

Pastor's Note

October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love God, Love Neighbor!

This week marks the Second Anniversary of the horrific mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, just up the street from the St. Bede Campus. This senseless act of violence has changed our community forever. In this very troubling world where there is violence, hatred, and political division, we pray for peace, love, and humility.

This weekend we celebrate the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings focus on following the two greatest commandments, loving God and loving our neighbor. In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we read how God's holy people are reminded to be kind to others just as God has been kind to them. The tribes of Israel accept the challenge to serve God who delivered them from oppression and kept them from harm.

In the second reading to the Thessalonians, we read how Paul is encouraged by the fine example of faith exhibited in the lives of believers. He commends them for setting aside their former idolatry and embracing the word of truth. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus combines two commandments into one declaring that together they form the basis for the whole law of Moses and the prophets. Jesus reveals that to love both God and neighbor completely is to fulfill the law. Do unto others as I have done unto you.

Loving God, and Loving our Neighbor is not just a summary of commandments as rules to follow, but a whole new way of living that incorporates our relationship with God into everything we do.

This weekend at the 11am Mass, we welcome the RCIA Candidates for the Rite of Welcoming as they begin their journey to learn more about the Catholic faith. Class of 2021 includes: **Ninoshka Aponte, Erica Moulinier, Anna Kizior, and Mary Nyamekye**

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All Souls Memorial Mass

An All Souls Memorial Mass will be held **Monday, November 2, at 7 pm** at St. Bede. Families that have lost a loved one during the past year are invited to attend. Throughout the month of November, we will have a Memorial Board listing the names of all the parishioners who had their funeral Mass at one of our three campuses this past year and a Book of Remembrance will once again be in the front near the altar in all our churches where you can place names of loved ones who have passed on. We will remember them at every daily and Sunday Mass throughout the month of November. Special Memorial Candles are available for a donation of \$5.00.

Parish Census

All Registered Parishioners should have received a "Census Letter" in the mail a few weeks ago. Please look over the card with your information, make changes, if necessary, and mail back in the enclosed envelope. We appreciate your full participation as we update our files.

If you have misplaced your census card or never received one in the mail, please contact Terri Price at the office at 412-661-7222.

Every Catholic needs a place to call home. If you are not officially registered, we have registration forms in the back of all three of our churches, on the Welcome page of our website, saintmarymagdalenepeggh.org or you can call Terri Price at the parish office at 412.661.7222.

Sponsor Letters

We are seeing an increase in the number of phone calls of people inquiring to obtain sponsor letters to be Godparent and/or Confirmation Sponsor. To obtain a Sponsor Letter (Letter of Recommendation from the Pastor) a person must be an **Active** registered parishioner at St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Please make sure you retain your "active status" in the parish record system by contributing financially to the parish using your parish envelopes or participate in the on line giving program "Faith Direct" and be active in our parish organizations. It is very difficult to write a letter of recommendation if the person is considered "inactive" or is not even in the data base system.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Colin Edward Bilecki** who is being Baptized this weekend.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Jessica Hobson** and **Omar Boston** who are celebrating their wedding this weekend.

Congratulations to **Erin Kelley** and **Craig Bilecki** who are validating their marriage vows this weekend.

Happy Birthday

Happy **101st Birthday** to **Grace Corbett**, who is celebrating her special birthday this Wednesday, October 28!

Something to Think About...

Stronger than Hate

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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