

Pastor's Note

May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is always a special day to honor all the women in our lives who hold a motherly role: Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Mothers-in-Law and Aunt's. It is a special day to say thank you for all they have done for us. I thank God every day for my mom, Marge, who after all these years still does so much for her three children, seven grandchildren, and recently a new great granddaughter. Thanks, Mom, for giving me life, teaching me the faith, and encouraging and supporting me throughout the forty nine years of my life. Life...what a beautiful choice!

This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how there was tension between the first Christians in the early church. Only in the Acts of the Apostles does the writer, St. Luke, refer to the Apostles as "The Twelve." This passage presents a harmonious interaction between the twelve and the community in solving the internal problem. In the Gospel of John we read part of Jesus' "farewell discourse," at the Last Supper. Jesus reminds his Apostles that they will not be left alone without strength or guidance.

As we continue to go through the Coronavirus pandemic, maybe feeling anxious and worried and maybe feeling all alone, let us lean on each other and God to get us through these very difficult days. God is in our midst. Let us continue not to have fear, but have faith.

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Parish Census 2020

In the next few weeks all registered parishioners will be receiving an Easter Greeting letter along with a form asking to update their registration with the correct information. Since we merged on January 6, 2020 we have noticed that our Parish Data System has many incorrect mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Please return your updated form to our parish office either by mailing, dropping it off in our secured mail box on the front porch or by email to parishoffice@stmarymagpgh.org. It is important that we have correct contact information.

Parish Improvements

Builders Hardware of the South Hills recently repaired several interior doors and locks at the Parish Center. They will also be installing a new storm door on the front porch of the parish office.

Mariani & Richards Incorporated of Overbrook continues to spot point and repair mortar outside of St. James Church.

Toth Carpeting and Flooring of Munhall has removed the old floor tile in the St. Bede School Cafeteria and installed the new flooring this past week.

Due to increasing enrollment coming in the Fall of 2020 for St. Bede School, the seating arrangements will be changing in the school cafeteria to accommodate the needed increase in seating! Special thanks to all who continue to financially support St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish and St. Bede School to make this much needed project a possibility.

Comcast will be installing a new office phone system to connect to all three campuses this coming week. We are connecting the main parish office on South Dallas Avenue (St. Bede Campus), with the Holy Rosary Rectory and St. James Rectory. The Holy Rosary Food Bank and St. James Ministry Center will also be receiving new phones.

**Please note the St. James Ministry Center phone number 412-241-1309 and the main parish office number 412-661-7222 will stay the same. **

Ministry Van

The Ministry Center is in need of a Cargo Van to pick up their weekly food and items from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. If you are interested in helping to fund this project please make check payable to

St. Mary Magdalene Parish and memo it “Cargo Van Fund” and mail it to my attention to the parish office. We are half way to our goal!

Thank you

Last week all registered parishioners received a letter from several parishioners who came up with the idea of reaching out to our parishioners asking that those who receive their stimulus checks from the Federal Government who may not need it, have the option to donate their stimulus check to St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Cargo Van Fund, St. Vincent de Paul or the Ministry Center. Thank you to those who have responded so far. We appreciate your support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Oliver Andrew Byrne** who is being baptized this weekend.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Marie Lloyd** who celebrated her 98th birthday last week.

Something to Think About...

“Every Day is Mother’s Day!”

Marge Burke

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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