



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
Wilkinsburg 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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

*St. Bede Church is open
Monday to Friday 7 am to 3 pm
Saturday, 8 am to 12 pm*

Faith Formation (CCD) Sunday 9 am on Zoom

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals
by appointment only.



Our churches are accessible.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 22, 2020

"With God All Things Are Possible!"

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New Parishioners Welcome! To register, please call or email the parish office. Registration forms are also available on the welcome page of our website:

saintmarymagdaleneepgh.org

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

Mass Online: Livestream

The direct link for the live stream: facebook.com/smmppgh/live/
(choose the video with the red "live" icon)
(link is also on the homepage of our website)

You do not have to have a Facebook account.

November 22, Mother of Good Counsel Church, 9 am
November 26, St. Bede Church, 9 am
November 29, St. Bede Church, 9 am

The Mass will be available on the homepage of our website and YouTube within two hours of the livestream.

saintmarymagdaleneepgh.org
[St. Mary Magdalene Parish PGH](http://St.MaryMagdaleneParishPGH)

Stewardship

Offertory

November 15 \$6,191.00

PSP 2020

Goal \$153,393.00 Received \$102,626.00



We invite you to consider online giving through Faith Direct

To sign up at Faith Direct, for regular contributions or for a one time gift, visit faithdirect.net and use church code PA994. Enrollment forms are available at all our churches and Parish Office.

Advisory Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Patricia Albacete
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*Pastoral Council meets
on the 3rd Monday
of the month.*

Finance Council

Martin Albacete
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Linda Burke
Michael Myers
Michael Polite
Judy Prata
Mara Sullivan

*Finance Council meets
on the 4th Monday
of the month.*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

are due on Monday at 9 am for next week's bulletin.

Larger announcements must be submitted
a week prior to the Monday deadline.

bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org

As a Faith Community,

we pray for all who request prayers.

*Loretta Ashley, Gail Britanik, Scot Brown, Terri Burns,
Amy Corpuz, Louann & Joseph Gordon, Theresa Grieco,
Marlene Joseph, Mary Lou Laird, Kimberly Lattimore
Martin Lavelle, Patricia Marino, Matilda McGuinness,
Michelle Menzietti, Leslie Paat, Dee Pryor, Mary Reidell,
Emily Reiling, Marion Reynoso, Natalie Semler,
James & Rose Smith, Carlos Steele, and Arlene Trichtinger.*

We pray 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 craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org or 412.661.7222.

Mass Intentions November 21–29

Saturday Vigil The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	4 pm	Beth Lynn Barr (<i>Cathy White</i>)	HAWKINS
SUNDAY THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9 am Livestream	Rubye E. Hodges (<i>Allen R. Hodges, M.D.</i>)	BURKE
	11 am	Therese Kramer (<i>Joe & Ginny Fasano</i>)	TAYLOR
MONDAY Weekday	9 am	Joseph Wymard (<i>The Wymard Family</i>)	ADEOYE
TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	9 am	In Celebration of Fr. Tom' 50 th Birthday <i>St. Mary Magdalene Parish Staff</i>	BURKE
WEDNESDAY Weekday	9 am	In Celebration of Fr. Taylor's Birthday <i>St. Mary Magdalene Parish Staff</i>	TAYLOR
THURSDAY Weekday Thanksgiving Day	9 am Livestream	For the Continued Healing of Justin Sickles (<i>Mary Sickles</i>)	BURKE TAYLOR
FRIDAY Weekday	9 am	The Charron and Prochownik Families (<i>Prochownik Family</i>)	TEMU
SATURDAY Weekday	9 am	Marie McInerney (<i>Family</i>)	BURKE
Saturday Vigil First Sunday of Advent	4 pm	St. James Alumni Association 70 th Anniversary <i>St. James Alumni Association</i>	ADEOYE
SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9 am	Cary A. Hodges (<i>Allen R. Hodges, M.D.</i>)	HAWKINS
	11 am Livestream	Maria Santeufemia and Virginia Cercone (<i>Daughter</i>)	BURKE

November 21–29

SAT	Adoration & Confession	<i>St. Bede 9:30 am</i>
SUN	CCD Thanksgiving Prayer Service CCD Faith Sharing Meet Our Global Solidarity Partners	<i>Zoom 8 am Zoom 9:am Zoom 2 pm Zoom, 5 pm</i>
MON	Miraculous Medal Novena Finance Council	<i>St. Bede 9:30 am Zoom 7 pm</i>
TUE	RCIA Fratelli Tutti Reflection & Discussion	<i>Zoom 7 pm Zoom 7 pm</i>
WED	Food Bank Pick Up Food Banks Distribution Parish Office Closing Early	<i>Ministry Ctr 8:30 am HR Rectory 9 am 12 pm</i>
THURS	Thanksgiving Day Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	<i>St. Bede 9 am St. Bede 9:30 am</i>
FRI	Parish Office Closed	
SAT	Adoration & Confession Letter Writing	<i>St. Bede 9:30 am St. James 5 pm</i>
SUN	Letter Writing Faith Sharing	<i>MOGC 10 am St. Bede 12 pm Zoom 2 pm</i>

Except for CCD, Finance Council, and RCIA, Zoom information is on the Events page of our website:
saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org/events

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Meet Our Global Solidarity Partners on Sunday, November 22 at 5 pm on Zoom.

Join parishioners to see how these Missions bring Good News to the world!

Queen of Apostles Academy (Fr. Fred's School) – a secondary school in rural Uganda

Fatima House Orphanage and Health Clinic, Fondwa, Haiti – a project of Partners in Progress that supports sustainable, community development in rural Haiti

Bread for the World – a Christian advocacy organization that educates, and empowers people of faith to urge lawmakers & policymakers to end hunger in America & around the world

Chimbote Center for Social Works, Peru – provides the poor with a maternity hospital, outpatient clinic, pharmacy, & home for abandoned children

For zoom link: saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org/events

St. Mary Magdalene Christmas Fair Trade Sale supports our partners.

CAT Corner

Everywhere He went He was doing good. Part of being Christian is reaching beyond myself and outside of my church doors to serve the community that surrounds me.

All are invited to join the Cultural Action Team.

For more information, please contact
Linda Atkins, 412.880.8253
or Jennifer Gorske, 412.370.2638;

Bible Study with Fr. Matthew begins on Thursday, December 3, at 7 pm on Zoom. Discover the beauty, truth, and wisdom through weekly meetings as we begin a new Liturgical Year.

The study will also be posted, with a short mini-lecture, on our website and YouTube.

For more information, contact Fr. Matthew at 412.661.7222 or mhawkins@diopitt.org.

Thanks to everyone for their feedback via phone and email.

To register (required), visit the homepage of our website: saintmarymagdalenepeg.org

Monthly Letter Writing will be held next weekend, November 28 and 29. Letters are directed to U.S. Senators one more time seeking a desperately needed COVID-19 relief bill. We are asking for the bill to include an increase for the SNAP program (food assistance) and overseas famine.

Letters, envelopes and stamps are available as you leave church. Letters are also available on our parish website under our Social Justice and Peace Committee tab.

Please use your voice in support of these basic human rights issues.



Don't forget to return your Angel Tree gift by Sunday, November 29.

All gifts must be received by Sunday, November 29, by 2 pm.

Please do not leave any gifts in the church during the week. You can bring them to the parish office.

Thank you!!

Christmas Fair Trade Sale continues through Monday, December 7. We are working with **10,000 Villages**, 5820 Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill., 15217. We can shop in person at the store; order and pay over the phone with a credit card, 412.421.2160; and/or order online at tenthousandvillages.com.

Please use our special code: **FUNDSTMM**. In store shopping counts until Christmas if the code is used.

Catalogs that remain are in the back of our churches as well as event flyers. If ordered by phone or online, items must be paid for in advance and will be available for pick up in the Activities Room at St. Bede on Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13, between 10 am and 4 pm.

If you do not want to participate in the Fair Trade Sale, but do want to support our Global Solidarity Partners, donations can be made to St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Please put Global Solidarity Partners put on the memo line of your check and mail to the rectory or put in an envelope and drop in the collection box in church.

Reflection & Discussion on Fratelli Tutti

Join fellow parishioners for an 8 week virtual exploration of Pope Francis' latest encyclical letter. Tuesdays at 7 pm. The third chapter, "*Envisaging and Engendering an Open World*", will be discussed on November 24.

Visit our website, saintmarymagdalenepeg.org for the Fratelli Tutti page. The page has a link to the encyclical, to read online or purchase; a list of the topics for the series; and articles on the encyclical.

Contact Cathy at craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org or 412.661.7222 for more information.

Christian Mothers At this time, meetings will be via conference calls on the first Sunday of the month.

December 6 at 11 am:

- ◆ Phone number to use: 1.605.475.4875
- ◆ When asked, put in this code: 947018#
- ◆ When connected, just say your name.

For more information, please call Janice Reed, Secretary, at 412.727.6418.

All are welcome to attend.



CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players

showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

Journey with Bishop Barron, *Word on Fire*, and fellow parishioners to learn about and explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players.

The third presentation will be on St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, who gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

Wednesday, December 2, at 7 pm. The zoom link is on the Events page of our website:

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Upcoming presentations:

- ◆ Blessed John Henry Newman., the Convert, who left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.
- ◆ G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist, who publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.
- ◆ Michelangelo, the Artist, who dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in this series but find the time conflicting, please contact Dante Romito:

dante.romito@gmail.com or 412.596.9799.

Update from the Ministry Center

The Ministry Center continues to provide multi-faceted aid to parishioners and neighbors in Pt. Breeze, Wilkinsburg, and Homewood. Here is some of what we have been working on:

In October and the first week of November, financial assistance totaled \$1,945. The breakdown is as follows:

Rental assistance: \$1,050
Water \$600
Medical copay \$295

- * A partnership has been established with the Wilkinsburg Affordable Housing Advocates to identify and assist those who are at risk for eviction from their homes due to financial crisis.
- * Our October food bank distribution at St. James increased to its highest level, with 206 registered individuals coming to the distribution. When their family members are included, over 400 people received food.
- * A clothing/food drive has been initiated with St. Bede School students, with the 8th grade taking the lead on

advertising the drive and handling the collection. The goal is to collect non-perishables during the month of November, and warm winter clothing, new and gently used (coats, hats, gloves, socks) for December.

- * The Global Solidarity Committee has launched a partnership with 10,000 Villages for a December fundraiser, where a portion of sales will be donated to our fund for the 4 global concerns we have focused on: Bread for the World, Queen of Apostle Academy in Uganda, Partners in Progress in Haiti, and the Chimbote mission.
- * A video of the Ministry Center and its goals/mission is in the works now and hopefully will be ready for distribution to the parish and the community at large before the end of the year.
- * Discussion has begun with the Crossroads Foundation to pursue the possibility of providing financial support to a local student from a low-income family as they enter one of six Catholic high schools in Allegheny County. More information is forthcoming as we finalize plans.

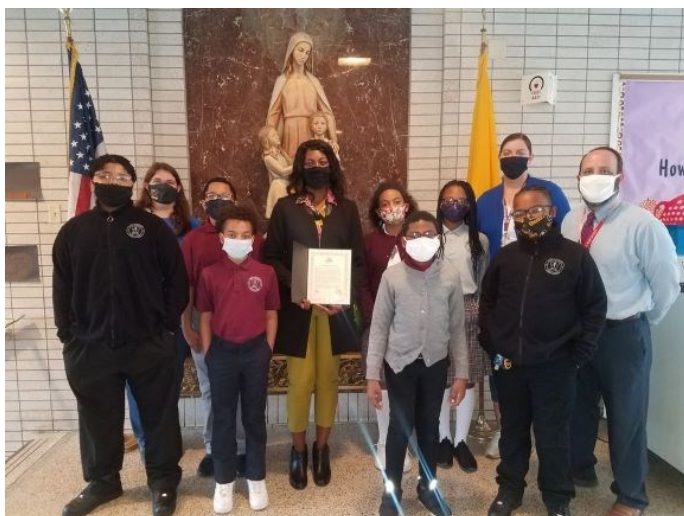
Our Parish Pantries have requested stuffing mix during November. Please bring donations to one of the churches. If you bring them to the Parish Office, 509 S. Dallas Avenue in Point Breeze, it is preferred that they be brought between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. If not, they can be left on the front or back porch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Confirmation Prayer Cards

are available at all our worship sites. Please take a red card that has the name of a Confirmation student and pray for them while they are on their journey for 2021 Confirmation. If you are not able to attend Mass and would like the name of a student to pray for, please contact Cathy at 412.661.7222 or craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org.

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy



Marita Garrett, Mayor of Wilkinsburg, presented a proclamation for Red Ribbon Week to the 6th Grade students. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS Radio Program, with Fr. Tom Burke as host, highlights elementary and secondary schools; colleges; youth ministry programs; and more, and is broadcast every other Sunday morning on KDKA-AM. Fr. Tom's guest on November 22 is Matt Petnuch, President of the North Hills Regional Catholic School Board.

See the homepage of our website, for the link to podcasts of the programs: saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org.

St. Bede School Happenings The Crusader Walk-a-thon finished this week. Because of the pandemic restrictions, the Students completed the walk-a-thon on their own, getting sponsors, then walking or running miles after school and on the weekends to raise money for the school. Thank you to all of the sponsors and to everyone who participated!

The St. Bede gym was magically transformed and Santa's Treasure Shop was open this week. Students were able to do their Christmas shopping early. Many thanks to all of Santa's elves for all of their hard work. A huge thank you to Mrs. Palmieri and Mrs. Conner for bringing this treasure to our school.

Our teachers continue to amaze us, working hard to teach kids at school and kids online. Thank you, teachers – we love you!

PASTOR'S NOTE



The Lord is my shepherd.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This Feast Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church Liturgical Year before the start of Advent. The readings this weekend focus on service, humility and being like a shepherd to embrace love and compassion.

In our first reading from the Book of Ezekiel, we read how God assumes the role of shepherd for the people. Ezekiel says God will heal and restore the people of Israel. God appointed Ezekiel to serve as a watchman over Israel and to advise them to change their ways. In the second reading from Paul to the Corinthians, we read how Paul reminds us that we will share in the Lord's victory over death. Christ is the new Adam who rose from the dead.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read the famous passage about the final judgement of all the nations, the sheep, and the goats. Jesus demonstrates how service to the needy is in fact the love of Christ. The challenge of Christian discipleship is to see the love of Christ in the many faces of those in need. Serving those in need means serving Christ. If we are to be good subjects in Christ's kingdom, we also need to see Christ in the poor. Christ embraced the leper, ate with sinners and outcasts and always looked out for the "little guy."

On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year as we prepare for Thanksgiving this coming Thursday and for the Season of Advent, let us recognize the face of Christ in those around us by what we say and do. The more we live through the spirit of Christ, the more God lives in in us.

The Lord is my shepherd.

2021 Mass Intentions

This year because of COVID-19 pandemic we have had to tweak the Sunday Mass schedule because of the CDC and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania guidelines with the limited number of people allowed in the building for social distancing and cleaning and sanitation. Because of the uncertainties of not knowing when things will get "back to normal", we are keeping the current daily and Sunday Mass schedule AS IS until further notice. In the next few weeks, we will open the 2021 Mass book for Mass Intention requests. I am pleased to announce that we will also be adding the availability to have weekly Sanctuary Candle Memorial Intentions. Stay posted for further details.

We Remember

Throughout this month we will offer our prayers for the names of our loved ones who had their funeral Mass in our parish this past year and are listed on the Memorial Board near the or the altar at all three of our campuses and the names listed in the "Memorial Book" also known as the Book of Remembrance. Please feel free to inscribe names of your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance located in the front of our churches.

Thanksgiving Day Mass- Thursday, November 26, at 9 am - St. Bede.

****What a great day to come together and give thanks for God's blessings and breaking bread as one family via in person or via Livestream****

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 25, through Monday, November 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 1.

Looking Ahead

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, December 8

9 am - St. Bede (School Mass)
9 am - St. James (School Mass)
Noon - Mother of Good Counsel
7 pm - St. Bede

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

2 pm - Mother of Good Counsel (Fr. Matthew)
4 pm - St. Bede (Fr. Taylor)
5:30pm - St. James (Fr. Tom) Livestream
Midnight - St. Bede (Fr. Tom) Broadcasting Live on KDKA Radio, 100.1 FM and 1020 AM

Christmas Day—Friday, December 25

9 am - Mother of Good Counsel (Fr. Tom)
10:30 am - St. James (Fr. Taylor)
Noon - St. Bede (Fr. Matthew)

Birthday Reflection

As I celebrate my **50th Birthday** this Tuesday, November 24, I want to say thanks to my wonderful parents, Bill and Marge and to all my dear parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. I am honored to be your Pastor.

Happy Birthday to Fr. David Taylor, celebrating his birthday this Wednesday, November 25!

Welcome Home

A special welcome to **Ryan** and **Jennifer Mitchell** recently registered at St. Mary Magdalene Parish.

Something to Think About...

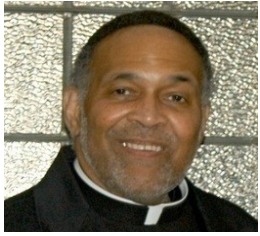
I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.

Jonas Salk

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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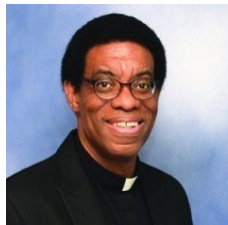


Today is the Feast of Christ the King. This is the final week of the present Church year. The last Sundays have reminded us of the end of the world, the last judgement, and the individual accounting of our own life. The Gospel focuses on the Sermon on the Mount which is about how we live in the present.

Jesus turns the whole notion around about leadership.

The notion of power and authority take on new meaning. We often think of power as the ability to lead and control. It is possible to possess much power without the ability to properly exercise it. Many dictators do this. The proper exercise of power rests on the ability to use it for the good of all. Elections can bestow much power on an individual who can use it for the intended good or selfish and self-centered purposes. Power rests with the office rather than the person. It can come with a lot of influence and wealth.

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



As the cases of COVID rise it is natural that many people in the Church are anxious. While it is important to take the necessary and sensible precautions, we can take comfort from God's promise to the prophet Ezekiel in our first reading for today, "I will tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every

place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark."

A few months ago, Bishop Robert Barron pointed out in his foreword to Stephen Bullivant's book *Catholicism In The Time Of Coronavirus* that this pandemic reminds us that we live in a world of "radical contingency." It is a world where our circumstances quickly change in unforeseeable ways. Bishop Barron notes that this radical contingency has a way of driving us to seek that which is not contingent, that which never passes away: God, who is the fullness of being, never passes away.

In First Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes that God, who is beyond all contingency, "... must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." While we must take sensible precautions against the Coronavirus, we must not live in paralyzing and demoralizing fear. Christ has the final victory over death.

Authority, especially moral authority, rests primarily with the individual. Some people with the greatest moral authority are quite powerless, and they have no need to control. So, it was with Jesus. Pilate had power over people, but Jesus had moral authority and influence. Jesus made his presence felt by the kind of life he led and the moral influence he had on others.

We end the Church year with much faith in the leadership of Christ and how it can influence all of us. Advent brings new hope for healing and reconciliation. We pray for healing in our country and in our lives.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, and the Christmas season let's be safe and take care of one another. While it may be a difficult sacrifice not being with many of our loved ones and friends, it shows that we really care. As I celebrate another birthday it is a real blessing to be with you.

Although physical distancing will continue to be necessary, social distancing (breaking our connection to one another) would destroy our very humanity. Bishop Barron points out that the Church cannot be shut down, because the Church is not the worship site, it is the Mystical Body of Jesus. He adds that there are many things that Catholics may do to strengthen their spiritual lives, even as they shelter-in-place. He notes that under the restrictions of physical distancing last spring "... there [was] a dramatic rise in virtual rosaries, retreats, and Eucharistic Adoration."

In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus' words as he reminds us of the importance of not turning inward, that we should not think only of ourselves. Instead, we must look outward and check up on those who are isolated and vulnerable, letting them know that they are not forgotten and that they do not have to go through this ordeal alone. The acts of corporal and spiritual mercy are especially needed in times like these.

As we stay socially-connected despite being physically distant we will weather this storm through the grace of God, and we can look forward to the day when, as God promised Ezekiel, "As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep ... The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal..." God Bless You.