



*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

*Mass occupancy is limited.*

Mass is also available on *Facebook* and *YouTube*.

**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 daily 8:00 am - 12:00 pm*

**Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals**  
by appointment only.

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*The Kingdom of heaven*

is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 26, 2020

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*"With God All Things Are Possible!"*

Website: [saintmarymagdalenepgh.org](http://saintmarymagdalenepgh.org)



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All our churches are accessible.

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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](http://saintmarymagdaleneepgh.org)

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

Anyone who volunteers in the parish or school is required by the diocese to be compliant with all Safe Environment clearances.

Please contact Melissa Viator at 412.661.7222  
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with questions or for assistance.

## 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

## Stewardship

### Offertory

July 19 \$6,885.00

### PSP 2020

Goal \$153,393.00 Received \$86,345.00

**Online Giving** 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](http://faithdirect.net) and use church code PA994. Enrollment forms are available at all our churches and Parish Office.

For online giving information, see the homepage of our website: [saintmarymagdaleneepgh.org](http://saintmarymagdaleneepgh.org) or call Frank Grande at 412.661.7222.

**Mass Intentions** are available now until the end of the year. Requests may be made in person at the parish office or by mail. When mailing in a request, please include the \$10 stipend. If it is not included, the request will be placed on hold until the stipend is received. No Mass requests will be taken over the phone. Contact Terri Price at the parish office with any questions.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

are due no later than 9 am on Monday  
for the next week's bulletin.

Larger announcements must be submitted  
a week prior to the Monday deadline.  
[bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org](mailto:bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org)

## As a Faith Community,

we pray for all who request prayers.

*Gail Britanik, Amy Corpuz, Mary Lou Laird,  
Patricia Marino, Dee Pryor, Emily Reiling,  
Marion Reynoso, James & Rose Smith,  
Arlene Trichtinger, and Janet Wennersten*

We pray for those who request prayers for any reason. We also pray for those affected by the coronavirus, COVID-19: those who are ill; healthcare and essential workers; religious and government leaders; and everyone impacted in any way.

If you, a family member, or friend would like to be on our prayer list, please call Cathy at the parish office or email [craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org](mailto:craffaele@stmarymagpgh.org).

The names are also published on the website.

## Mass Intentions July 25 - August 2

Saturday Vigil Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	Paul Polinsky ( <i>Carolyn Sobotka</i> )	HAWKINS
SUNDAY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: 1 Kings:3:5, 7-12 Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52	9 am	Theresa Scatorchia ( <i>Mary Grace &amp; Judy Prata</i> )	BURKE
	11 am	Temporal and Spiritual Wellbeing of Eric Schorr ( <i>Dorothy Gloninger</i> )	TAYLOR
MONDAY Weekday	9 am	Mieko O'Brien ( <i>Nancy O'Brien</i> )	BURKE
TUESDAY Weekday	9 am	Trena Wojewodzic ( <i>Sr. Daniela Bronka</i> )	TAYLOR
WEDNESDAY Memorial of St. Martha	9 am	St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners ( <i>McKenna Grace Turner</i> )	BURKE
THURSDAY Weekday	9 am	David Scherbarth ( <i>Family</i> )	TEMU
FRIDAY Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	9 am	Rich Martin ( <i>Tess Martin-Wong</i> )	HAWKINS
SATURDAY Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	9 am	Howard and Dorothy Hays ( <i>Maureen &amp; Jim Capp</i> )	BURKE
Saturday Vigil Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	Thomas Ruppel ( <i>Kathleen Ruppel</i> )	TAYLOR
SUNDAY EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39 Gospel: Matthew 14:3-21	9 am	Wanda Cheeks ( <i>St. Mary Magdalene Parish's St. Vincent dePaul Society</i> )	HAWKINS
	11 am	Bud O'Brien ( <i>Nancy O'Brien</i> )	BURKE

**Information** Our churches are open for week-end Masses with limited occupancy: Saturday, 4 pm at St. James and Sunday, 9 am at Mother of Good Counsel and 11 am at St. Bede.

The parish website will be updated as information is available, [saintmarymagdalenepeg.org](http://saintmarymagdalenepeg.org).

Bulletins are available outside the Parish Office, St. Bede Church, Mother of Good Counsel Church, and St. James Rectory.

Mass is live streamed on Saturdays at 4 pm on Facebook and is available on YouTube at 5:30 pm. The Mass continues to be available for viewing on both sites.

Facebook: Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, [@smmppgh](https://www.facebook.com/smmppgh)  
YouTube: [St. Mary Magdalene Parish PGH](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStMaryMagdaleneParishPGH)

**Faith Sharing on Zoom** Join fellow parishioners on ZOOM on Sunday, July 26 and August 2, from 2 to 3 pm and on Thursday, July 30, from 7:30 to 8:15 pm for an informal time of faith sharing. The link to the meeting and the topic is sent by email and is also in the calendar on our website:

[saintmarymagdalenepeg.org/calendar](http://saintmarymagdalenepeg.org/calendar)

**Tuna** is requested for our parish pantries during the month of August. 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.

**Cultural Action Team** We invite you to join a new St. Mary Magdalene Parish team. With sensitivity, openness, and creativity, the multi-ethnic team plans to look at the wonderful varying races and cultures in our parish, and examine how we can better our interrelationships through understanding and acceptance of differences.

This is an exciting and unique opportunity to shed the outer mantle and see the beauty within each of us. Let's walk together in God's Love.

The team will begin meeting in August on Zoom.

For more information contact Linda Atkins at 412.880.8253 or [lindadanza@verizon.net](mailto:lindadanza@verizon.net)

## PASTOR'S NOTE



### Valuable Treasures!

I can remember as a youngster growing up, my family would take a week's vacation to Ocean City Maryland. I always looked forward to walking on the beach looking at the different sea shells, walking on the boardwalk and eating cheese fries and pizza, and playing miniature golf.

One of the memories I have is walking along the beach early in the morning awaiting the sunrise and seeing people with metal detectors and headphones scanning the sand. I asked my dad what they were doing and he stated that the people were looking for treasures! They were looking for coins, chains, rings or anything beach goers left behind the previous day. I can remember my parents telling my sisters and me that real treasures in life are not collecting things, but with our family and friends.

This weekend we celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings this weekend focus on looking at what is really important in life. In the first reading from the Book of Kings, we read how a young King Solomon, makes a correct request from God, asking for the wisdom to care for God's people. Realizing that his kingship is a gift from God, he speaks of himself as God's servant. Solomon is prepared to serve God and God's people. In the second reading to the Romans, Paul assures us that God gives us every advantage to grow in faith. God calls us and justifies us through grace, and leads us to glory. In the Gospel of Matthew we conclude the parable chapter as we read the parables of the treasure buried in the field, the merchant searching for fine pearls, and a fishing net thrown into the sea to collect the good and the bad. Jesus proclaims that the Kingdom of God is so valuable, that one should do whatever it takes to obtain it. Our common desire for wealth compares God's kingdom to a fortune waiting to be found or a pearl of great value or good and evil being separated.

Jesus' parables are not about making good business deals, but that the Kingdom of Heaven is as much an encounter as it is a goal. The faithful experience God's kingdom in the action of living our lives. God grants us wisdom to know his nearness each and every day.

We pray for those looking for direction in life. Although it is human to want things, we must make discerning needs our priority.

### Valuable Treasures!

## Parish Improvements

The Diocese has granted us permission to repair St. Bede School roof. Schultheis Roofing is due to begin work on the repairs the next few weeks. Funds from the school account will be used for this much these much needed repairs.

Schultheis recently inspected the St. James Church roof. According to the inspection report, it is recommended that the entire main roof will need to be replaced in the next three years. This is going to be a major project for our parish. Stay tuned for more information.

John Buch Electric has begun replacing the outdated circuit breaker box inside the Mother of Good Counsel sacristy. They will be installing new light switches to make it easier to turn on and off the lights. They will also update some old plugs in the vestibule.

Ruthrauff Services recently repaired the St. Bede School/Church Carrier roof air conditioner unit. Water was leaking and they replaced a bad belt.

\*\*We appreciate your continued financial support to St. Mary Magdalene Parish. It is important to use the parish envelopes or participate with online giving so we can continue with the various upgrades at our campuses. Also, since all the former parish checking accounts have now been merged or closed into one checking account, please remember to make all checks payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish\*\*

## Looking Ahead

Confirmation will be held on two Sundays, **September 27 and October 11 at 2 pm at St. Bede Church**. Bishop Zubik has given all pastors the permission to conduct the Sacrament of Confirmation in their parishes this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**Congratulations** to **Marie-Elise Wilson** and **Jacob Calvin Witek** who are being baptized this weekend.

**Welcome Home** A special welcome to **Holly, Eric, Juliana** and **Andrew Mohr** who recently registered at St. Mary Magdalene.

## Something to Think About...

*The more we are transformed by the power of Christ,  
the less we will be conformed to this world.*

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor  
[tburke@diopitt.org](mailto:tburke@diopitt.org)



# Reflections



It is human nature to look for something in life which is better than what we now have. Many faithfully play the lottery each day in hopes of winning the "big prize". Most of us are looking for a bargain or special sale often for things we do not really need. And it is a fact that our new possessions rarely give the happiness we were looking for.

Wisdom is indeed a gift that keeps on giving. To be wise in the ways of God can lead us to where we have never been before. It is the most precious gift we can have. It enables us to make the best use of what God has given to us and a desire to share our gifts with others. I know a lot of people who after recovering from serious illness appreciate the gift of health as never before and they are eager to share this renewed life with others.

Jesus reminds us in today's gospel that faith and gratitude can be that "pearl of great price" that we seek. As we work through the present health crisis, wisdom would ask us to make whatever sacrifices necessary for our long-term health. God alone can heal us but only if we do our part.

*Fr. David Taylor*

## Advisory Councils

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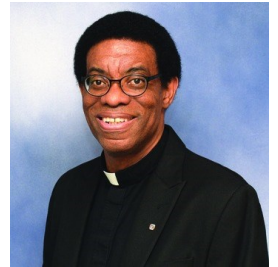
Radio Program, with Fr. Tom Burke as host, highlights elementary and secondary schools; col-

leges; youth ministry programs; and more, and is broadcast every other Sunday morning on KDKA-AM.

Fr. Tom's guest on August 2 is Michael Therrien on the topic of a New Apostolate for Evangelization in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

See the homepage of our website, for the link to podcasts of the programs: [saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org](http://saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org).

Immediately after ordination, when I received my assignment from the bishop, one of my seminarian brothers from another diocese asked, "What will be the parish for your ministry? How big is the church building and do they have a school?" I told him, "There won't be one parish but two. There won't be one school, but three. There won't be one church building, but four. The territory will span much of the heart of Pittsburgh, from the eastern suburb of Wilkinsburg to the edge of downtown." The seminarian said, "That's a lot of ground for you to cover; I hope you have a good pair of running shoes."



I thought, "running shoes could be helpful, but what I will really need will be a car." As I begin this ministry, I must ask if anyone has a used car that they are able to donate so that I will be able to minister to these four worship sites. I am not looking for anything that is fancy, just for a vehicle that is capable of getting the job done, even if it is only for the time being.

Please feel free to contact me at the St. Mary Magdalene parish office at 412.661.7222 ext 203 or by email at [mhawkins@diopitt.org](mailto:mhawkins@diopitt.org).

As I pursue this ministry, which for many years has pursued me, I have found that much of it has involved a leap of faith. I have learned, over time, that this is the nature of the calling. But in the second reading for the seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Apostle Paul wrote to Romans: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." I proceed in this ministry responding to God's call, confident that God will fulfill his intentions in his own time.

**The Lwanga Trio** members are Linda Atkins, Gerard Rohlf and Jennifer Gorske. They perform Spirituals, and other uplifting songs and will perform on Saturday, August 1, at 1 pm at the Penn Avenue Parklet. The parklet is located at 700 Penn Avenue, 15221 near Wood Street. If it is raining or over 85 degrees, the concert will be in the Borough Building, 605 Ross Avenue, 15221, 3rd floor. The space there is limited due to COVID-19.

Located in the middle of the Wilkinsburg Business District, the Wilkinsburg Council just voted and passed last week the naming of Penn Avenue Parklet after Harold Young. The name will be changed to Harold Young Parklet very soon. He was an extraordinary Jazz musician who did a lot to uplift and teach music to underprivileged children especially in the Homewood and Wilkinsburg areas.

The **CCD Program** is recruiting substitute teachers, adult aides, or older students to help out with CCD classes. Only one hour of your time is required, which involves monitoring students in the classroom and helping teachers with basic duties on Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 am. Please consider volunteering for this important and needed ministry. The goal is to have an aide for every class. For information, contact Teresa Maynor at the parish office or [stmaynor@stmarymagpgh.org](mailto:stmaynor@stmarymagpgh.org)

Please note: If you are 18 years or older, Safe Environment clearances are required. Contact Melissa Viator at [mviator@stmarymagpgh.org](mailto:mviator@stmarymagpgh.org) or the parish office for information and assistance.

The **St. Mary Magdalene Global Solidarity Committee** is forming at our parish. It will be a part of our Social Ministries and Community Outreach Committee similar to our Health Ministries and Social Justice and Peace Committees.

If you are interested in learning more about it, please call Denise Charron-Prochownik at 412.352.0627 or Joyce Rothermel at 412.780.5118.

**“Help! What’s a Catholic Voter to Do?”**

All are welcome to hear the upcoming talk by Nicholas Cafardi, civil and canon lawyer and former dean of the Law School at Duquesne University, who will speak on Thursday, August 6, at 7 pm via zoom. The event is being sponsored by the Association of Pittsburgh Priests and Pathways to Lay Leadership.

To register: [www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com](http://www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com)  
There is no cost. A link and phone number will be sent to you for you to join the event.



“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.”

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

## St. Bede School’s Angel Fund Support a Student in Need

Our vibrant school community is truly blessed and very grateful for over 90 years of support from St. Bede’s parishioners. Parishioners have participated in our fundraising efforts, contributed financially to our school, and have supported our mission. We are asking for your continued support during these unprecedented times.

This past spring, parents and faculty members were able to raise funds in support of our families that have faced financial hardships during this pandemic. As the new school year approaches this need continues. Please help up assist these families by contributing to our Angel Fund.

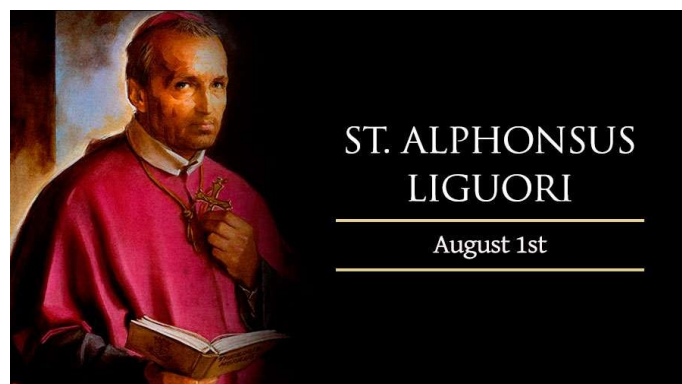
Donations may be placed in the church collection basket, or by mailing envelopes to the school office (6920 Edgerton Avenue, 15208) or parish office. Any donations will be appreciated.

If you would like to “adopt a student” for the entire school year, please contact the school office at 412.661.9425. We need your support to continue providing an excellent, faith-based education for our students.

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and students...

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“Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.”

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

## St. Mary Magdalene, Feast Day July 22<sup>nd</sup>

A Poem by St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners, Pittsburgh, PA

Dear St. Mary Magdalene, on your feast day,  
we celebrate the great news that you first shared with us  
that Jesus Christ is risen!

You were a strong woman, a fierce friend, and a humble believer.

You were noble, reckoning as men paused,  
faithful to follow the full the way of the cross.

You were steadfast in your faith in the face of jeers and hate.  
You stood at the foot of the cross mourning yours and our loss.

You were faithful until the end, kneeling at the cross, with tears in your eyes  
and sadness on your face, you never believed that you would be in this place.

You struggled at the foot of the cross because of the death of your beloved Jesus.  
You felt Jesus' pain, but knew that His torment was not to be in vain.

You were Christ's fearless, courageous, compassionate friend.  
You went to the tomb, determined that He would have a proper burial.

You were the first to see His risen face as he filled you with His love and His grace.

You spoke to Jesus on his Resurrection and joyously announced to the apostles that He is Risen!

You proclaimed our Easter Joy and made us believers  
with the miracle of the RED egg—the symbol of the Resurrection!

You embodied God's love for, and recognition of the role of women in the Church,  
as equal members, able to serve and to minister.

You were a gentle soul, and a faithful apostle and servant of Jesus.  
You were very much loved by Jesus, and appreciative of the healing graces you received from Him.

You shared in the ministry of Jesus. You were a witness to the end of flesh.  
You heralded the empty tomb as Jesus' age of spirit began.

You received the good news to continue His preaching to love one another  
and know that Jesus is always with us.

Dear St. Mary Magdalene, remember us all if we call upon you, show us the faith  
and love that you once bore to help us love Jesus our God even more.

