



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

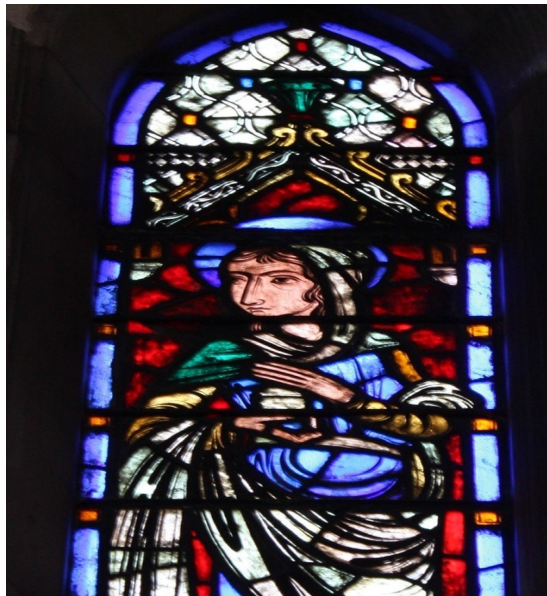
By appointment only.



Our churches are accessible.

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



"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.



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.

Bulletin Announcements

are due on Friday at 4 pm for the following Sunday's bulletin:
bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org.

Stewardship

February 12

Offertory: \$4,610.00



ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL 2023
(Formerly Parish Share Program)

Received: \$4,916.00 Goal: \$155,102.00

Penguins Game Parking

During all home games of the Penguin's hockey season, parking is available for a \$20.00 donation at the Saint Benedict The Moor parking lot. Located right up the hill from PPG Paints Arena on Centre Avenue.



Advisory Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Linda Atkins
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Michael Polite
Judy Prata
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Mass Intentions • February 18 through February 26

Saturday Vigil • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	People of the Parish (St. Mary Magdalene Parish)	HAWKINS
SUNDAY • SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9 am	† Joseph Ortolano (Gorske Family)	BURKE
	11 am	† Joan Schick (Tsang Family)	TAYLOR
Monday • Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	† Marlene McClain (Kathleen Lee)	HAWKINS
Tuesday • Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	9 am	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus (Carolyn Peternel)	BURKE
Wednesday • Ash Wednesday	9 am St. B	† William Rielly, Sr. (Al & Mary Ann Zajko)	BURKE
Wednesday • Ash Wednesday	9 am St. J	† David Aleva (Al & Mary Ann Zajko)	TAYLOR
Wednesday • Ash Wednesday	12pm MOGC	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus (Carolyn Peternel)	TEMU
Wednesday • Ash Wednesday	7 pm St. B	† Patricia Griffin (Al & Mary Ann Zajko)	ADEOYE
Thursday • Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9 am	† George Frank (Kathleen Lee)	TEMU
Friday • Friday after Ash Wednesday	9 am	† Dorothy Gloninger (Shanahan Family)	TAYLOR
Saturday • Saturday after Ash Wednesday	9 am	† Dan Lehmann (Shanahan Family)	ADEOYE
Saturday Vigil • First Sunday of Lent	4 pm	† Mary Ann Brashear (William Brashear)	BURKE
SUNDAY • THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9 am	For the Temporal and Spiritual Wellbeing of the People and Clergy of the Parish (St. Mary Magdalene Parish)	TAYLOR
	11 am	† Dr. Wilfrido F. Tolentino (The Family of Veronica Corpuz)	HAWKINS

Sanctuary Candle



In Memory of Barbara Mahoney

Requested by
Moiria and Rusty Hughes
St. James Church

In Memoriam

Dione Carter, mother of parishioners, Jaquan, Nyair, and Nyonna West, entered eternal rest last week.

Jaquan, Nyair, and Nyonna are the adopted children of parishioner Marcelle West.

Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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
William Brashear
Scot Brown
Jean Burns
Bruno Cassara
Dorothy Dansby
Khamora Dickerson
Artis Dilworth

Brian Durant
Pope Francis
Paul Gallagher
Louann & Joseph Gordon
Theresa Grieco
Thoren Griffin
Jordan Harris
Natasha Harris
Virginia Hylazewski
Bev Hurtel
Ann Malarkey
Patricia Marino
Mary Lou McGaffin

Joy McKnight
Janice Miles
Laura Pachen
Staycee Pearl
Nadine Powell
Anastasia Proviano
Dee Pryor
Dorothy Rescher
Frederick Rohrer
Meghan Rooney
Katrina Sammons
Helen Shields
Kenneth Simms

Darlene Lercher Smith
James & Rose Smith
Veronica Thompson
Rosemarie Tolliver
MaKenna Grace Turner
Kimerle Viccaro
Rose Vega
Robin Gary-White
Tessa Wiseman
Margaret Wood
David Wright

Parish Calendar

Saturday, February 18	Adoration & Confession, 9:30-10:30 am, St. Bede
Sunday, February 19	Religious Education for Children: 9:45 am-10:45 am, St. Bede School Faith Sharing, 2 pm, Zoom
Tuesday, February 21	RCIA, 7 pm, Activities Room Tuesday Vigil, 7pm-8pm, Zoom
Wednesday, February 22	Brown Bag Lunch and Prayer, 12pm-1pm, Saint James Chapel
Thursday, February 23	Camino Young Adult Group, 6:30pm-7:30pm, St. James Chapel Bible Study With Father Matt, 7pm-8:30pm, Zoom Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm-9pm, St. Bede
Saturday, February 25	Adoration & Confession, 9:30-10:30 am, St. Bede Religious Education Workshop, 10am-12pm, Activities Room Letter Writing, 5pm-6pm, St. James Chapel
Sunday, February 26	Religious Education for Children: 9:45 am-10:45 am, St. Bede School Letter Writing, 10am-11am, MOGC February Birthday Celebration, After 9am Mass, MOGC Letter Writing, 12pm-1pm, Activi- ties Rooms Faith Sharing, 2 pm, Zoom

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

discovering
Christ

How can I begin a better life?

Are you searching for answers? Discovering Christ is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy a delicious dinner and listen to a talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, there will be small group discussions.

Wednesdays starting March 1, 2023, until April 12, 2023, from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM and a retreat on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in Saint James Chapel.

Registration information is available on information cards in the pews and the back of the church.

Introducing "Parish Appeal"



ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL 2023
(Formerly Parish Share Program)

When you give generously to the Annual Parish Appeal, your gift multiplies.

The Annual Parish Appeal offers support for ministries and services that individual parishes can't provide on their own.

Pledges will be gathered on Giving Weekend, Feb. 18-19, 2023. Pray over what you will give. Text OneChurch to 84576 to receive stories about the good things your donation to the Annual Parish Appeal will help to accomplish

Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY



Saint Mary Magdalene will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read!!

Saint Mary Magdalene will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from February 23, 2023 to March 31, 2023 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Tom and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY



Pastor's Note

Forgive!

Last Monday afternoon, I left my office around 3pm and headed down South Dallas Avenue and turned on the radio to KDKA Radio 100.1 FM to listen to the news. There was a live news conference regarding the shooting of McKeesport Police Officer Sean Sluganski who was killed in the line of duty just after noon on Versailles Avenue in McKeesport. I was in complete shock and had to catch my breath and cling on to the steering wheel. I was very familiar with McKeesport with my best friend, Fr. Steve Kresak being the Pastor of the former Corpus Christi Parish in McKeesport, just down the street from the shooting. My classmate, Fr. Terry O'Connor, is now the Pastor of Mary Mother of God Parish which serves the communities of East McKeesport, McKeesport, and White Oak. Officer Sluganski grew up in Baldwin and his mom Terri is a member of Blessed Trinity Parish in Baldwin, Brentwood, Carrick, and Hays which Fr. Steve Kresak is the Pastor.

Fr. Steve, Bishop Zubik and I concelebrated the funeral for Officer Slugnanski this past Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church of Blessed Trinity Parish. It was a very emotional day. I grew up in a Police Family, with my father Bill, serving thirty years on the Pittsburgh Police Force and is the founder of the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on the North Shore and my brother-in-law, Eric Schueler, currently serves on the Pittsburgh Police

Force. I am also the Catholic Chaplain for the Pittsburgh Police Department.

It is very emotional and heart-breaking losing a police officer killed in a line of duty, but as people of faith we need to pray and keep the faith.

This weekend we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings focus on forgiving our enemies. In the first reading from Leviticus, we read how God instructs Moses to challenge the people of Israel to be bold and strive to exhibit such divine love in the way they treat each other.

In the Second Reading to the Corinthians, we read how Paul teaches that belief in the Lord Jesus leads to true wisdom which is exhibited in those who know they belong to Christ, who rule over all creation. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read the conclusion of the "Sermon on the Mount" which we have been reading the past several weeks as Jesus redefines the meaning of retaliation and the love of enemies. Jesus teaches us that we are not to hold grudges or seek revenge. We are called to forgive and seek reconciliation.

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness. We must be willing and eager to forgive those who wrong us. As we prepare for the Lenten Season this week let us forgive someone who has hurt us. Let us Let Go and Let God.

Parish Assessment 2023

This weekend is Giving Weekend as we kick off our 2023 Parish Appeal (formally called Parish Share) inviting all parishioners to make a pledge to the Annual Parish Appeal. Every Registered Parishioner should have received a pledge card in the mail this past week. Every Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh has an "Assessment" assigned to them to help run the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This assessment, used to be called "Parish Share." This year's Assessment is \$155,102. This fund helps operate the Diocesan Pastoral Center and St. Paul Seminary in Crafton, and our Hospital Chaplain, and

College Campus Ministry Programs. As you plan to make your donation please be as generous as possible so that we can obtain our goal. Last year we fell short \$50,000 of our goal and we had to go into our parish savings account to pay the bill. Please be as generous as possible.

Ash Wednesday- February 22

Masses will be held:

9am- St. Bede

9am- St. James

Noon- Mother of Good Counsel

7pm- St. Bede

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Dorothy Dansby celebrating her 95th birthday this weekend!

Happy Birthday to our Bulletin Editor Matthew Denk who also works at St. Bede School as support staff and with our Youth Ministry Program, and in our Maintenance Department who is celebrating his birthday this Monday, February 20!

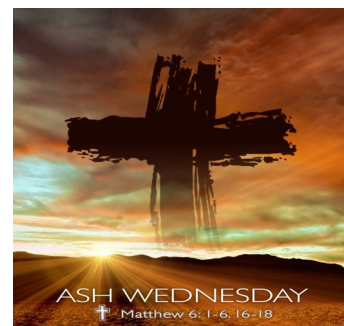
Something to Think About...

"We must show love for those who do evil to us and pray for them. Nothing is dearer or more pleasing to God than this."

St. Bridget of Sweden

With God All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
tburke@diopitt.org



Fr. David Taylor



Today continues a series of Gospels from the Sermon on the Mount. At the heart of today's

Gospel is that a disciple of Christ must be willing to love unconditionally.

Many would see this as nearly impossible. We live in a society where conditions are preeminent in nearly every aspect of daily life. Indeed we impose many of these conditions on ourselves and others.

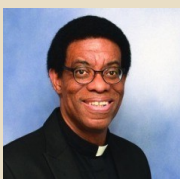
Hate is a very deadly and dangerous thing. It has to be reserved for actions such as intolerance, injustice, bigotry, racism, selfishness, and self-centered living. It can never be directed to a person. We must hate sin but never the sinner. This is one of the most challenging aspects of Christianity.

When Nelson Mandela was released from twenty seven years of unjust imprisonment, he had every reason to be bitter and angry. Many looked for him to exact revenge. But immediately he sought reconciliation with justice and peace. He was often criticized for this. But he knew better. His years in prison taught him the price of discipleship. Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa helped lead the way for Mandela to embrace leadership without hatred and retribution. Mandela was able to lead a new South Africa with justice and peace.

Hate can deprive us of every good thing in life. It can rob us of our dignity and give a "victory" to evil. Mandela and many others have suffered unjustly. But he never gave up his dignity by caving into hate. He leaves a legacy for all who would heed Christ's call to rise above a call for retribution.



Fr. Matthew Hawkins



As someone not born into the Catholic Church, it is difficult for me to understand those who think Catholicism has no appeal

beyond cradle Catholics. While Protestants are often guilty of doing nothing but evangelizing, Catholics err in the opposite direction; we tend to do everything except evangelize. Marcel Dumais, in his groundbreaking work on Catholic evangelization titled "After Emmaus: Biblical Models for the New Evangelization" (2014), explained it this way:

We have a lot of questions today about how to evangelize, how to bear witness, how to transmit the faith. These questions about 'how' are very important, but the more fundamental question is 'what' -- what to transmit. We are no longer sure about what to transmit, and that is why we are so worried about the question of how. If we knew exactly what to communicate, it would be much easier to find the answer of how [to communicate it].

This is the fundamental question: what do we propose to share with the world? It shouldn't just be apologetics, dogma, and doctrine. People will have little interest in our answers until they first have an opportunity to discern the questions that should be most important to them. What questions should they be asking? Konstantin Stanislavski, one of the leading theater directors of the 20th century, told his actors to ask three questions as they are on the stage: "Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?" These questions are not only good for the theater; we should ask them amid the drama of life. They will prod us toward deeper self-examination.

The "what" of evangelization is when, where, and how we first encountered Christ and our ongoing relationship with the Lord. It is not enough to think and speak in clichés and empty talking points; we must examine our life in Christ with all of its challenges and complexities. It is not enough to talk about what we know through instruction and memorization; we have to learn how to talk about our journey through life.

The ability to share the experience of our encounter with Christ in our ordinary everyday activities, relationships and experiences is an important part of real evangelization. That requires considerable

self-reflection and examination. Such deliberate and disciplined reflection and self-examination is rare.

Recently, Father Dwight Longenecker, a "convert" to Catholicism, wrote a column titled "10 Reasons Why Catholics Don't Evangelize." It appeared in the National Catholic Register. Fr. Longenecker made many potentially controversial points. He talked about the lingering effects of clericalism in which "The people in the pew don't take ownership [or] feel it is their job to evangelize," and that "too many Catholics confuse evangelization with getting people to join the Catholic Church." One of my favorites is where he discusses the need for "a more creative and flexible approach" to RCIA. The column is worth reading in its entirety. Two points stood out for me: the tendency for cradle Catholics to be "cultural Catholics" and "slack use of [digital and hard copy] resources" to strengthen our formation. Fr. Longenecker points out that cultural Catholics "regard their religion like Jews do. It's something you're born into." Cultural Catholics see their membership in the Church as something like an ethnic or national identity. Us "converts" see things differently.

For the past 2,000 years, the Church has struggled against reducing religion to ethnic or national identity. This is why our Old Testament readings during Mass focus on the theme of "The New Jerusalem." The city of God is no longer just for those born into the faith; people are drawn to it. God has children but no grandchildren. You do not inherit the Catholic faith; you are formed by the liturgy, sacraments, and apostolic teaching.

This is why we should be dissatisfied with our slack use of resources. Fr. Longenecker points out we have "more resources than we can handle ... It's not the lack of resources as much as the lack of people who will use [them]." Longenecker notes that "orthodox, relevant, attractive and dynamic" resources are available online and in books and pamphlets, but they are wasted if unused.

We Catholics tend to believe that it is sufficient to be born into the faith. The truth is that being born into the faith is not enough; we must participate in an ongoing faith-formation process. We must also be aware that Catholicism is not like a national or ethnic identity; our parishes should become places where people encounter Christ regardless of their ethnic or cultural background. That is the essence of 21st century evangelization.



DRY BONES MINISTRIES PRESENTS

RETURN

Drawing loved ones back to the Church and evangelizing the culture.



MARCH 7TH 7:00PM

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH - ST. MAURICE CHURCH

Join Fr. Joe Freedy as he shares do's and don'ts, best practices, and answers questions about how to effectively invite those you love to return home to the Catholic Church and evangelize the culture.

For those interested in continuing to learn how to draw loved ones back to the Church and evangelize the culture, St. Joseph the Worker Parish is offering a 4 week follow up series. Please sign up by emailing dromito@sjwpitt.org or by using the QR code at right.



The parish pantries are asking for canned tuna for the month of February! Please bring donations to one of the churches or to the Parish Office between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Letter Writing

Monthly letter writing will be held next weekend after all the Masses. The Social Justice and Peace Committee will prepare the letters to our U.S. Representatives seeking their support for embracing the goals of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which is now international law. A letter can be taken home, read and signed before leaving or found on the parish website for reading and emailing to your Representative. Pope Francis has said that even the possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.



February Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday to all Parishioners who celebrate their birthday in February. Come and celebrate with your parish family on Sunday February 26 following the 9am mass at Mother of Good Counsel.



CAT Corner

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

For more information on the Cultural Action Team:

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