 84576** to receive stories about the good things your contribution to Parish Share will accomplish. It supports ministries - from parish evangelization events to educating religion teachers to prisoners - that parishes cannot provide on their own.

We invite you to prayerfully consider what you will give for PSP 2022 to support our parish and other ministries in the diocese.

**Parish eGiving** To sign up at Faith Direct, visit <u>faithdirect.net</u> and use church code PA994. Enrollment forms are available at all our churches, parish office and on our website.

**Live Stream Masses** Please see the homepage of our website for links to live stream Sunday Mass from the Diocese of Pittsburgh's YouTube page or St. Benedict the Moor on Facebook.

Mass Intentions • February 26 through March 6				
Saturday Vigil ● Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	For the People of the Parish	HAWKINS	
	9 am	† James Bender (The Snyder Family)	TAYLOR	
SUNDAY ● EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11 am	† Marcelo B. Corpuz, Jr. MD (Family)	BURKE	
Monday ● Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	† Maryrose B. Benkoski (Nancy O' Brien)	HAWKINS	
Tuesday ● Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus (Carolyn Peternal)	BURKE	
Ash Wednesday	9 am SB 9 am SJ 12 pm MOGC 7 pm SB	† Lawrence Martin (Ray & Diane Martin) † John W. Seeger (Bob & Carole Seeger) † Nick & Maria Fratangelo (daughter, Rosa) † Matthew J. Griffin, Jr. (Kathleen Lee)	BURKE HAWKINS TEMU ADEOYE	
Thursday ● Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9 am	† The Klikowicz Family (Eva Tumiel-Kozak)	TEMU	
Friday ● Friday after Ash Wednesday	9 am	† Kathy Hawkes (Kathleen Lee)	HAWKINS	
Saturday ● Saturday after Ash Wednesday	9 am	† Catherine & Ted McClain, Sr. (Kathleen Lee)	BURKE	
Saturday Vigil ● First Sunday of Lent	4 pm	† Anthony Raffaele (Family)	BURKE	
SUNDAY ● FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9 am	† Antonio & Genia DiFabio (Rosa Fratangelo)	HAWKINS	
SUNDAY • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	11 am	For the People of the Parish	BURKE	

## In Memoriam

Paul H. Titus

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

## Sanctuary Candle Intention



Special Intention for Sulim

Requested by Luminita Chevillard

St. Bede Church

#### Masses

9 am St. Bede

9 am St. James

12 pm Mother of Good Counsel

7 pm St. Bede



March 2, 2022

**Lent** There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12 pm at Mother of Good Counsel, with reflections on St. Mary Magdalene, and at 7 pm at St. Bede. Adoration will follow the stations at St. Bede.

Adoration and Confession on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am at St. Bede.

Next week's bulletin will have complete information on *Lent in our Parish*. The parish website will also have a Lenten page.

## **Pray For All Who Request Prayers**

Our parish community prays for those who request prayers for any reason. If you, a family member, or friend would like to be on our prayer list, please contact Cathy at 412.661.7222 or <a href="mailto:craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org">craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org</a>

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## St. Mary Magdalene Parish

## Participating in the Church's Synodal Process

Synod: a way of us "journeying together" into the future.

## Purpose of the Synod

"To plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands." *Vatican Preparatory Document*, 32

## Participating in our parish synodal gatherings...

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."

We invite you to pray, reflect, and share your experiences and hopes to strengthen our Parish Community and the whole Church to be more responsive to the real needs of people today.

Please reflect on these questions to help prepare to participate...

- ⇒ What has been your experience of "journeying together" today in your local Church?
- ⇒ Is there a brief story that illustrates your experience?
- ⇒ What steps might the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

## Synodal Gatherings in our Parish

- ♦ Sunday, March 6, St. Bede Church from 12:15 to 1:15 pm
- Sunday, March 13, Mother of Good Counsel Church from 10:15 to 11:15 am
- ♦ Saturday, March 19, St. James Chapel from 5:15 to 6:15 pm
- ♦ Tuesday, March 22, on Zoom, from 7 to 8:30 pm

**Please note:** Information on how to participate or to volunteer will be available at all our churches and on the homepage of the website under *Synodal Opportunities:* <u>saintmarymagdalenepgh.org</u>



## **Prayer of Pope Francis**

(at the Opening of the Synod)

Come, Holy Spirit!

You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a "museum Church," beautiful but mute, with much past and little future.

Come among us, so that in this synodal experience we will not lose our enthusiasm, dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions.

Come, Spirit of love! Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Come, Holy Spirit of holiness! Renew the holy and faithful People of God.

Come, Creator Spirit! Renew the face of the earth! Amen.



"Let us have a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Spirit."

Pope Francis



## **Pastor's Note**

#### Words Matter!

We are only a few days away before entering the Season of Lent. This weekend, as we celebrate the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, it is a perfect time to reflect on hearing words that matter in life.

In the first reading from Sirach, we read how a wise man teaches us to be discerning about the words we hear. Sirach teaches that humble reverence for God and for the law of Moses is the way to wisdom.

In the second reading to the Corinthians, we read how Paul urges us to devote ourselves to the work of the Lord. By the grace of God, Jesus has won for us the victory over sin and death.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read the third section from Luke's "Sermon on the Plain." The teaching emphasizes the Christian community's need to exercise good pastoral oversight and control. Jesus exemplifies his teaching regarding personal integrity with two parables: the blind leading the blind, and only good trees produce good fruit.

Pastoral ministers need good training to unfold the gospel effectively for the community. The tendency to notice faults in other people while ignoring them in oneself causes tension in any community. If you want good fruit, you need good trees to bear good fruit. As disciples of Jesus, we must first encounter him and receive his instruction.

We need guidance by learning and spending time with the Lord. No disciple

is superior to the teacher, but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his or her teacher.

Both Sirach and Jesus use the analogy of a tree and the fruit that it bears. Words matter! We choose the words we use to reflect the goodness of our heart. We speak out against injustice and dishonesty and for those whose voice is ignored.

#### Words Matter!

## Please join us this week:

#### Ash Wednesday - March 2

Masses will be held

9 am - St. Bede

9 am - St. James

Noon - Mother of Good Counsel

7 pm - St. Bede

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at Noon at Mother of Good Counsel and 7 pm at St. Bede followed by Eucharistic Adoration and private prayer till 8:30pm.

The "Little Black Book" Lenten mediation book is available for your taking after Mass this weekend. It is free and courtesy of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Let us walk this forty-day journey together with prayer, fasting and almsgiving and Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking.

#### Parish Share

The Annual Parish Share 2021 Campaign has concluded. We came up \$20,000 short of the \$178,677.00 goal which we will take from our Savings Account to pay the Assessment.

No funds collected via the program go towards lawsuits or legal affairs, rather, they support the day-to-day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Greentree, the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes, tuition scholarships and grants for our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, and the Campus Ministry programs at our local colleges and universities. Parish Share also helps the individual parishes with assistance from the Diocesan Insurance and Benefits Office for our parish and school employ-

ees, Property and Planning Office to assist with buildings and grounds issues and the Parish Services Office assists Pastors and Business Managers with the day-to-day operations of the parish. St. Mary Magdalene has been helped by Parish Services and the Office of Property and Planning numerous times this year. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Our 2022 Campaign officially kicks off this weekend and our goal is \$167,523. Every registered parishioner should have received a Parish Share Information packet and pledge card in the mail. Please complete the pledge card either paid in full or with a pledge payable to "St. Mary Magdalene Parish" and memo the check "Parish Share" and return it in the parish envelope that was provided. Extra envelopes and information packets are available at all three of our churches. Please be as generous as possible.

#### **Updated CoVid-19 Directives**

Because new case counts continue to fall in Allegheny County and statewide, Bishop Zubik has lifted the mask mandate. Beginning this weekend masks will be optional for those attending Mass and we will resume the offertory gift procession and sign of peace. Pope Francis and Bishop Zubik have long urged all who can get the vaccine to do so.

## Something to Think About...

"After you sing the blues, you still have the blues. I sing God's music because it makes me feel free. " Mahalia Jackson

With God All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor tburke@diopitt.org

## Fr. David Taylor



There is a saying relative to "There are none so blind as those who will not see". This

can refer to our ability to separate our own actions from the deeds of others There are those who call this "turning a blind eye". Thankfully our moral conscience can often put us back on track.

I once participated in a guided retreat. I was the only priest attending. On the second day of the retreat we were invited to reflect on some difficult area of our lives. Some participants reflected on issues they had spent much of their lives trying to forget. I decided to participate in this exercise. It was humbling and difficult but a freeing experience. Some of the participants knew me well. It changed my life as well as theirs. Self-criticism can be difficult but worthwhile in renewing the quality of our moral and spiritual life.

The late spiritual writer, Fr Henry Nouwen, often speaks of the need for self-examination in many of his books .I often use them for Lenten spiritual reading.

As we come to the end of Luke's Sermon on the Plain we again see the importance of self-healing, self-forgiving. This helps us to see others in a new way with a renewed vision.

As we continue to walk with one another during this Synodal time of renewal we will also gain a new perspective on the upcoming season of Lent. It is a journey calling us to see the truth about ourselves. And this is best done in the company of others.

## Fr. Matthew Hawkins



One of the main objectives of the synodal process is to strengthen relationships within the parish. While there is a time for

large parish assemblies, the real work of synodality is ongoing and takes place in one-on-one conversations and in meetings between small groups within the parish. In these gatherings, such as the Christian Mothers, men's groups, faith-sharing groups, groups of young adults, and social ministries, conversations take place on a scale where relationships have a chance to deepen.

One-on-one conversations and meetings in small groups should take place with a profound awareness of the spirituality of the moment. Usually, when parish ministries meet, they take on the tone of a business meeting or the trustee board of an institution. This is only natural since most meetings in our lives occur in businesses or secular offices and agencies. Synodal meetings, however, should have the tone of spiritual discernment. We should enter them prayerfully and maintain a prayerful resonance throughout the meeting. We should be aware of how the Holy Spirit is guiding the process.

Synodal listening is spiritual listening. In order for these sessions to be fruitful, we must be prepared to listen to what each participant is sharing. We should pay attention to whatever stirs within us as we listen. We should awaken to common themes that emerge within the group and key insights from other people's journeys. Synodal conversations, in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, should be conversations in which "heart speaks to heart."

This type of sharing pivots on storytelling. Not only will the synodal process build a stronger sense of communion within the parish and deepen our relationships, it will strengthen the capacity of members of the parish for evangelization by discovering and telling personal stories. Unlike Protestant evangelicals, Catholics are reluctant to talk

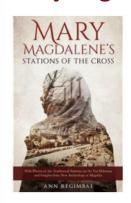
about their faith or the ways that they see God moving in their lives. Synodal sessions, grounded in sharing our stories in small groups, will give us greater confidence to describe our journey of faith to others.

Synodal sharing makes us vulnerable. When we offer our ideas and opinions, we remain in control and hidden behind a mask. When we share our stories we expose pieces of our lives in ways that are often unintentional and are open to interpretation. Our stories require honesty and we become transparent. Our stories will be most meaningful if we are not putting on a performance. We should not try to impress others and we should not spend our time preparing our responses while the other person is talking. Synodal sharing means that we are emotionally exposed. We stand naked in front of the group. This takes courage.

It would be helpful for the parish to offer workshops as needed, perhaps as often as monthly, on drawing out other people's stories, holding one-on-one conversations, and on identifying themes and insights that resonate most powerfully for the group. These workshops would give participants a chance to experiment and debrief with one another. Participants in these workshops would learn from one another.

While synodality should lead to better pastoral planning and more lively and engaged lay-ministry, this does not mean that it has to be business-like or coldly academic. The synodal process should take in more than just the numbers and statistical data that tend to drive decisions. It should create room for the heart and face of the human person to shine through. The synodal process is about individual stories and collective experiences as we journey together in faith. Let us be flexible and open so that the Holy Spirit may work within us and through us, and may guide us as we go forward.

## Mary Magdalene's Stations of the Cross



Each week during Lent and Easter the Worship Committee at St. Mary Magdalene invites you to join us in meditating on Stations of the Cross and Easter drawing on prayers from Ann Regimbal's *Mary Magdalene's Stations of the Cross* (2020). We encourage members of our parish to purchase a copy of the book for a deeper and more complete meditation through the eyes of St. Mary Magdalene.

This week we contemplate the First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death When I witness terrible injustice, as Mary Magdalene saw before her, I pray

for courage to raise my voice and try to make a difference, even if I am drowned out by the crowd. I ask God's forgiveness for those instances where I have failed to speak up for someone or for something that I believed in and I pray for the strength to do so when such opportunities arise again.

## Our Parish Pantries have

requested *new or slightly used bath towels during March*. Please bring donations to one of the churches or to the Parish Office between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. You may also leave items on the front or back porch. It is suggested that donations no longer be put in plastic bags but recyclable bags which will then be used at the pantries.

Thank you for your continued support

## **CAT Corner**

"Remember who you are and whose you are." Sister Thea Bowman

For more information on the Cultural Action Team, please contact Linda Atkins, <u>lindadanza@verizon.net</u>or Jennifer Gorske, gorske38@verizon.net.

**Parish Events...**For information on parish and community events, please see <u>Calendar</u> or <u>Events</u> on our website.

- \* **Faith Sharing** on Sundays at 2 pm on Zoom. Join parishioners for a time of reflection, listening, and perhaps sharing your perspective on Sunday's readings.
- \* **Zen Meditation** on **Wednesdays at 7 pm** in St. James Chapel. For more information, please contact Matthew Kizior at *mdkiz03@gmail.com*.
- \* **Bible Study on Thursdays at 7 pm on Zoom.** Discover the beauty, truth, and wisdom of Scripture through weekly meetings. *Registration.* For more information, contact Fr. Matthew at *mhawkins@diopitt.org* or 412.661.7222.



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