



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE EAST END OF PITTSBURGH

St. Bede Church
509 South Dallas Avenue
Pittsburgh PA 15208

Mother of Good Counsel Church
7705 Bennett Street
Pittsburgh PA 15208

St. James Church
718 Franklin Avenue
Wilkesburg PA 15221

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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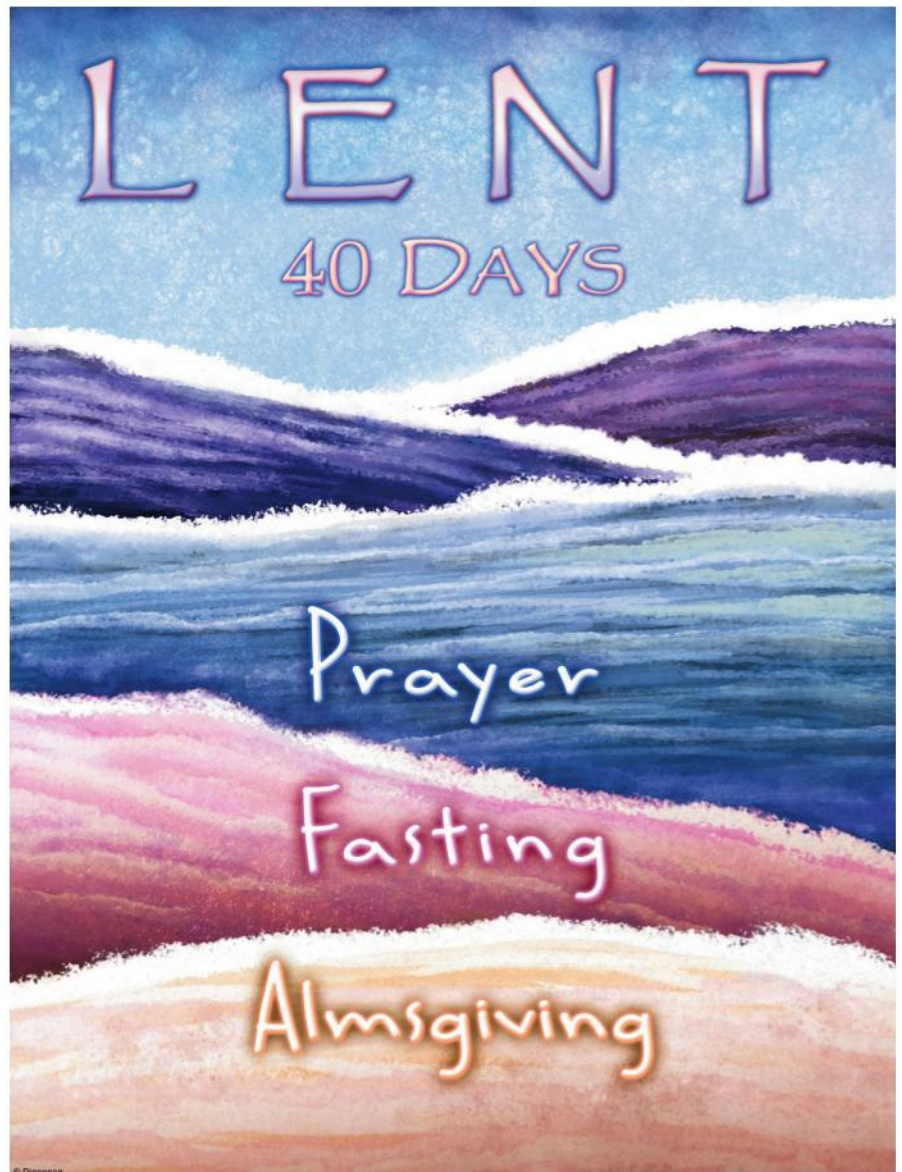
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March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent



“With God All Things Are Possible!”



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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

February 20
\$6,335.00

February 27
\$5,479.00

PSP 2022

Goal \$167,523.00 Received \$11,670.00

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

February Mass Count

Date	St. James Church	Mother of Good Counsel Church	St. Bede Church	Total
2/6	91	74	148	314
2/13	119	69	146	334
2/20	99	90	192	381
2/27	198	74	177	449

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Mass Intentions • March 5 through March 13

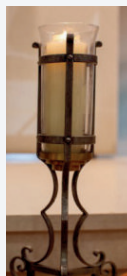
Saturday Vigil • First Sunday of Lent	4 pm	† Anthony Raffaele (Family)	BURKE
SUNDAY • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9 am	† Antonio & Genia DiFabio (Rosa Fratangelo)	HAWKINS
	11 am	For the People of the Parish	TAYLOR
Monday • Monday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Erin Foley (Mary Ann Pekar-Ferris, Godmother)	HAWKINS
Tuesday • Tuesday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Thomas A. Burke (Bill & Marge Burke)	BURKE
Wednesday • Wednesday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Jose III (Emily Castilla)	HAWKINS
Thursday • Thursday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† André Giroux ((Kathleen Lee)	TEMU
Friday • Friday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Jeffrey Tresham (Barbara Krajcovic)	BURKE
Saturday • Saturday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Pearl & Joseph F. Krajcovic (Barbara Krajcovic)	ADEOYE
Saturday Vigil • Second Sunday of Lent	4 pm	† Jane Halloran (Elena Nelson)	HAWKINS HARFMANN
SUNDAY • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9 am	For the People of the Parish	TAYLOR
	11 am	† Quinn Blaney (Paula Blaney)	BURKE

In Memoriam

Florine B. Laus

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

Sanctuary Candle Intention



Erin Foley

Requested by
Mary Ann Pekar-Ferris,
Godmother

St. Bede Church



Holy Spirit, strengthen our Confirmation candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord,

as a disciple of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter.

God's blessings on our candidates and their families.

During Lent The Catholic observance of Lent includes days of fast and abstinence. On these days, people age 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat, while healthy people ages 18-59 are to fast by limiting themselves one full meal and two lighter meals.

Days of fast and abstinence:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Fridays of Lent

Those with a medical condition that makes fasting inadvisable are not obliged to fast, but could perform some other act of penance or charity.

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 craftaele@stmarymagogh.org

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Saint Mary Magdalene Parish 2022 Lent • Triduum • Easter

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Stations of the Cross

Fridays through April 8

12 pm Mother of Good Counsel
(Mary Magdalene's Stations of the Cross by Ann Regimbal)

7 pm St Bede followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm

Modern Stations of the Cross on Zoom

Good Friday, April 15, 10 am

Public Way of the Cross in Wilkinsburg

Lenten Prayer Basket We invite you to place your petitions in the prayer baskets in all our churches. The prayer baskets will be included with the offertory gifts at weekend Masses.

Lenten Almsgiving in our parish will support our Global Solidarity Partners: Bread for the World, the Chimbote Foundation (Peru), Queen of Apostles Academy (Uganda), and Partners in Progress (Haiti). Lenten almsgiving envelopes are in the March packet. You may also contribute through Faith Direct, faithdirect.net and use church code PA994.

Faith Sharing on Sundays at 2 pm for a time of reflection, listening, and perhaps sharing your perspective on Sunday's readings. Please see [Calendar](#) or [Events](#) on our website for Zoom link.

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. This Lent, discover the beauty, truth, and wisdom of Scripture through weekly meetings.

[Registration link.](#) For more information, contact Fr. Matthew Hawkins at mhawkins@diopitt.org or 412.661.7222.

Pope Francis 2022 Lenten Message

Lent is a favorable time for personal and community renewal. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on St. Paul's exhortation to the Galatians:

*"Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our
harvest, if we do not give up.
So then, while we have the opportunity
(kairós), let us do good to all"*
Gal 6:9-10

Lenten Prayer Visit the prayer page on our website page for resources to enrich your spirituality during Lent.

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The Light is On For You

Celebrate
the Sacrament
of Reconciliation

St. Bede, Wednesday,
March 30, 6 to 8 pm



Taizé Prayer Service Sunday, April 3, at 3 pm: Mother of Good Counsel.

*During this Lenten season, all are invited
to an afternoon of prayer, meditation,
music and renewal.*

Blessing of Food and Easter Baskets Saturday, April 16 at 12 pm, St. Bede.



Easter Sunday Masses April 17

9 am, Mother of Good Counsel

10:30 am, St. Bede

12 pm, St. James

Eucharistic Adoration & the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, St. Bede 9:30 to 10:30 am

Triduum Services

April 14, 7 pm Holy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,
Mother of Good Counsel

April 15, 1:30 pm Good Friday
of the Lord's Passion, St. James

April 16, 8 pm Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, St. Bede





Pastor's Note

"Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking"

Each year I give up sweets for Lent including ice cream, Hershey Chocolate Bars, and Boston Cream Pie. Hopefully, I will not be tempted and keep to my promise these next forty days.

This weekend we begin the Season of Lent which is a time for preparation and making some internal changes in our life. The readings this weekend focus on recognizing our dependence on God and avoiding those temptations in life that cause us to turn away from our faith. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we read how Moses reminds the people always to remain grateful to God for the blessing that they enjoy.

In the second reading to the Romans, we read how Paul reminds us that God raised Jesus from the dead for the salvation of the world.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read the "temptation in the desert" as Jesus is tempted three times by the devil to prove by miraculous actions that he is the Son of God. The devil tempts Jesus to turn stone into bread, possess all the kingdoms of the world, and jump from the parapet of the temple without incurring injury. Luke's gospel shows the devil tempting and harassing Jesus, but Jesus remains faithful to his divine mission. As we begin Lent, let us center our relationship with God with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Join us Friday's during Lent at Noon for Stations of the Cross at Mother of Good Counsel and/or 7 pm at St. Bede for Sta-

tions of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 8:30pm. Saturday mornings at St. Bede Church for 9am daily mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 9:30-10:30 am.

Let us pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace in Eastern Europe.

"Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking"

Holy Rosary Church

Bishop David Zubik has accepted St. Mary Magdalene Parish's petition to permanently close Holy Rosary Church in Homewood. Bishop Zubik has decreed that the Holy Rosary Church building be closed for worship and relegated to profane but not sordid use, effective March 28, 2022.

Journeying Together- Synod

Our parish Synodal in person listening sessions will begin this Sunday, March 6, after the 11 am mass at St. Bede. Please join us to listen, share your thoughts and discern for the future of our church.

New Hymnals!

All three of our churches have new hymnals! Thanks to a very generous parishioner for making this project possible. The hymnals have the Sunday Mass readings that you can follow along during mass. We hope you enjoy this wonderful added music book to enhance our liturgies. We ask that you keep the hymnals in church.

Confirmation 2022

Last Saturday in St. James Chapel we had 48 students participate in a retreat and also for the 4 pm Mass, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, this coming Wednesday, March 9, at 7 pm at St. Bede Church with our new Auxiliary Bishop, Mark A. Eckman. Let us pray for our students as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. Special thanks to Melissa Viator for organizing the retreat.

Parish Share 2022

The Annual Parish Share 2022 Campaign has begun. Our goal this year is **\$167,523**. 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, and the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes. We all benefit from Parish Share!

RCIA Class of 2022

I am pleased to announce the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Class of 2022 preparing to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, April 16.

Reeve Aaron Flotta

Catechumen - all three sacraments

David Green

Catechumen - all three sacraments

Mary O'Shan Overton

Candidate for Eucharist and Confirmation

Roger Eben Stoffregen

Catechumen - all three sacraments

Matthew Jacob Winkle

Candidate for Eucharist and Confirmation

Special thanks to our RCIA Team - **Teresa Maynor, Tim McCarthy, and Nancy Tullar** for their leadership.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **William Andrew Swartz**, son of Andrew and Lauren Theis Swartz, who is being baptized this weekend.

Welcome

A special warm welcome to **James, Deborah, and Parker Baldwin** who recently registered at St. Mary Magdalene Parish.

Something to Think About...

Bad habits and temptations are like comfortable beds, easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

With God All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
tburke@diopitt.org

Fr. David Taylor



On a vacation trip visiting my priest brother in Los Angeles, California we decided to have both a visit and a

spiritual retreat. We soon headed up the coast towards Central and Northern California. We stayed at a retreat center off the coast at Big Sur California. I found it to be a time of life changing renewal. It was a vast isolated area. We were without cell phone, texting, computer use and television. This was a time of real self-examination and prayer.

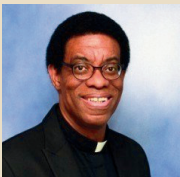
We have a tendency to become overly dependent on means of instant communication. And this can become a challenge to our Lenten resolutions. We can allow prayer, fasting, and life affirming changes to become a burden rather than a gift from God. Lent calls us to a period of changing some of our "essential" habits and ways of determining our agendas. This is more than a 40-day event. It can be a lifetime change.

When we open ourselves up for change, we can also be most vulnerable to temptation and weakness. Many who have successfully gone through recovery from addiction realize that it is a lifetime commitment. Prayer and a committed spiritual life is essential.

Lent is a time of freeing our spirit and being open to new ways of living. It can be a chance to seek to become more fully involved in the lives of others. Let's pray that we do not allow this season to be a season of missed opportunity. We may not have tomorrow to accomplish what we can today.

Pope Francis has asked us to use this Lent to focus on peace in the human community. The shameful war and destruction against the people of the Ukraine provides ample evidence of a deep need to re-evaluate our priorities, especially when it comes to the value of life. We cannot look at these events as something distant from ourselves. What we say and how we live can have consequences for the entire human community.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



In a reflection in the bulletin last November, I discussed what Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridge-

port Connecticut said about synodality. I think it is important to return to Caggiano's thoughts to keep our synodal efforts in focus. Last November, Caggiano said that the synodal process is intended to usher in a new "attitude," in the way that members of the Body of Christ interact with one another. He said of the synod that it is "not a free-for-all to change what we believe, but [to] deepen our understanding ... and apply [what we believe] in more effective ways."

Significantly, Bishop Caggiano sees the synodal process as being a change in the attitude of the Church herself. Caggiano said, "I think much will change, and a lot of it is attitude, not so much doctrinal." He explained that this change of attitude will be a shift away from thinking that being a member of the Church is simply a matter of meeting one's Sunday obligation. Synodality is about changing relationships, and this is not limited to the Church. "Baptism calls us to live our lives everywhere, whether it's in the marketplace and the political arena, whether it is in social community life, whether it is in your parish, among friends, with your spouse, [and] your children," he said.

Describing what the Church is undertaking, Caggiano said that it is a "dry run for a new methodology that involves everybody..." Caggiano discussed the theological basis for the synodal process. He said, "We all, by baptism, have a role in the church. The Spirit's moving in all our hearts, and we all have a place and a role to play in discerning how the church addresses pastoral issues." Caggiano acknowledged that this process of consultation will not occur without exposing areas in which members of

the Body of Christ disagree with one another. "We could disagree, we could even fight," he said, "but we're all in this together to be partners in mission. We all have a role to play in preaching the Gospel and moving the mission of the church forward."

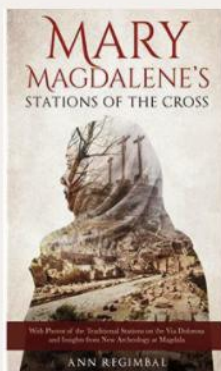
What will the synodal process look like? What kinds of questions should we be discussing among ourselves in our parishes? Caggiano said, "The pope wants to hear people's personal stories of faith [...] where has the church been an aid in your spiritual journey? Where has it been a challenge or obstacle if you are not active in your life of faith, in the church? Where do you draw your spiritual sustenance? Where do you find your consolation? Where do you find your joy in life?"

There are particular questions that the synodal process should raise with regard to young people and others who are leaving the Church or who feel that the Church has left them. Caggiano said we should ask them, "Where are they going and what are they doing with their basic desire to have a relationship with something far greater and more meaningful?"

Synodality, as described by Bishop Caggiano, should be a process in which both the person who is listening and the person who is being listened to are transformed by this act of interpersonal encounter and engagement. "As you listen to people's stories and you listen to their sufferings and you listen to their heartbreaks [...] you do it in a way that you are opening yourself up to what they're saying," he said.

Caggiano described synodality as being not only a model for parishes, it is also a model for how the secular world should function. Synodality is the implementation of the Church's theology, and an example for the world to follow, that will change attitudes while strengthening interactions and relationships that give our lives meaning, grounded in the fundamental dignity of the human person.

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:

Station Two: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

Mary Magdalene makes a vow to stay with Jesus to the end. She realizes that she cannot change the course of events, but draws on the power she has: The power to support and comfort.

I thank God for all those who have stayed by my side throughout my own ordeals. And I ask for the strength to stay with and comfort others, when they need me.

Station Three: Jesus Falls for the First Time

I reflect upon the times where I have fallen—where I have lost faith.

Dear God, forgive me for doubting you. Help me to know that you are always there. Give me strength, even in dark and trying times, to pick up my burden, no matter how heavy it may seem, and carry on.

Visit the prayer page on our website page for all the Mary Magdalene Stations.
saintmarymagdalenepgh.org

Answer the call. Participate in a Synod Listening Session.

Today, March 6, 12:15 pm at St. Bede. Registration forms are available in all our churches or visit our website for more information or to register for an upcoming session: March 13, 10:15 am, Mother of Good Counsel; March 19, 5:15 pm, St. James; March 22, 7 pm, Zoom.

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

"Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves. Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love. Pope Francis

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