



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
Wilkinsburg 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
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.

Parish Office

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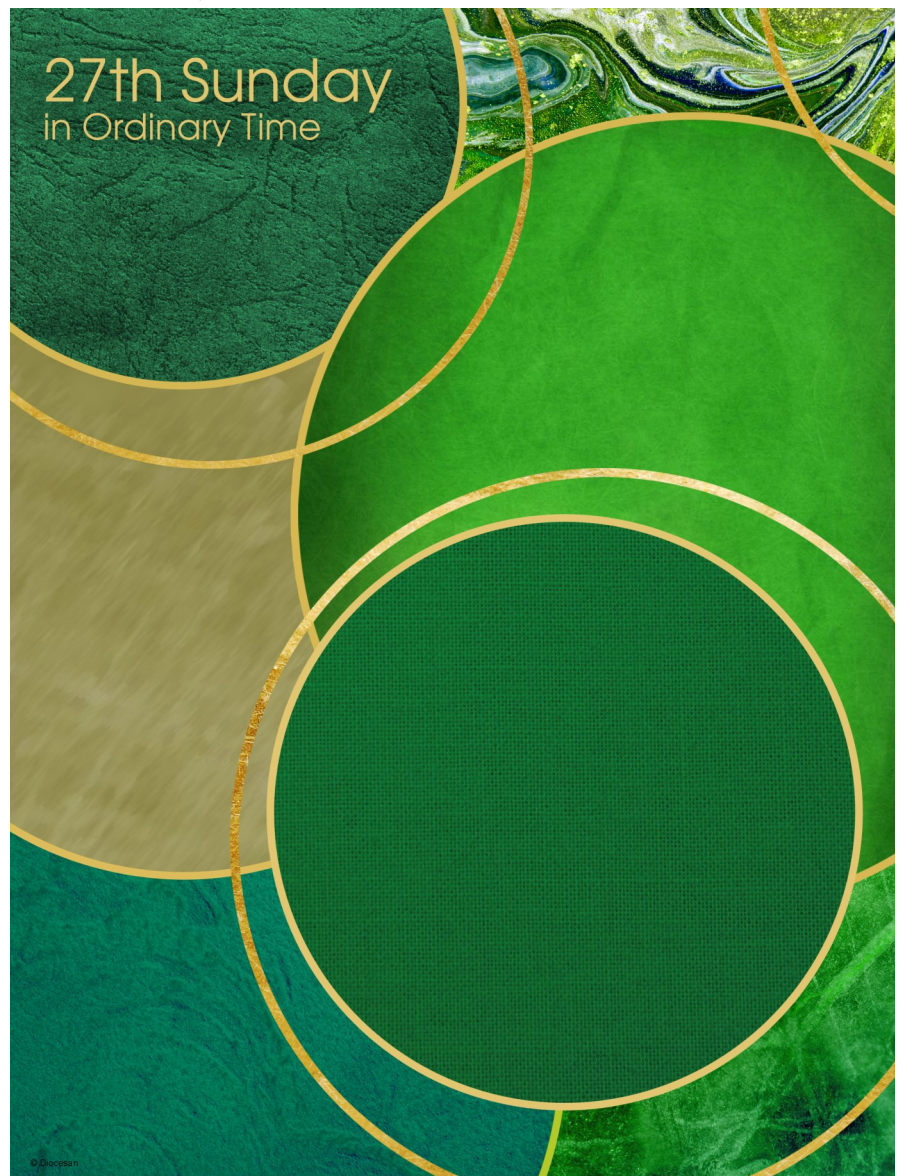
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October is Respect Life Month: *Live the Gospel of Life*

October 2, 2022



“With God All Things Are Possible!”



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SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE Anyone who volunteers in the parish is required by the diocese to be compliant with all Safe Environment clearances. Please contact Melissa Viator at 412.661.7222 or mviator@stmarymagpgh.org for assistance. and questions.

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.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

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](#).

Our faith community waits for you.

Stewardship September 25

Offertory \$6,499.00

PSP 2022

Goal \$167,523.00 Received \$106,095.00



Parish eGiving We invite you to consider online giving. To sign up at Faith Direct or make a one-time gift, visit faithdirect.net and use church code PA994. Enrollment forms are available at all our churches, parish office and on our website.

September Mass Count

Date	St. James	Mother of Good Counsel	St. Bede	Total
9/4	98	91	171	360
9/11	104	70	191	365
9/18	113	86	175	374
9/25	112	66	201	379

Advisory Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Linda Atkins	Brandon Mahler
Lois Campbell	Teresa Maynor
Sharon Taybron-Currie	Dante Romito
Anne Kovalan-Santoni	Eric Setzler

Finance Council

Martin Albacete	Felisha Hamiel
Christopher Benec	Michael Polite
Anthony Biamonte	Judy Prata
John Castanon	Mara Sullivan

Mass Intentions • October 1 through October 9

Saturday Vigil • Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	† Albert Taymans (Friends)	TAYLOR
SUNDAY • TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9 am	† Jeffrey Atkins & Louise Henderson (Atkins Family)	BURKE
	11 am	Temporal & Spiritual Wellbeing of the Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish	HAWKINS
Monday • Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	† Florence Andracki (Richard Andracki)	ADEOYE
Tuesday • Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi	9 am	† Kay Boyle (Mary Ann & Al Zajko)	TEMU
Wednesday • Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	Temporal & Spiritual Wellbeing Of Francis & Marie Raffaele(Family)	ADEOYE
Thursday • Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	† Ruth McKay (Patrice & Alex McCarthy)	TEMU
Friday • Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	9 am SB	† Janina & Andrew Stecki (Eva Tumiel-Kozak)	HAWKINS
	9 am SJ	† Katherine M. Griffith (Griffith Family)	TAYLOR
Saturday • Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	† Jane D. Kozimer (John J. Kozimer)	ADEOYE
Saturday Vigil • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	Temporal & Spiritual Wellbeing of the Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish	HAWKINS
SUNDAY • TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9 am	† Scatorchia Family (Mary Grace Prata & Judy Prata)	TAYLOR
	11 am	† Deceased Members of the Murdoch Family (Suzanne Steitz)	BURKE

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



Lorraine Cipri

Requested by
Veronica Corpuz

St. James Church



Rev. Eugene Cho, President and CEO of Bread for the World

one of *St. Mary Magdalene Parish Global Solidarity Partners*, will be in Pittsburgh speaking at the World Mission Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS). On **Friday, October 7**, from 4 to 5 pm, the SW PA Bread Team is hosting a meet and greet with Rev. Cho at PTS. To RSVP and to learn the location at PTS, contact Joyce Rothermel at 412.780.5118 or rothermeljoyce@gmail.com

National Faith & Blue Weekend There will be socials after all the Masses on October 8 and 9 to give parishioners an opportunity to greet the law enforcement officers participating in Faith & Blue Weekend.

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 crffaele@stmarymagpgh.org

Patricia Abraham
Jaavan Arnold
Loretta Ashley
Evangeline Atkins
Ronald Bilotto
Palmyra Bilotto
Joanne Bradley
William Brashear
Scot Brown
Jean Burns
Terri Burns
Bruno Cassara

Jim Craven
Rob Dalmasse
Dorothy Dansby
Artis Dilworth
Ruth Donnelly
Brian Durant
Pope Francis
Paul Gallagher
Louann & Joseph Gordon
Theresa Grieco
Pat Griffin
Thoren Griffin

Jordan Harris
Natasha Harris
Virginia Hylazewski
Bev Hurtel
Mary Kubicar
Ann Malarkey
Patricia Marino
Mary Lou McGaffin
Joy McKnight
Pete Messina
Janice Miles
Laura Pachen

Staycee Pearl
Nadine Powell
Anastasia Proviano
Dee Pryor
Janice Reed
Dorothy Rescher
Jackie Rodgers
Frederick Rohrer
Meghan Rooney
Helen Shields
Kenneth Simms
Darlene Lercher Smith

James & Rose Smith
Suzanne Steitz
Veronica Thompson
Rosemarie Tolliver
MaKenna Grace Turner
Rose Vega
Robin Gary-White
Tessa Wiseman
Margaret Wood
David Wright
Dennis Zerega
Bishop David Zubik

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 2	Respect Life Month Faith Sharing, 2 pm, Zoom
Wednesday, October 5	Brown Bag Lunch & Prayer on the gospel of the day: Luke 11:1-4 , 12 pm, St. James Chapel
Thursday, October 6	The Camino Young Adult Group, 6:30 pm, St. James Chapel Bible Study, 7 pm, Zoom Registration Choir Rehearsals, 7:30 pm, St. Bede
Saturday, October 8	Adoration & Confession, 9:30-10:30 am, St. Bede Faith & Blue Weekend, Social after the 4 pm Mass
Sunday, October 9	Faith & Blue Weekend, Socials after the 9 and 11 am Masses Faith Sharing, 2 pm, Zoom

All are welcome to participate.
For more information on these events
and Zoom links, please see
the [Calendar](#) on our website.

Our Parish Pantries have requested **cranberry sauce during October**. 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.

"We have been called to heal wounds,
to unite what has fallen apart,
and to bring home those who
have lost their way."

St. Francis of Assisi, October 4

The Parish Pastoral Council is a 9-person council. Three members will be rotating off in November and one member has moved from the area. As a result, we will be discerning four new members for a three-year term.

The process involves the following steps:

1) A 90 minute information session will be offered twice: on Wednesday, October 19, at 7 pm in St. James Chapel, and Monday, October 24, at 7 pm on Zoom (see the [Calendar](#) on the website for the link). This session is open to any parishioner who, after prayerful reflection, would like to know more as he or she discerns whether God might be calling them to serve on the Pastoral Council.

2) A discernment session will be held on Monday, November 14, for those who attended one of the information sessions and who want to be considered for the Pastoral Council. From this session, the names of those discerned for possible service on the Council will be submitted to Fr. Burke, who will prayerfully consider the results of the discernment session and, based on that, appoint the four new members of the Parish Pastoral Council.



Radio Program with Fr. Tom Burke as host, highlights elementary and secondary schools; colleges; youth ministry programs; and more, and is broadcast every other Sunday morning on KDKA AM. Fr. Tom's next program is on **October 9** with guests Dr. Karen Hall, Athletic Director at Oakland Catholic High School and also a parishioner at St. Benedict the Moor Parish, and Bill Barton, Athletic Director at North Catholic High School with the topic: "What makes a Catholic Scholar Athlete". See the homepage of our website for the link to podcasts of the programs.



Catholic Youth Ministry:

All middle and high school students
are invited to gather around
the campfire on St. Bede Lawn
on Thursday, October 13,
from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, October 15, from 9 to 11 am in St. James Chapel. If you have insurance, (not required) please bring your card. Please use Mulberry Street entrance (accessible).

Open Retreat for Men and Women presented by the *Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary* with Fr. Thomas Burke as Retreat Master on **Saturday, October 22**, from 9 am to 12 pm in St. James Chapel. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 am and lunch will start at 12 pm.

Please **RSVP by Monday, October 17**,
to Joyce Broadus at joycebroadus66@gmail.com.



Pastor's Note

Increase Our Faith!

This weekend we celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings focus on asking God to help us increase our faith.

In the first reading from Habakkuk, we read how a prophet has assurance from God to keep the faith. The Book of Habakkuk is often referred to as one of the "Twelve Minor Prophets" in the Old Testament regarding the length of his book which is only three chapters long. His message focuses on challenging the people to trust in God.

In the second reading from the Letter to Timothy, we read how Paul celebrates the gift of the spirit and the message of the Gospel. He encourages Timothy to trust in God and remain loyal to the message.

In the Gospel of Luke, the Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus points to a mulberry tree and tells them that if they have faith the size of the tiniest seed it will grow into bigger and better things. Even a little faith in Jesus can achieve remarkable outcomes.

Let us pray for our families, parents, and grandparents, who are the first evangelizers of their children, and pass that faith on to future generations.

Increase Our Faith!

Blessing of Pets

In honor of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, we will have the **Blessing of Pets, this Sunday,**

October 2, at 12:30 pm on the green lawn in front of the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Office. Please bring your furry little friend to get blessed!

Wish List Request - MOGC Repairs

We are working with Welte Roofing to repair the side gutters and the flat roof at the church entrance and downspouts at Mother of Good Counsel. The total cost of the repairs is **\$19,400**. We hope to have these much-needed repairs done before the winter season. If you would like to help with this project, please make your check payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish and memo it "MOGC Roof Repair Fund".

Holiday Fundraiser

All registered parishioners will be receiving information in the mail the next few weeks about our upcoming Parish Lottery Calendar Fundraiser. The calendar will be good for the entire year starting on January 1, 2023 and run thru December 31, 2023. Participants can win \$25 daily Monday thru Saturday, \$50 on Sundays, and \$100 on Holy Days and Holidays based on the 7 pm three-digit lottery number. This will make a great Christmas Gift for family, friends, and loved ones. Only 1,000 calendars will be sold so plan on reserving yours in the next few weeks. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the maintenance projects at all three of our churches.

National Faith and Blue Weekend

Next Sunday, parishes across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be celebrating National Faith and Blue Weekend which is a joint community outreach program focusing on resolution and reconciliation. The initiative by religious and police leaders intends to bring law enforcement officers and citizens together using local houses of worship in their community to facilitate. Police Officers from the City of Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg, along with other local agencies will be joining us for Mass and greeting parishioners at the door.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lydia Morgan Shablesky** and **Maverick Jasper Lydic** who are being baptized this weekend.

Congratulations to the Seventeen new Permanent Deacons that are being ordained at St. Paul Cathedral this weekend for the Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our Pastoral Associate and Safe Environment Coordinator, **Melissa Viator**, who is celebrating her birthday this coming Thursday, October 6!

Thank You!

Special thanks to all those who participated in the St. Bede School Alumni Bede Fest held last Saturday afternoon and those who participated in last Sunday's 11 am mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Kunz.

Thank you to the one hundred and eleven people who attended the Century Club Dinner last Sunday at the Edgewood Country Club. Great food, conversation and lots of great gift baskets and raffles! Thank you to all who participate in this annual fund raiser for St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Special thanks to Mary Grace and Judy Prata and their committee for all of their hard work with the planning. Stay tuned in the next few weeks on how you can sign up to be a member of the Century Club and have a chance to win \$25.00 each month.

Something to Think About...

Trust your path. Every step in our journey will lead to growth!

With God All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
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Fr. David Taylor



Waiting can always be a time of grace. We are living in times when many cannot appreciate the

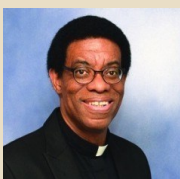
spiritual opportunities afforded during a period of having our plans delayed or put on hold. This can be a time of reevaluating our priorities and seeing our challenges in a new faith filled perspective. Putting our plans on hold can sometimes be to our spiritual advantage.

Waiting for an important medical appointment or surgery can be a real test of faith. Several years ago I arrived at a hospital early in the morning for a surgical procedure. While this can be a time of anxiety it can also be a time of renewed faith. Right before I went into surgery I was informed that it had to be put on hold to address a medical risk. Although I was disappointed, I had to be thankful that this was discovered. It was an experience that both put my faith in action and gave me a new sense of patience.

The prophet Habakkuk, like many others before and after him, were tested in their most weak and difficult times. Although he questioned God, he never gave up. He knew his prayer would be answered but only in God's time and not his own. When the Apostles asked for faith Jesus knew the real issue was putting into practice what they already possessed.

In the end the outcomes of our greatest needs reside with God. And this is where faith always brings us to hope God's vision for our future is always on the way to fulfillment. Hope is always alive.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



What is characteristic of Catholic literature and art? What should we expect from the Catholic artist and

writer? Last spring and summer, the Frick Pittsburgh exhibited 50 pieces of art by Romare Bearden (1911-1988). Bearden was an influential African American artist who spent part of his youth growing up in Pittsburgh. He was born in North Carolina and spent his adult years living in New York.

The themes of Bearden's work included the shame and pride of heritage connected to the survival of the legacy of enslavement in the United States, the social conditions of black Americans during the great migration to the north (1918-1922) through its aftermath for the next two generations in the 1970s and 80s, the Harlem Renaissance (the 1920s-30s), the rise of the jazz, bebop, and the blues, and the rituals of everyday life in the rural south and the urban north throughout the 20th century. Bearden's artwork also depicted Western mythology, epics, literature, and sacred scripture as seen through the lens of the everyday lives of African Americans.

There was something that was very "Catholic" about Bearden's work, even though he probably was not a member of the Catholic Church. When I refer to Bearden's Catholicity, I am not just thinking about his depictions of the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Passion of Christ; I am thinking about his insistence that the greatest art and literature have universal resonance. They explore the human condition, regardless of one's

race or the period of history in which one lives.

In a very Catholic way, Bearden depicted spiritual transcendence in everyday life and universality in particular cultural circumstances and experiences. As the printed guide to Bearden's work pointed out: "Southern traditions, Harlem nights, and scenes from art and literature (recast with Black figures) are filtered through Bearden's vision, telling an empowering tale of Black life in America." As he matured, Bearden did not approach his depiction of African American life as one-dimensional political statements; instead, he sought to draw out the humanity of his subjects in all of their contradictions.

In 1969, Bearden said of his work: "...It is not my aim to paint the Negro in America in terms of propaganda. It is precisely my awareness of the distortions required of the polemicist that has caused me to paint the life of my people as I know it ... passionately and dispassionately ... my intention [...] is to reveal through pictorial complexities the richness of a life I know."

This is the goal of the best of Catholic literature and art: it is to capture the complexity and richness of everyday life; it is, as the printed guide pointed out, to see "struggle and strife, but also ritual, music, and joy" in our everyday experiences.

Father Matthew's Dramatized Scriptural Rosary is broadcast every night at 7 pm on 102.1 FM.

Also, Father Matthew's Bible Study is on Zoom every Thursday night at 7 pm.

Please register:

saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org/bible-study



September 15 to October 15 celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Ever creative God, you have made us humans as a wonderful kaleidoscope of ethnicities and cultures. Help us to "widen our tents" to be open to cultures that may be different from our own. Amen

RESPECT LIFE: Mary's Child – October, 2022

Pro-Life: Supporting for Moms (Grandmothers) and their Children

Let us PRAY, LEARN and ACT for a world where all life flourishes, as GOD DREAMS!

Mary's Child was developed to respect and assist impoverished Moms who made the pro-life decision to give birth to their babies. It is a program of St. Mary Magdalene Ministry Center, targeted at children from 0 to age 12.

Mary's Child staff offer emotional support, encouragement, supplies, books & toys, and food, tailored to each mother who participates. When needed, our Ministry Center provides these young families with rental or utility assistance, plus other basic needs (often with the help of our St. Vincent de Paul Society).

Each month the families have access to clothing, formula, baby food, diapers, wipes, books, some toys, and when possible, cribs, highchairs and other needed items as well as the monthly food distribution.

YOU CAN HELP!

All this month, contribute

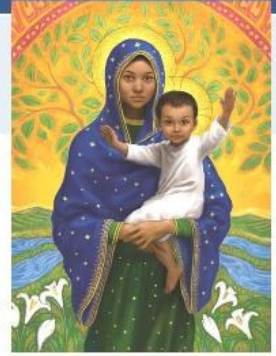
- Baby hygiene products
- Diapers (newborn, size 5, 6)
- Pull ups, size 3T-4T, 4T-5T)
- T shirts & Underwear (all sizes)
- Children's socks
- Winter hats & gloves

And for older children in these families

- Uniform Pants (size 6-18, khaki, navy blue)
- Polo shirts (size 6-18, white, navy)

Donation Bins are in each of our 3 churches.

Anytime, a financial contribution for Mary's Child



**THANK
YOU!**

Ordinary people like us, acting together despite our differences, can discover new ways for respecting all of life!

CAT Corner

"We are at our best when we serve others." Margaret Mead, anthropologist

For more information on the Cultural Action Team: Jennifer at gorske38@verizon.net or Linda at lindadanza@verizon.net.