

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh



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March 17, 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent

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Mass Schedule

St. Charles Lwanga Sunday 9:00 am
(at Mother of Good Counsel)
St. Bede Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
11:00 am
St. James Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

CCD Sundays 9:45 - 10:45 am at St. Bede

Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am (at St. Bede)

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am (at St. Bede)

Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

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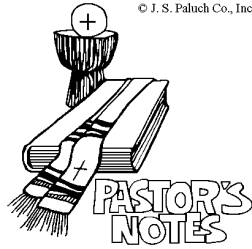
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“With God All Things Are Possible!”

Pastor's Note

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent



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“Under Construction,
Spiritual Renovation.”

Last week, on Ash Wednesday, I received a notice on my cell phone that a patient at Lifecare on Penn Avenue in Wilkinsburg needed to be Anointed. As I walked into the patient’s room I was greeted by the daughter and social worker. The daughter told me her mom was “ready to go home with the Lord.”

I prayed over the woman and administered the Sacrament of Anointing and then she smiled and whispered “thank you.” It was a very powerful visit.

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. The readings focus on communication, change, and having total trust in God. In the First Reading from Genesis, we read how the Lord makes a covenant with Abram. God gives him the assurance of faith he needs that his descendants will enjoy the Promise Land. In the Second Reading to the Philippians, we read how Paul encourages his beloved Philippian community to keep firm in the Lord. In the Gospel of Luke, we read the Transfiguration. (Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we read about the Transfiguration). Peter, James, and John travel up to Mount Tabor and Jesus is physically changed. They get to see a glimpse of the past: Moses and Elijah, and the future: that Jesus is truly the Messiah, the Son of God.

As we continue our Lenten journey, today’s scripture passages give us hope and encouragement.

“Under Construction, Spiritual Renovation.”

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Fifty students who received their First Reconciliation last Saturday. Special thanks to **Melissa Viator, Bridget Kelly, Kaethe McGonigle, and Isabella Viator** for preparing the children. Thanks to **Teresa Maynor** our CCD Director and **Sister Daniela Bronka** our School Principal for their leadership.

Rite of Sending

This weekend at the 11am Mass, we welcome our **R.C.I.A. Candidates** now called “**the Elect**” as we officially send them to St. Paul Cathedral this afternoon for the Rite of Election to be introduced to Bishop Zubik as they become closure to joining us in the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. The Class of 2019 includes:

Kristen McFadden-Catechumen for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and **Ken Tullar** and **Taylor Jensen**- Candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation.

Pastor Verification Forms

Any Catholic parent who has a child in a Catholic Elementary School needs to set up an appointment with me to sign the Pastor Verification Form verifying that their children listed are baptized and that the family is a registered participating member of one of the parishes of the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh. These individual appointments also help me get to know the parents and families.

If you are not officially registered at one of the CCEEP parishes please contact the offices of St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga or St. James to officially register.

Upcoming Lenten Activities

Lenten Day of Reflection- Sunday, March 24, 1 to 3pm- St. Charles Lwanga- Mother of Good Counsel Church with Fr. Thomas Burke and Fr. David Taylor.

Confirmation for the CCEEP community will be on Tuesday, March 26 at 7pm at St. Bede Church with Bishop Zubik.

Taize and Penance Service- Sunday, March 31 at 3pm at St. James.

Lenten Day of Reflection- Sunday, April 7, 1 to 3pm- St. James with Fr. Thomas Burke and Fr. David Taylor.

“Light is On for You”- Wednesday, April 10, 6pm to 9pm at St. Bede (church will be open for Private Prayer, Meditation and Confession).

Living Stations- Palm Sunday, April 14, 7:30pm St. Ferdinand Parish Youth Ministry Program performs “Living Stations” at St. Bede.

Spring Cleaning

Since the basketball season is winding down and more weekend athletic and social activities will be moving outdoors in the coming weeks, we are going to do some internal “Spring Cleaning” around the St. Bede Campus. On **Saturday, March 23** the St. Bede School and Gym will be closed all day. Tarax Cleaning Services will be here to do some “detail cleaning” to the cafeteria, kitchen, floors and restrooms. We ask that no activities be scheduled that day to allow the cleaning crew full access to the building to clean.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Isabella Colette Wisinski** and **Lucas James Wisinski** who are being Baptized this weekend!

Something to Think About...

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door. - *An Irish Blessing*

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke
Administrator
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Reflections from Fr. Taylor

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent we have the powerful story of the Transfiguration. In each of our lives there needs to be times that we can look ahead to a better day. We need to look beyond the present

troubles and anxieties which are part of our daily life and see the glory which has been promised to all of us if we serve the Lord. This event was not to last, however, but it was a real teaching moment for Peter, James, and John. Like them, we would like to hold on to the happy and pleasant side of life, but this does not come until Good Friday and Easter Sunday. One of the things we remember most about the late Dr. Martin Luther King is that he talked about the Mountaintop experience. He said quote "my eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord". Of course, this was just before his assassination. In our day-to-day lives we too can look beyond and see that life is always worth living. What we do during Lent can help prepare us for the kingdom. After this experience the disciples had to come down from the mountain, back into the valley which is often filled with troubles and tears. But they, like us, know there is always light at the end of the tunnel when we model our own lives in the image of Jesus Christ. We celebrate Lent as we prepare to be one church family. Lent leads us in the right direction - let's make the most of it.

- Father Taylor

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross during Lent on **Thursdays at 4pm at Mother of Good Counsel**

Wednesdays March 20th, 27th, and April 3rd 7pm at **St. James** in the Chapel.

Fridays at 7pm at St. Bede

LENTEN REFLECTION DAYS

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh will hold a series of Lenten Afternoons of Reflection on selected Sundays during Lent. Our theme will be "Under Construction: Spiritual Renovations." Come join us on the following dates from **1 - 3pm:**

March 24: St. Charles Lwanga, Mother of Good Counsel Church

April 7: St. James Church

Come explore ways to make "spiritual renovations" that can be sustained beyond the Lenten season.

BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on Monday, March 18th at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Rectory.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

will be celebrated on March 31st at the 9:00am Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church. Refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend.

Happy Birthday Patricia Gallagher 3/22

THE ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

will begin on Tuesday, April 16th at the 8am Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church and continue until the Feast of Saint Anthony on June 13th.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Each of our 3 church campuses have almsgiving boxes (located by the altar at St. Bede and St. Charles Lwanga (Mother of Good Counsel), and at the cross at St. James). The alms collected this year will be donated to Jeremiah's Place (an emergency child care agency in East Liberty) and Casa Puerto Rico (Catholic Charities of Puerto Rico).

SCL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS / LADIES GUILD

ALL Ladies welcome to our first meeting of Christian Mothers/ Ladies Guild on April 7th after 9:00am Mass. We will have a bake sale on Palm Sunday April 14th after 9:00am Mass we want all members to participate. More information will follow.

THE NEW PEOPLE

Copies of the March issue of The New People published by the Thomas Merton Center are available as you leave Mass this weekend at St. James.

SOUP and STATIONS

Thank you to the Maiers for providing soup for the first Soup and Stations. Our next Soup and Stations will be on March 22nd. Please join us at 6pm in the cafeteria for soup, and then head upstairs to the church with us for Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

SCL CENTURY CLUB Congratulations February Winners Sylvia Frances, Henry Parham, Nadine Powell, Eileen Stevenson. We now have 78 members. Dues are \$100.00 per year. There are four monthly drawings of \$25.00. The Banquet will be held September 22, 2019. 22 more members needed to reach 100. Membership forms are available in church.

SICK and SHUT IN

As a Faith Community we remember parishioners who cannot be with us. Lauretta Ashley, Lillie Carter, Eugene Conner, Leola Cook, Esther Hackwelder, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Josephine Major, Ingrid Roberts, John Rosella, Rosemarie Toliver, Andrea Ventomiller.

St. Bede School News

Sunday 3/17	Monday 3/18	Tuesday 3/19	Wednesday 3/20	Thursday 3/21	Friday 3/22	Saturday 3/23
	Yoga 2:30 -3:15 Hogwarts art club 2:45-4 Comic Book Club 2:45- 4	Kindergarten Field Trip Carpet Skate park Tennis: 2:45-3:30	Eric Carle Book Club (2:45 – 4) Social Studies Adventure Camp (2:45 - 4)	PTG Pizza lunch Mad Science 2:45 - 3:45 Programming Club 2:45- 4	9am School Mass	

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
from Sister Daniela Bronka

- Thank you to faculty and volunteers who helped with our Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast! We had a lot of fun serving our children. Staff and students enjoyed pancakes upon arrival at school. My special thanks to Mr. Opresko and Mrs. Bauer for organizing this for our school.



- Thank you to the PTG for organizing the Annual Skating Party. Even with the frigid cold temperature, students have a lot of fun. The snow cast a magical backdrop on the afternoon!

- Congratulations to our JV Diocesan Champions. St. Bede beat Our Lady of Grace to win St. Bede's second diocesan championship in basketball in school history. Thank you to our coaches and all players who made this happen. Our Varsity Boys team is the sectional champs. Congratulations to both teams!!!



- On Ash Wednesday, our students participated in the weather assembly provided by KDKA. Thank you to Mr. Ron Smiley for sharing his job requirements, how to deliver the weather forecast for viewers, and sharing fun weather facts with our students. You can view footage of the visit at <https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/video/4041868-classroom-weather-st-bede-school/>



Mark your calendars now for the first speaker in the 2019 Spring Speakers Series of the Association of Pittsburgh Priests: Jeffrey Sachs, Ph.D., an award-winning economist with degrees from Harvard and Columbia Universities. ***“Poverty Requires a Faith Response: What Can We Do?”*** on Monday, March 25 at 7 PM at the Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Blvd. in Allison Park. Cost is \$20. To register or for more information, contact Fr. John Oesterle at 412-232-8198.

Sr. Thea Bowman School News

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Da Vinci Exhibit Field Trip

On Thursday, March 7th the fifth grade class visited the DaVinci Exhibit at the Carnegie Science Center with Ms. Hill and Ms. Dowe. This was an extension activity following their reading a story about Da Vinci in their ELA class. The students dug deeper into learning about the Renaissance and why it happened. In their ELA class, they drew pictures from an angle similar to how Michaelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel, they looked at pages from Da Vinci's notebook and made pages to model modern day inventions using his style, and they participated in a Break Out about Da Vinci as well. The field trip provided them with a wonderful opportunity to connect their learning!

Partnership with Pittsburgh MERCY

STBCA is excited to announce that we are continuing our partnership with Pittsburgh MERCY services with classes beginning on March 13th. The goal of Pittsburgh MERCY is to be a compassionate and transforming, healing presence within the community. Various classes will experience services focused on team building, bully stopping, setting goals, self-esteem, and anger management (to name a few). These services are offered to our students free of charge - we are so thankful to have built this partnership!

ENROLL NOW

STBCA is now accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year! Call the school office at 412-242-3515 or email info@stbca.net to schedule a school tour. Shadowing is also available for students in 5th-7th grade. For current students - refer a family to STBCA and receive a tuition credit if they enroll!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

For the month of March, soup is requested for the St. James Food Bank. Please place these items in the containers provided at the break in the pews at St. James or in the boxes at the back of Mother of Good Counsel and St. Bede. Thanks for your support of the St. James food program.

Ways to Serve in the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh

Sacristans: There is a sacristan position open for the 1st Sunday of the month and two sacristans are needed for the 5th Sunday of the month (4 Sundays in 2019). Training will be provided. For more information: 412.241.1392 or cceepgh@gmail.com.

Greeters: Continuing in the spirit of unity and hospitality, we are looking for greeters for all Masses. Only requirements: Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and wear a smile to welcome all worshippers. For more information, leave a message for Helen Sysko at 412.241.1392 or cceepgh@gmail.com

Clearances through Protecting God's Children are required.

St. James Ministry Center: Until new staff has been hired for social ministry for the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh, St. James Ministry Center and its ministries will continue with a team of volunteers with volunteer leadership at 723 Rebecca Avenue. To find out more, call the Ministry Center at 412.241.1309. Hours of operation, pantry services, Mary's Child, the Senior Box Program, health ministry, social service referrals and other forms of assistance will continue. Caring volunteers needed to address the needs of our neighbors in our communities of Homewood, Lincoln-Lemington, Point Breeze and Wilkinsburg.



**Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving**

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JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Charles Lwanga

Theresa Maynor
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Eric Setzler

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Denise Charron-Prochownik

St. James

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Patricia Albacete

Peter Lahoda
Lois Campbell

Next Sunday

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ST. CHARLES LWANGA		March 24	March 31
Lector	9:00 am	Anthony Basilico	Janice Reed
Eucharistic Ministers		Victor Thorpe Gerald Rosella	Yvonne Cole Anthony Basilico
Altar Servers		Yvonne Cole	Gerald Rosella

ST. JAMES		March 23/24	March 30/31
Lector	4:00 pm 10:00 am	Murock Rose / Rothermel	Manilla Campbell / Cantwell
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	M. Crawford J. Hylazewski	E. Christie C. Halloran M. Murock
	10:00 am	C. Rekowski M. Sullivan K. Sullivan	L. Bossert R. Bossert M. Reynoso B. Taymans
Altar Servers	Saturday Sunday	Clara A. Ryan F.	Baylie S. Eamonn N. Henry L.
Children's Sunday Liturgy		Lori with Anne and Matt	Tabetha
Sacristans Van Driver	Sunday Sunday	Clancey / Rekowski Jedinak	Guy / Raffaele Aleva

ST. BEDE		March 23/24	March 30/31
Lector	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	Kelly Weixel Nancy Tullar Michael Boyle	Jim Sahovey Ken Zapinski Justin Krauss
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	Bernadette Harris Linda Burkel Henry Rettger	Kathy Spechtold Kathy Patton Lenny Phillips
	8:00 am	Joan Price Lisa Bush George Danko	Jim Maher Jim Carroll Cathy Fitzgerald
	11:00 am	Betsy Cwenar Eric Setzler Melissa Viator	Lynda Burkel Kathleen Fisher Teresa Maynor
Altar Servers	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	Natalie Azar Evelyn Weixel Landon Greene Sebastian Sora Maurisa Green Francesca Viator	Bobby O'Toole Christopher O'Toole Rosie Tsang Matthew Weber Henry Krauss Jacob Sassic

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES LWANGA	
March 10	
Offertory	\$2,007
Snow Removal	\$ 66
Parish School	\$ 55
Human Development	\$ 55
Ash Wednesday	\$ 197
Jingle	\$ 53

ST. JAMES	
March 10	
Offertory:	\$2,380
Online	\$5,546
PSP	\$1,992

ST. BEDE	
March 10	
Env.	\$ 6,953
Online	\$ 4,104
Total	\$ 11,057
YTD	(\$ 59,618)

Protecting God's Children:

CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse

[1-800-932-0313](tel:1-800-932-0313)

Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline

[1-888-808-1235](tel:1-888-808-1235)

LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. He will speak at six locations during Lent. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. The presentations are scheduled on the following dates and locations from 7:00PM-8:00PM: Tue, Mar 19 - North American Martyrs, Monroeville, DeLuca Hall; Mon, Mar 25 - Saint Katharine Drexel, Bentleyville, Drexel Hall; Thu, Apr 4 - All Saints, Etna, Activities Building; Mon, Apr 8 - Saint Kilian, Cranberry Twp, Church Hall; Thu, Saint Barbara, Bridgeville, Saint Barbara Hall.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (Second Sunday of Lent)

(S Bede) 4:00p Patricia Sheehan (Al & MaryAnn Zajko)

(S James) 4:00p Naomi Andrews (Thompson family)

SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY of LENT) [17]

(S Bede) 8:00 William Hurley (Howard Hays Family)

(MGC) 9:00 Dorothy Orsatti (Rita and Anna)

(S James) 10:00 Quigley family (Cathy Raffaele)

(S Bede) 11:00 For All the People of the Parish

MONDAY (Lenten Weekday) [18]

(S James) 8:00 Anthony Raffaele, Sr. (Family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Audrey Dwyer (Kaethe McGonigle)

TUESDAY (Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary) [19]

(MGC) 8:00 Dorothy Perkins (Teresa Maynor)

(S Bede) 9:00 Diane Prochownik (Prochownik Family)

WEDNESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [20]

(S James) 8:00 Andrew P. Cole Family (Marge

Mimless)

(S Bede) 9:00 Sara Rooney (Howard R. Hays Family)

THURSDAY (Lenten Weekday) [21]

(MGC) 8:00 Mary Wadatz (Intention of the Donor)

(S Bede) 9:00 Donna Petrella (Prochownik Family)

FRIDAY (Lenten Weekday) [22]

(S James) 8:00 Kathleen Greaney Norton & Marion
Drywall (Family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Mary Jane Sisk - *Anniversary* (Family)

SATURDAY (Lenten Weekday) [23]

(S Bede) 9:00 Marilyn Davies (Prochownik Family)

VIGIL (Second Sunday of Lent)

(S Bede) 4:00p Patricia Sheehan (Bob & Kathleen Lee)

(S James) 4:00p Kathy Weryn, Living Intention
(Pittsburgh family)

SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY of LENT) [24]

(S Bede) 8:00 Mary Lubarski (Sean and Bridget Kelly)

(MGC) 9:00 Living and Deceased of the Parish

(S James) 10:00 Dave McIntyre (Virginia and Vince
DeGrano)

(S Bede) 11:00 Diane Prowchownik (Prochownik
Family)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Reading I Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18

Reading II Phil 3:17 -4:1

Gospel Lk 9:28 - 36

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Reading I Ex.3:1-8, 13-15

Reading II 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel Luke 13: 1-9

PRAY FOR HEALING for Laretta Ashley, Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Lillie Carter, Bruno Cassara, Eumenia Castro, John Ceric, Eugene Connor, Leola Cook, John Davis, Ruth Ann 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, Esther Hackwelder, Estelle Hagerdorn, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Erin Joy Johnson, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Josephine Major, 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, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Ingrid Roberts, John Rosella, 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, Rosemarie Toliver, Arlene Trichtinger, Andrea Ventomiller, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

ON MISSION FOR IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

THE
CHURCH
ALIVE!

As we hear the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel, it is hard not to try to imagine what that scene was like. Picture yourself standing with Peter,

James and John as Jesus, joined by Moses and Elijah, suddenly appears in dazzling white and surrounded in glory. The reaction of those Apostles was not one of fear, but of joy. Peter exclaims, "it is good that we are here," and suggests that they build tents so that they could remain in the presence of such a glorious scene for ever. What the Apostles did not know then, although we have the privilege of realizing now, is that their desire would become the reality of the Church. Each time we come to Mass, Jesus is raised up before our very eyes as he is made present in the Eucharist. As we gaze upon the host we see Christ in the flesh with eyes of faith. And as we receive Him in Holy Communion, he remains with us to strengthen us to be about the work of discipleship. While there are many crosses we currently have to bear as Catholics, the opportunities we have each week to come face to face with our God who gives us life and assists us in carrying our crosses. Visit onmission-churchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.