

Pastor's Note

May 24, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Let Us Pray!

Nineteen years ago, May 26, 2001, I made a commitment to God, my family, and my church. I was ordained to the priesthood with five of my classmates: Fr. Tony Gargotta, Fr. Terry O' Connor, Fr. Michael Stumpf, Fr. Bob Vular, and Fr. Clint Zadroga. I love being a priest and I love being your pastor here at St. Mary Magdalene Parish. A lot has changed in nineteen years, but I continue and learn and grow in priesthood every day. Let us pray that more men and woman may answer the Lord's call to serve the church and live out their vocation.

This weekend we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The readings focus on prayer. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how the Apostles return to Jerusalem as the Risen Lord instructed them and devote themselves to prayer. In the Gospel of John, we continue to read the "farewell discourse" at the Last Supper and read what scripture scholars refer to as "the priestly prayer." Jesus addresses a final prayer to his Father on behalf of his disciples. This prayer serves as a summary of Jesus' entire mission while on earth. Jesus promised to be with us always and surrounds us with a faith-filled community.

As we celebrate this Memorial Day weekend and prepare for Pentecost next weekend, let us pray that we all be one and God Bless America.

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Please note that St. Mary Magdalene Campuses remain closed for private prayer until further notice. There are no daily or Sunday Masses and confessions are by appointment. The parish office remains open daily Monday thru Friday. We will keep you posted when we can reopen the churches. Each parish in the diocese of Pittsburgh is taking the bishop's opening directives on a case by case basis. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transitional time.

Parish Improvements

Mariani & Richards Incorporated continues to spot point and repair mortar outside of St. James Church. While working on the roof, they found many pieces of the shingles have blown off. We are working with S & N roofing to get them repaired.

Toth Carpeting and Flooring of Munhall has completed installing the new flooring in the St. Bede School Cafeteria. Our maintenance staff, Paul Denk and Michael Natalia are giving the cafeteria walls a fresh coat of paint and we will be installing new window blinds in the next few weeks.

Also, several of the classrooms and hallways at St. Bede School will be painted and the “Robe Room” (side sacristy of St. Bede Church) will be getting a fresh coat of paint.

Comcast Business has completed installing a new office phone system to connect to all three campuses. We have connected 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 also received new phones and are now connected to the main office phone system. Please note that the former St. Charles Lwanga Parish number, 412.731.3020, and St. James Parish number, 412.241.1392, are no longer in service and will go directly to our main number 412.661.7222.

Please note that all parish business mail: envelopes, letters, etc., should be mailed to our main address:

Press 0 - for the Parish Office and Terri Price

Press 2 - Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor

Press 3 - Fr. David Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

Press 4 - Frank Grande, Business Manager

Press 5 - Cathy Raffaele, Media & Communications Coordinator

Press 8 - Ministry Center, Wilkinsburg

Press 9 - Holy Rosary Food Bank, Homewood

In the next few weeks Teresa Maynor, our Director of Religious Education, and Melissa Viator, our Safe Environment Coordinator will be receiving their own extensions.

In Memory of Paul Brecht

Long time parishioner, Paul Brecht, went home to the Lord, January 12, 2020. Paul left a generous bequest to St. Mary Magdalene Parish in his will.

Please remember St. Mary Magdalene Parish in your will.

Something to Think About...

Arguments never settle things, but prayer changes things.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor

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