

PASTOR'S NOTE NOVEMBER 1, SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

We Are Blessed!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Saints are recognized for the ways they followed Jesus and lived the gospel. We remember all those who have gone before us in faith and who we trust now to live forever in God's heavenly love. All Saints Day is an opportunity for us to reflect on what it means to live as children of God.

In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, we read how God's faithful people stand before the throne of God, giving thanks for the gift of salvation. In the second reading from First John, we read how we are called to live our lives as children of God in this world. In his love for us, God has made us his children, and destined us one day to see him as he is. We should live a life that is consistent with his great hope. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read from Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes. Jesus declares that those who now suffer for the Kingdom of Heaven will be blessed with heavenly reward. The Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the disciples and the crowd gathered to hear Jesus. The Beatitudes describe situations in which many people have found themselves; mourning, meek, hungering for justice, in need of mercy, a pure heart, and striving for peace. The word Beatitude means blessed or happy. Jesus identifies behaviors and actions that will bring blessing or happiness. Jesus encourages us to make right choices, they are guidelines for faithful living. Each of us is called to be counted among blessed. In our baptism we received a calling, the call to holiness, to become saints. In our baptism, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us answer this call and serve God and the church.

As we begin a new month, let us look at making some internal changes in our life to become a better person. Be grateful for the gift of life, faith, family, and friends. Wake up each day and live each day to fullest. Each and every day we are...blessed.

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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, saintmarymagdaleneepgh.org or you can call Terri Price at the parish office at 412.661.7222.

Maintenance Update

A new Boiler has been installed by Ruthrafuff Service LLC at **St. Bede School**.

We appreciate your financial support to St. Mary Magdalene Parish to continue to make improvements and

repairs to our three campuses.

Midnight Mass on KDKA Radio

I am pleased to announce that KDKA Radio 1020AM will be broadcasting live Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, Friday, December 25 from St. Bede Church!

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Reese Elizabeth Knoll** who is being baptized this weekend.

Congratulations to **Gabriel Ganelli** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday.

Congratulations to **Cardinal-Designate Wilton Gregory** from Washington DC. Pope Francis announced this past weekend his appointment to become the first African American Cardinal!

Something to Think About...

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

Mother Teresa

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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