

# St. Bede Catholic Parish

509 South Dallas Avenue ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15208



## St. Bede Mission Statement

~St. Bede Parish is a Roman Catholic faith community located in Point Breeze with members from the East End neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

~Rooted in our Baptism and centered in the Eucharist, we share responsibility for the mission of our parish and the universal Church.

~Blessed by our legacy of faithfulness and commitment, we reach out to include the diverse population of our dynamic city neighborhood.

~We seek to deepen our faith in all stages of our lives, to bear witness to Christ's teachings in the secular world, and to serve the needs of others.

December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

Reverend Thomas J. Burke, Administrator

Reverend David H. Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Cajetan Anyanwu, Reverend Augustine Temu, Reverend James Adeoye - In Residence

[www.cceepgh.org](http://www.cceepgh.org)

[www.saintbedeschool.com](http://www.saintbedeschool.com)

### Mass Times

Daily: 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00

### Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am

### Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

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### Parish Finance Council

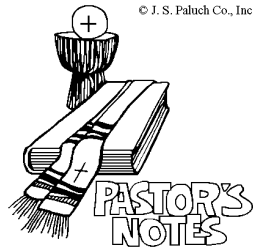
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### Parish Pastoral Council

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Denise Prochownik Eric Setzler

“With God All Things Are Possible!”

**Pastor's Note**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
Third Sunday of Advent  
"Gaudete Sunday"



**Rejoice!**

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" which means Rejoice! We are half way to Christmas! The pink candle in our Advent wreath signifies joy and hope. Today's readings focus on rejoicing as we prepare for Christmas.

In today's first reading from Zephaniah we read how a prophet describes the advantage of humble service to God. Zephaniah announces that God is in the midst of the people, shout for Joy! In the second reading, from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians, Paul tells the community to rejoice, the Lord is near! In the gospel of St. Luke, we continue to read about the cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist. The crowds ask John, what should they do? He instructs the tax collectors, soldiers, and the crowds to reform their lives.

As we approach "half time" in this advent season, let us work on being more positive with ourselves and those that we interact with. Instead of complaining about something today, make a compliment. Look at the positive things in life. Jesus is the light of the world and Advent is a time to come out of the darkness and walk in the light of Christ.

**Rejoice!**

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**Christmas Wafers**

Christmas Wafers or "Oplatki" are available at the rectory offices at St. Bede and St. James. Each package contains four blessed wafers for you to use during your Christmas Eve or Day Dinner. Suggested donation \$4.

**Staff Changes**

We continue moving forward to bring our three parishes together as one parish family and are adjusting some of our staff positions:

Joi Russell- St. Bede Rectory Housekeeper will be ending her employment effective December 31.

Josie Bryant- St. James Social Service Co-coordinator will be ending her employment effective December 31.

With Josie's departure, we will be having volunteers operate the Ministry Center for an interim period.

We will have one combined bulletin for CCEEP effective Sunday, January 6, 2019. Kathy Patton will be the volunteer Bulletin Editor. J.S. Paulich Company will be our new bulletin publisher.

**The Rectory offices will close Friday, December 21 and reopen on Wednesday, January 2.**

**Special Farewell Celebrations for Sister Mary Elizabeth**

Thanking Sister Mary Elizabeth for her fifteen years of service to St. Bede Parish and School as Pastoral Associate, we are having a farewell celebration for her after all the weekend masses in the school cafeteria. Please plan on stopping by to wish Sister Mary Elizabeth well on her new journey.

**New Lay Ministry Opportunities!**

**Baptism and Pre Marriage Preparation and Wedding Co-ordinators**

With the restructuring of our CCEEP staff we are eliminating the Pastoral Associate position. We are creating three new Lay Ministry Opportunities for all three campuses- Baptism and Pre-Marriage Preparation and Wedding Co-arrangements.

**Baptism Preparation Mentors**

We are seeking Mentor Couples to prepare new parents for the Sacrament of Baptism. This ministry would meet as-needed and be mentoring the couple for a one hour information session about Baptism. Materials and training would be provided. If you are interested in being a Mentor Couple for the Pre-Baptism Preparation ministry, contact **Ed and Mimi Lahoda at 412-874-2887** or e-mail at [Lahodaej@westinghouse.com](mailto:Lahodaej@westinghouse.com)

**Pre-Marriage Mentor Couples**

We are seeking Mentor Couples to help prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. The program will be as-needed and Mentor couples will work with engaged couples by reflecting on the Sacrament of Marriage. Materials and training provided. If interested in being a Mentor Couple, contact Rich Diane Nocito at 412-821-0587 or at [richardnocito@comcast.net](mailto:richardnocito@comcast.net)

**Wedding Co-ordinators**

We are seeking out parishioners to assist at Wedding Rehearsals and Weddings - working with the bride and groom at the rehearsal and the ceremony. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful volunteer ministry, please contact Diane Nocito at 412-821-0587 or E-mail at [richardnocito@comcast.net](mailto:richardnocito@comcast.net).

**Looking Ahead- Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve- Monday, December 24

4pm- St. Bede (Fr. Taylor)

4pm- St. James (Fr. Tom)

9:30 Choir Prelude/ 10pm Mass- St. Bede (Fr. Tom)

**Christmas Day- Tuesday, December 25**

9am- St. Bede (Fr. Tom)

10am- St. James (Fr. Taylor)

11am- St. Charles Lwanga (Mother of Good Counsel) (Fr. Tom)

**Something to Think About...**

Wherever you go, no matter the weather, always bring your own sunshine. - Anthony J. D'Angelo

**With God, All Things**

**Are Possible!**

**Fr. Tom Burke**



## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens would like to thank everyone who worked hard to make the Christmas luncheon so enjoyable. There will not be a meeting in January or February. We are saddened by the loss of our two beloved members, Sarah Rooney and Helen McKinney. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families. They will be missed.

## CCD

There will be no CCD classes over the holiday break. There will be no CCD on December 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup>. CCD classes will resume on **January 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9:45am to 10:45am.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (December 19th, 20th and 21st) at 5:00 PM the Saint James 20-bell carillon will be announcing to Wilkinsburg the coming of Christmas.

Michael Kearney has agreed to play Christmas carols for about 20 minutes each evening. Michael is a native of Long Island, New York and a graduate of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Rhetoric and Philosophy of Communication at Duquesne University. Michael's passion is to set the Psalms to beautiful music to reach the hearts of God's people and his five-part motet on Psalm 103 was the Inaugural Psalm for Geneva College's twentieth president, Dr. Calvin Troup. During the October Sacred Places Tour in Wilkinsburg, Michael performed an organ recital at Saint James. As part of the recital he utilized the 20-bell carillon. Please stop by to listen to the beautiful bells on the 19th, 20th or the 21st.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS

is a radio program sponsored by our Diocese and hosted by our own Fr. Tom. It airs every other Sunday at 6:30am on KDKA radio, 1020 AM. The next program is **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30am. Show guests will be the choirs from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Shadyside and St. Patrick Elementary School in Canonsburg.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**Produce to People (P2P):** Volunteers are needed on Saturday Jan. 5 from 8:30am to noon at the Volunteer Firefighter Bingo Hall in Braddock to help distribute fresh produce to our food insecure neighbors. This is a great opportunity to obtain service hours or to meet other parishioners while helping the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank carry out this wonderful program. Must be at least 12 years of age. Please contact Paula Cerrone to sign up at [pmcpg@gmail.com](mailto:pmcpg@gmail.com).

## ST. BEDE CHOIR CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE

**CONCERT:** The St. Bede Adult Choir will present their annual **Christmas Eve Prelude Concert, at 9:30pm on December 24th at St. Bede.** This extended prelude will feature the St. Bede Adult Choir, instrumentalists, and a narrator. We invite you to join us this Christmas Eve! Mass will immediately follow the conclusion of the concert at 10pm.

## OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

CCEEP is looking for an office manager to provide administrative support to the three parishes and the administrator in various capacities including coordinating weddings, baptisms, funerals; supervision of office support staff; oversight of volunteers; parish and administrator scheduling; maintaining parish records; arranging meetings; scheduling staff hours and parish facilities; and other duties. Seeking candidates with 5 years of experience, organizational skills, MS Office proficiency, and strong interpersonal skills. Interested candidates please contact Joe at the rectory 412-661-7222.

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Are you interested in volunteering to assist a local refugee? There are opportunities available at Catholic Charities (call Bonnie Rolison at 412-456-6696) and Casa San Jose (call Sr. Valerie at 412-343-3111).

There are many openings for volunteers at the St. James Ministry Center serving the community of Wilkinsburg. Please contact the Ministry Center to learn more about them and to see if there is an opportunity to serve there for you. 412-241-1309.

## HELP WANTED

Sidewalk shoveling this winter. If interested please call 412-521-4698.

### **ST. BEDE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

- The Annual Santa's treasure shop was a huge success! I was very impressed with our students, especially the young ones! Thank you so much to Mrs. Laura Conner and Mrs. Michele Palmieri for organizing this amazing day for our students.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the SBAA SBAA Christmas Tree Sale has ended. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Jerry Connor, and all who helped with the sale.
- Pictures from Grinch day in Kindergarten



# Next Sunday

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**SANCTUARY VOLUNTEERS December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
K Patton

**LECTORS - December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:00 Jim Sahovey  
8:00 Ken Zapinski  
11:00 Michael Boyle

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:00 Bernadette Harris, Kathy Haupt, Margie  
Snodgrass  
8:00 George Danko, Maureen DiBattiste,  
*Additional server needed*  
11:00 Lisa Bush, Jim Maher, Melissa Viator

**ALTAR SERVERS - December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:00 Naomi Fisher, Evelyn Weixel  
8:00 Landon Greene, Sebastian Sora  
11:00 Sarah Coleman, Andrew Koes

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**LECTORS**

4:00pm Family Mass  
10:00pm Kelly Weixel

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00pm Diana Buck, John Buck, Kathleen Fisher  
10:00pm Bernadette Harris, Jim Carroll,  
Cathy Fitzgerald

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00pm Henry Krauss, Timmy McGaffin  
10:00pm Lydia Erb, Maurisa Green

### CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 am Mass

**LECTOR** Joe Goldcamp

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** John Newell, Tom  
McGough, Eric Setzler

**ALTAR SERVERS** Bobby Elder, Peter Elder

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**Protecting God's Children:**

CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse 800-932-0313  
Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235

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### Key Contacts

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Mrs. Sarah Sora, Altar Servers 412-352-9926

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**VIGIL (Third Sunday of Advent)**

4:00pm Peter Corcoran (Corcoran Family)

**SUNDAY (THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT) [16]**

8:00 Dorothy Hays (Angie McVeagh Family)

11:00 Jeannine and Lucien Charron (Prochownik family)  
Charlotte Mauro (Family)

**MONDAY (Advent Weekday) [17]**

9:00 Stephen M. Lauble (Family)

**TUESDAY (Advent Weekday) [18]**

9:00 Ed Bierman (Family)

**WEDNESDAY (Advent Weekday) [19]**

9:00 Patrick Coyne (Sally Coyne)

**THURSDAY (Advent Weekday) [20]**

9:00 Luigio & Anthony Ambrogio (Family)

**FRIDAY (St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor) [21]**

9:00 \*T.&S.W-b: Lori Baccari (Mother)

**SATURDAY (Advent Weekday) [22]**

9:00 John Sisk (Anniv.) (Family)

**VIGIL (Third Sunday of Advent)**

4:00pm Richard A. Talarico (Family)

**SUNDAY (THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT) [23]**

8:00 St. Bede Guild Members

11:00 Joe Vigliotti (John and Lisa Bush)

For All the People of the Parish

\*T.&S.W-b: = temporal and spiritual well-being

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**PRAY FOR HEALING** for Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Bruno Cassara, EumeniaCastro, John Ceric, John Davis, RuthAnn Donnelly, Jacqueline Dumond, Herbert Durbeck, Judith Dyke, Donna Dzikowski, Cindy Farabaugh, Butch Filter, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Audrey Fusco, Frances Galardi, Jack Gall, Michael Gallagher, Makenna Grace, Pat Griffin, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Marianne Mangine, Fran McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Ruth McGill, Dorothy Meyers, Aileen Minnock, Brendan Minnock, Giovanna Nistico, Judith Nosling, Helen Nothwang, Kevin O'Brien, Charles Papale, Elizabeth Petnuch, Susan Petnuch, Laurie Raffaele, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Sarah Rooney, Joanne Schwarz, Susan Schwochau, Judy Siewiorek, Doreen Simeone, Arthur Smith, Rex Smith, Gregory Spechtold, Sarah Stanfield, Terri Stevenson, Suzanne Steitz, Neil Stewart, DJ Stinelli, Laura Swain, John Temu, Haley Thelen, Barbara Tierno, MaryJane Tirk, Arlene Trichtinger, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Nira Yarris, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

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