



## 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  
Wilksburg 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.

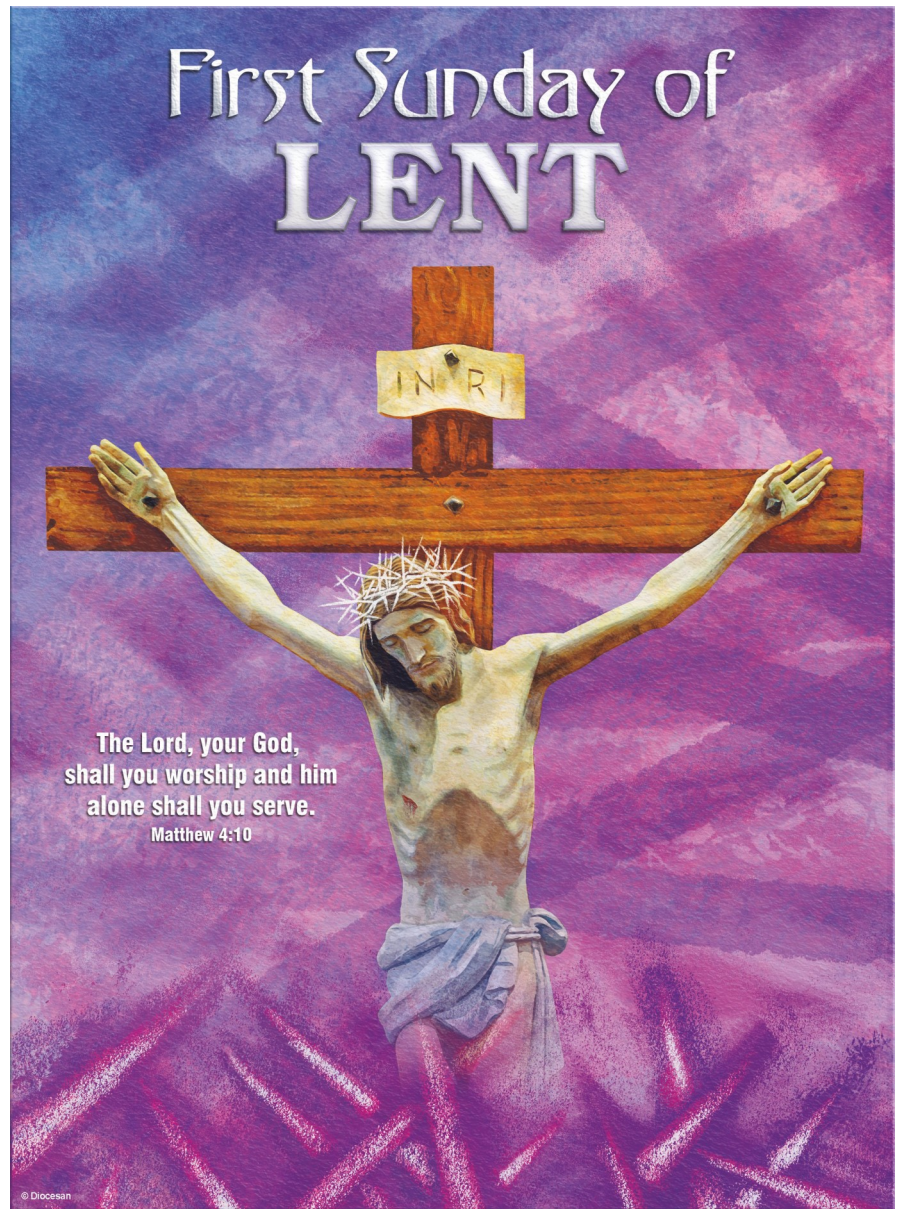
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### **February 26, 2023 The First Sunday Of Lent**



*“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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org).

## Stewardship

February 19

Offertory: \$8,510.00



**ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL 2023**  
(Formerly Parish Share Program)

Received: \$6,926.00

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.



### Letter Writing

Monthly letter writing will be held this weekend after all the Masses. The Social Justice and Peace Committee has prepared 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; signed before leaving in the Chapel at St. James or in the back of church at MOGC. (The Activities Room is unavailable at St. Bede's this weekend); 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.



## Mass Intentions • February 25 through March 5

Saturday Vigil • The 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
Monday • Monday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Jim Sipes (Jim Carroll & Aphie)	ADEOYE
Tuesday • Tuesday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Barbara Carroll (Jim Carroll & Aphie)	BURKE
Wednesday • Wednesday of the First Week in Lent	9 am	† William Przybylski (George Danko)	HAWKINS
Thursday • Thursday of the First Week in Lent	9 am	† Lawrence Martin (Ray & Diane Martin)	TEMU
Friday • Friday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Stanislaw Bronka (Sr. Daniela)	TAYLOR
Saturday • Saturday of the First Week of Lent	9 am	† Red Halleran (Jim Carroll & Aphie)	ADEOYE
Saturday Vigil • The Second Sunday of Lent	4 pm	Temporal & Spiritual Wellbeing of Kathleen M. Conlon (Cathy Raffaele)	BURKE
SUNDAY • THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9 am	† Suzette A. Moore-Fulton (St. Mary Magdalene Parish Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild )	TAYLOR
	11 am	Temporal and Spiritual Wellbeing of the People and Clergy of the Parish (St. Mary Magdalene Parish)	BURKE

### Sanctuary Candle



*Temporal & Spiritual  
Wellbeing of Wallace Russell*

*Requested by  
Annastine Duncan*

*Mother of Good  
Counsel Church*



### In Memoriam

*Elizabeth J. Tiani entered eternal rest  
on Friday, February 10, 2023.*

*Please remember the Tiani Family in  
your prayers.*

*Eternal rest grant unto her O 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](mailto: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  
Theresa Kubicar  
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



**812001 - Saint Mary Magdalene**  
(Quarter-2 2022/2023)

**OPERATING REVENUE:**

Offertory Collections	420,313
Donations & Bequests	54,939
Fundraising	(1,027)
Other Income	5,682
	<b>479,907</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSE:**

Operations & Maintenance	170,248
Administration	149,322
Liturgical & Rectory	65,129
Religious Ed & School Subsidy	49,594
Property & Liability Insurance	42,388
Social/ Outreach/ Other	(26,111)
	<b>450,570</b>

**OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 29,337**

**NON-OPERATING ITEMS:**

Campaign Income	33
Net Parish Share	7,004
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(75,950)
Net Third Party Collections	4,138
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	6,287
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	564
Other	282
	<b>(57,642)</b>

**FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2022**

**ASSETS:**

**Unrestricted Funds:**

Cash	317,429
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	77,825
	<b>395,254</b>

**Restricted Funds:**

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	1,002
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	6,220
Parish Endowment Investment	11,718
Other Investments	-
Parish Share Due from Parishioners	-
	<b>18,940</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

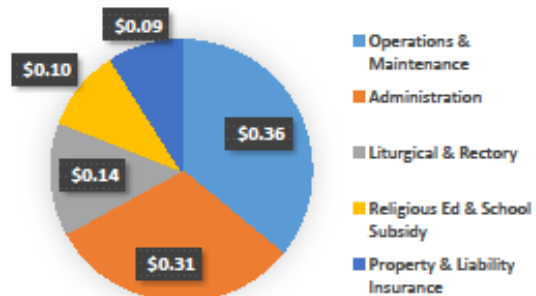
Insurance Past Due	167,508
Parish Share Due to Diocese	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	(8,922)
	<b>158,586</b>

**Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2022 thru 12-31-2022**

Revenue: 479,907

Expense: 450,570

**How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish**



A Parish is much like a business. There are costs that keep the Parish running. The pie chart above details how your dollars are spent. The following line items include but are not limited to:

Other Income - Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration -

Staff, Office Supplies, Furnishings, Equipment

Operations & Maintenance -

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & School Subsidy -

Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Elem School Grant

Liturgical & Rectory -

Staff, Worship Expense, Rectory Food, Utilities, Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other -

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Campaign Income -

Special Campaigns (Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.)

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense -

Purchases/Improvements over \$4,000

Net Third Party Collections -

e.g. St. Anthony's, Holy Land, Peter's Pence

Other - Endowment, Tuition Assistance

**March Chili Saturday**

Join us on Saturday, March 4 after the 4pm mass in St. James Chapel. Come and enjoy Chili, Cornbread, and Fellowship. Since it is March, you are encourage to wear green.





## 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 Genesis, we read how Adam and Eve ignore the Word of God and choose to listen to the serpent. God has provided so many blessings for man and woman, but they get tempted and fall from grace.

In the Second Reading to the Romans, we read how Paul explains that the sin of Adam and Eve brought about judgement and death for all the world's people. In the Gospel of Matthew, 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 with food - to turn stone into bread, tempts him with comfort by telling him to jump from the parapet of the temple without incurring injury, and tempts him with power, telling him all this kingdom could be his if he worships the devil. We are likely to be tempted many times during this Lenten Season. As we begin Lent, let us center our relationship with God with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

There are plenty of Lenten Activities to participate to enrich your spirituality including: Discovering Christ Program every Wednesday evening from 6 to 8pm in the St. James Chapel for seven weeks. Join us Friday's during Lent at Noon for Stations of the Cross at Mother of Good Counsel or 7pm at St. Bede for Stations 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.

### The Light is On For You

(Confessions and Private Prayer) will be held on Wednesday, March 29 from 6 to 8pm at St. Bede Church.

### Living Stations

Palm Sunday evening at 7:30pm at St. Bede Church. St. Kilian Youth Ministry will perform Living Stations. Over sixty high school students will participate.

### RCIA Class of 2023

I am pleased to announce the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Class of 2023 preparing to enter, into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, April 8.

1. Kasandra Crook Fernandez- Catechumen- Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
2. Leonardo Giorgi – Candidate- Eucharist
3. Gialuca Giorgi – Candidate- Eucharist
4. Daniel Ferguson – Candidate- Eucharist, and Confirmation
5. Darlene Lercher Smith- Candidate- Eucharist and Confirmation
6. Taryn Christine Shablesky- Candidate - Eucharist and Confirmation
7. Lawrence Augusta Davis- Candidate- Eucharist and Confirmation
8. Cooper Joseph Marrow Kirlin- Candidate- Eucharist and Confirmation
9. Izieme Waido Ipala- Candidate- Confirmation
10. Mya Rochelle Banks- Candidate- Confirmation
11. Kaley Anne Kuzma- Candidate-

## Confirmation

Special thanks to our RCIA Team: Robert Burns, Rex Kochanski, Teresa Maynor, Tim McCarthy, and Nancy Tullar for their leadership.

## Financial Report

Enclosed in this week's bulletin, and on the parish website is our Quarterly Financial Report for 7-1-2022 thru 12-31-2022. Transparency is ever so important to communicate to the parishioners where the parish stands financially. Your continued support of time, talent, and treasure to our faith community is essential and appreciated. We pray that our parishioners who currently are not attending mass nor financially supporting the parish return so that we can continue to proclaim the good news.

## Parish Assessment 2023

The Parish Assessment Appeal (formally Parish Share) has begun. Our goal this year is \$155,102. All the funds collected support the day- to- day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Green Tree, and the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes. We all benefit from the Annual Parish Appeal!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Bradley and Marissa Kuhenen who validated their marriage last weekend.

## Welcome Ryan Schultze

A special warm welcome to Ryan Schultze to our Pastoral Staff working part time maintenance. He is also training to be a Sacristan at the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Welcome Ryan!

## Something to Think About...

Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

With God All Things Are Possible!  
Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor  
tburke@diopitt.org

## Fr. David Taylor



For some converts to the Catholic Church, learning about the teachings and regulations of

the Lenten season can be both challenging and inspiring. The specific rules about fasting and abstinence are often seen as admirable practices but sometimes misunderstood. This was true from my own family experiences.

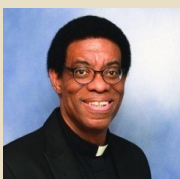
Families facing food insecurity or dietary restrictions related to health issues can find unique challenges. The church recognizes this in emphasizing the spirit of the law. Jesus often criticized the Pharisees and Sadducees for being experts in the law while rarely living in the spirit of the law.

Lent is all about making spiritual choices and decisions. We face a crossroad each day knowing that our moral decisions not only determine our relationship with God but with each other as well. The beginning of sin also ushered in the challenge of moral decision making. All of our actions, good or bad, come from this freedom of choice which will never be taken from us. Facing this reality the church offers us much freedom in determining our personal Lenten resolutions. Lent can be a time of both self-denial and self-fulfillment. It can be a unique time for giving more emphasis to spiritual reading and reflections. And all of us can benefit from more generosity and service to other. Our parish offers many opportunities.

Penance is not an end in itself. The whole object of Penance is to reform and change to a better way of living, sharing, and caring. We are all capable of being a better self. Lent is this gift for all of us.



## Fr. Matthew Hawkins



The nature of temptation has not changed for thousands of years. Given human nature, the tempter knows how to get our attention and

draw us in. We are tempted by things that catch our eyes, promise to fulfill our desires, and appeal to our vanity and pride.

One of the first things we notice in this Sunday's readings is how Jesus' temptations parallel Eve's. We are tempted by what we see. In Genesis, we read, "The woman saw that the tree was ... pleasing to the eye..." In the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence..."

We are tempted by our appetites. We are tempted by what we desire. In Genesis, we read, "The woman saw that the tree was good for food ... and desirable..." In the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "... afterward he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him ... command that these stones become loaves of bread."

We are tempted by vanity and pride. In Genesis, we read that Eve was tempted when the serpent said, "God knows well that the moment you eat of [the tree of knowledge], your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods..." In the Gospel of Matthew, the tempter repeatedly tries to get Jesus to question his own identity by saying, "If you are the Son of God..." and challenges him to prove it, "... throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, and with their hands, they will support you ..."

Our weaknesses are those things that are attractive to our eyes, appeal to our pride, and that we desire with our flesh. Pride and vanity are the most powerful of the temptations because they are the gateway to everything else that separates us from God.

Notice how the tempter entices Eve and Adam by suggesting that the all-loving God, who gave them the breath of life, would withhold something good from them. The promise of the tempter was absurd, but with minds clouded by that which was pleasing to the eye, desirable to the flesh, and appealed to their pride, they took the bait.

The irony is that God withheld nothing from them that was good. He created them in His own image. He established them as stewards of all creation. He gave them the tree of life and all the other plants and trees in the garden. They could do everything so long as they remained in communion with God, but he also gave them free will so they would be like Him. In the center of the garden was an attractive tree of false hope. If they wished to remain in communion with God, they would have to reject the false hope that appealed to their pride. They had to choose freely because love is consensual; we cannot enter it without a choice.

Instead, they chose to separate from God and become little gods. This was the meaning of "the tree of knowledge of good and evil." It meant that rather than accepting the wisdom God revealed, they would create their own standards and opinions about what was "good" and "bad." They would try to replace the living God.

When they aspired to be little gods, they broke communion and separated from the God of life and truth. It is separation from the source of our being, which means death. We disintegrate into nothingness.

The irony is the knowledge that the tempter promised, which he said would make them powerful, only made them aware of their nakedness and vulnerability. That's the way it is with temptations. They draw us away from that which is life-giving and attach us to death, which is deceptively disguised. That is why, during the rite of baptism, we are called to "reject Satan and all his works, and all his false promises." We are called to "reject the glamor of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin."

Jesus succeeds in resisting these temptations where Adam and Eve failed. This is why the apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "Just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous."



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

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

Please register:

[saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org/bible-study](http://saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org/bible-study)



discovering  
Christ

### Why Does Jesus Matter?

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.

### 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

"We should offer our eagerness to slow down and take time to listen to their stories. This is the apostolate of the ear."

Fr. Matthew Hawkins

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## Stations of the Cross during Lent every Friday beginning February 24, 2023:

12pm at Mother of Good Counsel--Lay led Stations of the Cross based on Ann Regimbal's book, *Mary Magdalene's Stations of the Cross*. We will experience the stations through the eyes of St. Mary Magdalene who accompanies Jesus on his way to the cross. Books are available to borrow for the Stations and participants can also find out information on how to order/purchase the book at the Stations.

7pm at St. Bede--Traditional Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration from 7:30-8:30pm.

