



*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.



Our churches are accessible.

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The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7

August 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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

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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: [saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org](http://saintmarymagdaleneppgh.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  
or [mviator@stmaymagpgh.org](mailto:mviator@stmaymagpgh.org)  
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

August 2 \$8,888.00

### PSP 2020

Goal \$153,393.00 Received %88,055.0000

**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: [saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org](http://saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org) or call Frank Grande at 412.661.7222.

## Advisory Councils

### Parish Pastoral Council

Patricia Albacete  
Linda Atkins  
Lois Campbell  
Denise Charron-Prochownik  
Anne Kovalan-Santoni  
Peter Lahoda  
Teresa Maynor  
Joan Price  
Janice Reed  
Dante Romito  
Eric Setzler  
Gloria White

### Finance Council

Martin Albacete  
David Aleva  
Christopher Benec  
Linda Burke  
Michael Myers  
Michael Polite  
Judy Prata  
Bill Rawlings  
Mara Sullivan  
Victor Thorpe

## Minutes

Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council meeting minutes are on our website.

If you wish a paper copy of the minutes, please contact the Parish Office at 412.661.7222.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

[bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org](mailto:bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org)

## Mass Intentions August 15 - 23

Saturday Vigil Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	Antoinette C. Dibello (Faculty & Staff of St. Anthony's School Programs and Foundation)	HAWKINS
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28	9 am	Susie Harp Foster (Daughter, Mary Foster)	BURKE
	11 am	Joseph E. Krajcovic, Jr. (Barbara Krajcovic)	TAYLOR
MONDAY Weekday	9 am	William Graves (Jim Carroll & Aphie)	BURKE
TUESDAY Weekday	9 am	Robert Full (St. Anthony School Programs & Foundations)	TAYLOR
WEDNESDAY Weekday	9 am	Joey Cannon (Patrick Carroll & Colleen)	BURKE
THURSDAY Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	9 am	Joseph Wymard (Barney & Denise McGinley)	HAWKINS
FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope	9 am	Makenna Grace (Pap & Aphie)	BURKE
SATURDAY Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 am	Maria Lee (Family)	HAWKINS
Saturday Vigil Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 pm	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jon and Elizabeth Pavlakovich (Mary Sickles)	TAYLOR
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>TWENTY-FIRSTSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20	9 am	David Scherbarth (Family)	HAWKINS
	11 am	RCIA Candidates and Their Sponsors (St. Mary Magdalene Parish)	BURKE



*What thought struck you in reading Sunday's Gospel?*

*What significance do you find in it?*

Join parishioners for an hour of reflection, listening, and perhaps sharing your perspective.

**Sunday, August 16, 2:00-3:00 pm**

*Matthew 15:21-28 – Faith means standing fast...*

**Sunday, August 23, 2:00 to 3:**

*Matthew 16:13-20 – Who do you say that I am?*

### Nurture your Faith

~ meet & support parishioners by your presence ~

The link to the zoom gathering is sent by email and is also in the calendar on our website:

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

**Attention Men** Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then come join *"That Man is You!"* on Saturday mornings starting on September 12, 7:30 to 9 am. The program is sponsored by St Paul Cathedral Parish.

To register: [admin.paradisusdei.org](http://admin.paradisusdei.org)  
or Regis Flaherty at 412.287.4007  
[regisjflaherty@gmail.com](mailto:regisjflaherty@gmail.com)

**Children Liturgy of the Word** Bulletins for Sunday's readings for preschool and school age children are available on our website. These bulletins help children enjoy learning about their faith. Copies are also available in our churches.

[saintmarymagdalenepeg.org/Children'sLiturgy](http://saintmarymagdalenepeg.org/Children'sLiturgy)

Many thanks to Maryanne Loebig for providing the bulletins for our children.



The Pittsburgh Foundation is hosting a Critical Needs Alert this Wednesday, August 19, from 8 am until midnight. They are providing \$425,000 in matching funds.

Please put this opportunity on your calendar and plan to make a gift if you can to the St. James Ministry Center of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pittsburgh. It is a wonderful opportunity to increase the amount of your gift to all the critical needs organizations you support.

**To access their site and to donate:**

[www.pittsburghgives.org](http://www.pittsburghgives.org), and go to St. James Ministry/St. Mary Magdalene Parish or The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for all you already do to support our parish social ministries and community outreach!

**Our Parish Pantries** have requested *tuna* 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.

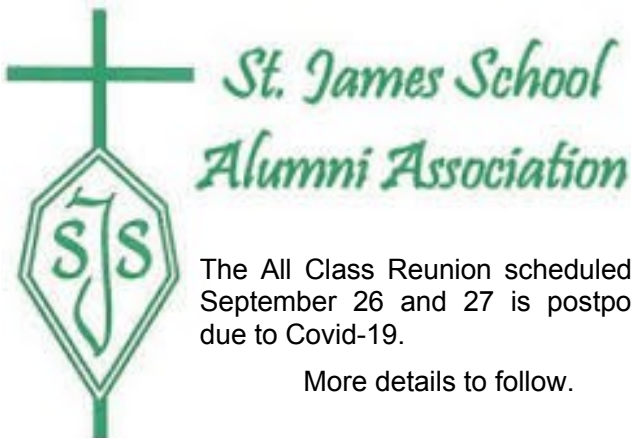


**Radio Program**, with

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 next program is on August 30..

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



The All Class Reunion scheduled for September 26 and 27 is postponed due to Covid-19.

More details to follow.

**Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy**



is now enrolling for the 2020-21 School Year. Parents can choose: Traditional In-Person Instruction or the New Virtual Learning Academy, streaming from the school classrooms.

For more information: 412.242.3515  
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**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.

**The Wilkins Elks Lodge** has scholarships available for 2021 graduating high school seniors. The scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$50,000 paid over 4 years. There are over 500 scholarships available. The scholarship is called the Most Valuable Student Scholarship.

Applications are all online at: [www.enf.elks.org/MVS](http://www.enf.elks.org/MVS). When you go into the scholarship application it will ask you which lodge you want to file under, please pick Wilkins Lodge if available to you. The site also includes frequently asked questions and deadlines for filling. The deadline for submitting your application is November 15, 2020.

No affiliation with the Elks is required and there are no costs associated with applying. For more information or questions, please contact Debbie Raible 412.860.7088.

## PASTOR'S NOTE



### All Are Welcome!

This weekend we celebrate the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings this weekend call our attention to the workings of the human family. God wants all people to know his love and mercy.

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we read how the prophet challenges the people to serve the Lord with sincere hearts. Isaiah announces that not only will the chosen people worship at God's holy mountain, but foreigners can also join themselves to the Lord. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus heals a Canaanite woman's daughter. It is her determination and faith that makes this miracle a possibility.

A major part of Jesus' ministry was to break down cultural barriers that divided people and encourage a new way of looking at people, especially those who were considered outcasts in society. Jesus talked to foreigners, ate with tax collectors, forgave sinners, and touched and healed lepers. As Christians, we are brothers and sisters to one another. We each have a role in welcoming those who seek God's healing and mercy. When we gather as a community of faith, how do we acknowledge those who are "strangers"?

Let us pray confidently and humbly to resist temptation to look at anyone as an outsider. The Lord makes no distinction among races, gender or sexual orientation. Everyone needs God's mercy and love. Let us pray and welcome people back into our lives that we maybe have shunned.

### All Are Welcome!

## Parish Census 2020

Last week, all registered parishioners received a "census letter" in the mail with their current information that is on file at the parish office. We mailed out 1,268 letters to all registered parishioners.

Please look over the card and make any necessary changes to the spelling, number in the household, address, telephone number and email address. It is important that everyone completes the card and return it to the parish office in the stamped envelope provided. If you are not officially registered, not currently receiving envelopes and mailings, or not participating in the online giving program "Faith Direct," please call Terri Price at the office to get officially registered. Every Catholic needs a place to call "home." Also, as a courtesy please notify the office if there is a change in the household. It is important that we have the correct information in our database.

## Parish Improvements

All of our parish maintenance vehicles were recently inspected and received their annual oil changes and tire

rotations. Our maintenance staff use these vehicles on a daily basis to run back and forth to and from our various campuses.

We recently purchased a Kawasaki Mule SX, which is a multipurpose on road or off road vehicle to snow plow the sidewalks in the winter time and for everyday hauling and loading items in the spring, summer and fall season.

Schultheis Roofing Inc. has begun the roof replacement for St. Bede School.

\*Please use caution if you are using the sidewalks around St. Bede School during the construction. St. Bede School Playground continues to be closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Plus it is now being used as a construction site with a large dumpster and various equipment.\*

Toth Carpeting of Munhall installed new carpeting on the second floor of the St. James Rectory.

Tarax Cleaning Services recently performed the annual summer cleaning at Holy Rosary Rectory sanitizing the carpet on the first floor.

\*\*We appreciate your Offertory and Maintenance Fund envelope donations and online giving with Faith Direct. It is very important to continue to financially support St. Mary Magdalene Parish so that we can continue to have funds to upgrade the renovations that are needed at our campuses. \*\*

## Congratulations!

To our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend! Special thanks to **Melissa Viator, Teresa Maynor, Sister Daniela Bronka, Bridget Kelly, Kathryn McGonigle, Isabella Viator** and **Terri Price** for making this day very special for our students.

The **2020 RCIA Class** will receive their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) next **Sunday, August 23 at 11am Mass at St. Bede Church.** We pray for **Vienza Barboza** and **Ken Tullar** as they prepare to become full members of our church family next week.

## Something to Think About...

*There is nothing like returning to a place  
that remains unchanged to find the ways  
in which you yourself have altered.*

Nelson Mandela

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor  
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## Reflections

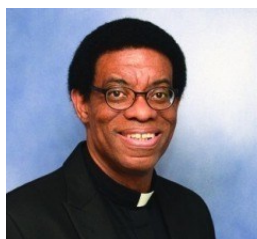
### Fr. David Taylor



With the many challenges that come today, with the pandemic and financial insecurity, many are struggling just to eat and have a place to live. This is even more of a crisis for those who are homeless and those facing eviction.

Solicitation for funds on street corners has sadly become a way of life for some. Those who succeed in this know the power of persistence. I know a man who for many years would solicit and entertain passersby. He would always be kind and friendly. He was blind and very talented. He respected those would stop to talk with him. His troubles would not prevent him from taking joy in life.

### Fr. Matthew Hawkins



This week, I want to jump ahead a little bit and talk about the parish pastoral council because the pastoral council is an important vehicle that enables the laity to define and strengthen the unique identity of every parish. It also strengthens the “Catholicity” of the parish despite its

distinctiveness. Our parishes must be distinct in their social and cultural expression yet uncompromisingly and unapologetically Catholic in their liturgy, sacramental life, and religious education. The parish pastoral council is an expression of the concept of “synodality,” which I have been discussing here for the past two weeks.

The primary focus of the pastoral council is to develop and evaluate the pastoral plan for the parish. All of the activity of the council (its prayers, its meeting agendas, its focus groups, its forums, its outreach, and its communication) are all directed toward and centered on the pastoral plan.

The plan affects liturgical celebrations, charitable services, religious instruction, parish-sponsored community events, and all other elements of the life of the parish. These activities and events, ordered to the pastoral plan, manifest the life and vitality of the parish which comes from the Holy Spirit. This explains why synodality -- walking with the parish -- is so important.

One of the most essential qualities for a person who serves on the parish pastoral council is that that person must be a good listener and an ongoing learner. A person who serves on the council must be prepared to listen to all members of the parish and also to non-parish members in the surrounding community, even those who are not Catholic.

The woman in today’s gospel was persistent in approaching Jesus for help. She was not afraid or humiliated. She had nothing to lose. There is nothing wrong in letting our needs be known. Asking for help is not weakness but strength. There is so much that goes on in our lives that is beyond our control.

At the heart of our mission as Church is the ability to reach out to one another. Perhaps the Lord is challenging us to be more aware of our needs and those of others. None of us can or should expect to make it on our own. Yes, these are difficult times but they can be times of gratitude and generosity.

How else will nominal Catholics be “re-evangelized”? How else will non-Catholics encounter the new evangelization? How else will relatively passive church-attending Catholics be transformed into active members of the laity, enlivening the life of the lay-ministry, providing voluntary services, and, for those who are called, assuming leadership roles in the parish?

It begins with the willingness of all of us to listen and to learn.

As a result of the pastoral council’s willingness and ability to listen and learn in the spirit of synodality, the council will be able to engage all of the parishioners in the planning process. It is a mistake when parish pastoral councils develop a pastoral plan on their own, just by listening to one another, without moving beyond their circle of family, friends, and associates. Above all, it is a mistake when members of pastoral councils only listen to parishioners who already agree with them.

Also, it is a mistake to think of the pastoral council as being a governing or legislative body. The parish pastoral council guidelines for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, titled *One Body, One Mission* (2010), says:

“The goal [of the planning process of the pastoral council] is to make planning a way of life for the parish. Every individual of the parish must know that they can connect to and contribute to the mission and goals of the parish” (p. 22).

The objective of all of the council’s activities is to guarantee fidelity to the Mission of Jesus Christ. This means that while listening and learning from all of the parishioners the pastoral council will advise the pastor on how the parish can fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ in our community and in our times.