



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
Wilksburg 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

Monday 9:30 am St. Bede
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

Available by appointment.

St. Bede Church is Open

Monday to Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Faith Formation

CCD Sunday 9:00 am on Zoom
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm on Zoom

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

By appointment only.



Our churches are accessible

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021



“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: saintmarymagdaleneppgh.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.

Bulletin Announcements are due on Monday at 9 am for next Sunday's bulletin: bulletin@stmarymagpgh.org

Stewardship

Holy Thursday	\$644.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$1,062.00
Easter	\$8,044.00
April 4: Offertory	\$7,335.00
April 11: Offertory	\$12,234.00

PSP 2021

Goal \$178,677.00 Received \$14,975.00

Online Giving has proven to be the most cost effective way to receive your generous donations and can help provide the consistent resources needed to operate our parish and ministries.

We invite you to prayerfully consider online giving for your regular contributions and one time donations.

To sign up at Faith Direct, visit faithdirect.net and use church code PA994. Enrollment forms are available at all our churches, parish office and on our website

Advisory Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Patricia Albacete
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Mass Online: Livestream

The direct link for the live stream:

facebook.com/smmppgh/live/

(Choose the video with the red "live" icon.)

The link is also on the homepage of our website.)

You do not have to have a Facebook account.

April 17: St. James Church, 4 pm

April 18: Mother of Good Counsel Church, 9 am

April 25: St. Bede Church, 11 am

The Mass will be available on the homepage of our website and YouTube saintmarymagdaleneppgh.org

St. Mary Magdalene Parish PGH

Mass Intentions • April 17 through April 25

Saturday Vigil • Third Sunday of Easter	4 pm Livestream	For the People of the Parish	BURKE
SUNDAY • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9 am Livestream	Living and Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild (St. Mary Magdalene Parish Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild)	BURKE
	11 am	Bartley and Ellie Donohue (Paul & Mary Lydon)	TAYLOR
Monday • Monday of the Third Week of Easter	9 am	Florence Ziegler (The Greiner Family)	ADEOYE
Tuesday • Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter	9 am	Margaret Joyce (Mary Newell & Family)	BURKE
Wednesday • Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter	9 am	Marie Beltz (Helen Daley)	TEMU
Thursday • Thursday of the Third Week of Easter	9 am	Living Intention for Birthday, Herbert Durbeck (Vera Durbeck, mother)	TAYLOR
Friday • Friday of the Third Week of Easter	9 am	Donna Dzikowski, grandmother of Grace Dzikowski (Family)	HAWKINS
Saturday • Saturday of the Third Week of Easter	9 am	Private Intention	BURKE
Saturday Vigil • Fourth Sunday of Easter	4 pm	Griffith Family (MaryBeth Pavlic)	HAWKINS
SUNDAY • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9 am	For the People of the Parish	TAYLOR
	11 am Livestream	Patricia Rooney (Tim & Mary Ann Rooney)	HAWKINS

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS



St. Bede Church

*In Memory
of Donna Dzikowski*

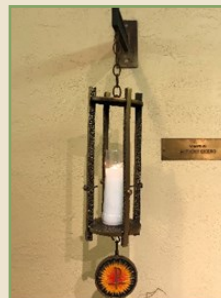
Requested
Family



St. James Church

*In Memory
of Charles & Mary
McBride*

Requested by
McBride
& Valizadeh
Family



Mother
of Good Counsel
Church

*In Memory
of Veronica Baker*

Requested by
Teresa Maynor
& Family

Pray For All Who Request Prayers

Our parish community prays 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 412.661.7222 or caffaele@stmarymagpgh.org

Loretta Ashley
Joanne Bradley
Gail Britanik
Scot Brown
Terri Burns
Diane Catley
Jim Craven
Rob Dalmasse
Artis Dilworth
Brian Durant

Vera Durbeck
Louann & Joseph Gordon
Theresa Grieco
Pat Griffin
Dureena Grove
Mel Hobayan
Joanna Hosteny
Lolly Jackson
Billie Kisailus
Kimberly Lattimore

Martin Lavelle
Patricia Marino
Margaret McDonough
Matilda McGuinness
Michelle Menziatti
Rick Natale
Dee Pryor
Mary Reidell
Emily Reiling
Jackie Rodgers

Frederick Rohrer
Fr. James Seeger
Natalie Semler
James & Rose Smith
Carlos Steele
Arlene Trichtinger
MaKenna Grace Turner
Max Valizadeh
Rose Vega

Would you like to discuss the role of Women in our Church, and opening up the Diaconate to Women?

Then mark your calendar for the joint St. Mary Magdalene Parish and Catholics for Change in our Church (CCOC) two night book discussion group on Phyllis Zagano's book, "*Women: Icons of Christ*". The book is available online and in some bookstores.

Tuesdays, April 27 and May 11, at 7 pm on Zoom. Registration information is on the home page of our website:

saintmarymagdalenepgh.org.



The Walk for a Healthy Community is scheduled for Saturday, May 8. Instead of a community wide event, due to the pandemic, all teams and members can decide how to do their "Walk". Our St. Mary Magdalene Team is getting formed with the leadership of Captain, Evelyn Christie. Our Team will walk together at a date yet to be determined within our own parish boundaries. Funds raised from The Walk go onto our pantry accounts at the Gr. Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. They help to pay our bills for the tons of groceries we get each month to distribute to those in need in the Homewood, Lincoln-Lemington and Wilkinsburg communities. To register for The Walk and/or to become a sponsor for the St. Mary Magdalene Team: <http://hcf.convio.net/goto/stmarymagdaleneteam1> or see May 8 on the [Calendar](#) of our website for a direct link.

You can also call Joyce at 412.780.5118 to sign up. Sponsorships can also be made via checks made out to Gr. Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, with St. Mary Magdalene Walk Team written in the memo section and put into the collection basket or sent to/dropped off at the Parish Office.

CAT Corner

There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.

Leonard Cohen

If you are interested in learning more about the Cultural Action Team, contact: Linda 412.880.8253 or Jennifer 412.370.2638. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month.

The Novena to St. Anthony will begin on Tuesday, April 20, and continue for nine consecutive Tuesdays, ending on June 15. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, we invite you to pray the novena privately each Tuesday during this period. A Mass in honor of St. Anthony will be said on his Feast Day, June 13, at 9 am at Mother of Good Counsel Church.

The novena prayer is on the PRAYER page of our website.

First Holy Communion

God's blessings on our students, from the parish Religious Education program, Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy, and St. Bede School, who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend and next Sunday.

The students will receive at the 4 pm Mass at St. James on April 17, the 2 pm Mass at St. Bede on April 18 and 25. All Masses will be livestreamed.



Parish Newsletter

Announcements for the weekly e-Newsletter should be sent to Glennen Lloyd.

parishnewsletter@stmarymagpgh.org

Letter Writing Next week-end's letter will be directed to our U.S. Representatives urging Congress to provide funding for the humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border including medical supplies, clothing, hygiene products, food, and adequate shelter.

Letters, envelopes and postage will be available as you leave Mass at all three worship sites. The letter will also be available on our parish website.

Our Parish Pantries have requested ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise, during April. Please bring donations to one of the churches or to the Parish Office between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. You may also leave items on the front or back porch. It is suggested that donations no longer be put in plastic bags but recyclable bags which will then be used at the pantries. *Thank you for your continued support*



Pastor's Note

Peace Be With You!

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. All the readings this weekend focus on forgiveness and healing.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Peter boldly preaches in the name of Jesus which brings healing to those who truly listen. In the second reading from First John, we have assurance that Jesus pleads for us before his heavenly Father. In the Gospel of Luke, we read the passage as two disciples recount to the others their experience with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus, the risen Christ appears to all of them, with a greeting of peace and shows them his wounded hands and feet then eating a piece of baked fish in their presence confirming that it was really him and not a ghost. St. Luke uses the sharing of a meal to reassure, unite, and empower the disciples. Not long after the road to Emmaus, Jesus once again opens the eyes of his disciples to his identity and calms their fears by sharing food with them.

The Eucharist that we share is indeed the ultimate comfort food. It unites us, ties us to our faith roots, and strengthens us for the future task of witnessing to Jesus' message.

Christ always finds a way to reassure us of the truth and reality of the Resurrec-

tion. As believers, we find that reassurance in the sacramental and liturgical life of the church where the scriptures are proclaimed, and the spirit is at work. When the Lord rose from the dead, he physically returned to life in his glorified body. Jesus accompanied his Apostles, spoke with them, and ate with them. Jesus preached forgiveness in his life, crucifixion, and resurrection.

As we continue celebrating this Easter season, let us acknowledge our failings and ask for mercy and forgiveness and continue to proclaim the Good News to all.

Parish Share 2021

Our **2021 Campaign Goal is \$178,677**. Anything we collect over our goal stays in the parish. No funds collected via the program go towards lawsuits or legal affairs, rather they support the day-to-day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Green Tree, the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes, training our religious educators and evangelization, and the Campus Ministry programs at our local colleges and universities. Parish Share also helps the individual parishes with assistance from the Diocesan Insurance and Benefits Office for our parish and school employees, Property and Planning Office to assist with buildings and grounds issues and the Parish Services Office assists Pastors and Business Managers with the day-to-day operations of the parish. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Something to consider... if you received your Covid Relief Stimulus Check and are financially comfortable without it, consider contributing all or part of it to St. Mary Magdalene Parish to help recover the recent high costs of snow removal, salting and utilities the past several months. We appreciate your generosity.

Parish Improvements

This past week Toth Carpeting of Munnhall installed new carpeting on the first-floor stairwell steps and on the third floor where Fr. James and Fr. Augustine live at the St. Bede Rectory. In the next few weeks, Toth Carpeting will be installing new carpeting in the St. James Chapel and kitchen area, and at the Holy Rosary rectory, a new kitchen floor will be installed, and new carpeting will be installed in the Holy Rosary Food Bank office and storage areas. Funds from Our Campaign for the Church Alive will be used to fund this much needed project along with a generous contribution from a parishioner to upgrade the Holy Rosary Food Bank area.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Brooks Thomas De-ger** who is being Baptized this weekend.

Congratulations to our Second Graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at the 4 pm Saturday evening Mass at St. James and 2 pm Sunday afternoon Mass at St. Bede. Special thanks to **Melissa Viator, Sister Daniela Bronka, Teresa Maynor, Stephanie Michael, Bridget Kelly, and Jessica Pais** for their leadership!

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Tara Pensiero** and **John Offman** who celebrated their marriage last Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Something to Think About...

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go" do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Howard Thurman

With God All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
tburke@diopitt.org



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 April 25

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

Fr. David Taylor



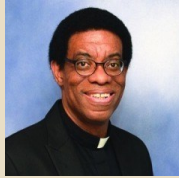
Among the many challenges of the early Christians was that of being a witness. The

post Resurrection appearances were few and so the disciples and other believers would gather together forming small Christian communities giving testimony to the Resurrection. With the spirit of the risen Lord, they boldly proclaimed their new faith. The Cross, however, was seen as a scandal by many. St. Paul would explain this later in many of his letters. As a result of this some of the early faithful would witness to the point of giving their life in spreading the faith. But the disciples moved from fear to faith, hope, trust, and discipleship.

Many who became martyrs realized that proclaiming Easter faith brought them back to the reality of Good Friday. But this did not prevent the spread of the faith. Since all of us are Easter people we must proclaim the faith. We do this every time we stand up for justice, decency, and care for others. Easter will not allow us to let fear rule our lives. Jesus always finds a way to reassure us in our weakest moments.

When Jesus appeared with the disciples, his proclamation was one of peace. But he alone knew the price of real peace. In showing his wounds he brought them back to the cross. Yes, we are an Easter people, but we live in a Good Friday world. Each day we see how this relates in our own lives

Fr. Matthew Hawkins



How do we respond when we get what we want? In the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, Peter talked about the resurrec-

tion of Jesus by reminding his audience that Jesus' resurrection fulfilled the writings in the Hebrew Bible, which Christians call "the Old Testament." Peter said that Jesus' resurrection fulfilled the expectations of the Jewish community of faith. In a real sense, the Jewish community represented all of humanity.

Peter contrasted these predictions and expectations, actually, the very hopes of the Jewish people and all of humanity, against how the people responded once those hopes had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. They responded much as we do today. Often we do not recognize Christ when he comes to us in people whom we find unattractive or inconvenient or in situations that present us with a challenge. Our hopes are fulfilled in ways that we reject, just as Jesus was rejected 2,000 years ago.

The fulfillment of the hopes of the people of faith, 2,000 years ago, came to them in the form of a wounded and abused body and a battered face, crowned with thorns. Rather than embracing the gift of life that God promised us, the people were repulsed and tried to destroy the bearer of life himself. He did not fit the image that they hoped for and imagined, just like us today.

In speaking about the hopes of the faithful, Peter said that this hope was: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers ... what [...] had [been] announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets..." In other words, this hope was held by real people and recorded in real texts in real history. These hopes occurred and were fulfilled at a specific place and time.

Peter spoke about the people's self-defeating response to this hope, which was the light and life of the world, by saying: "You handed [him] over and denied [him] in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a

murderer [Barabbas] be released to you. The author of life [on the other hand,] you put to death..."

All too often we make an idol out of those who have the power to inflict suffering and death, like Barabbas, while turning aside from the "weakness" of Christ, who would force us to confront our vulnerability.

All too frequently, this is our response to God's gifts, God's love, and God's mercy. We reject the circumstances which God offers as a gift, and we reject the people God puts into our lives. We find them "inconvenient." We do not want to be present to them, or to listen and spend time with them. We try to deny circumstances that seem to interrupt our lives. We do not want to accompany, through life, those whom we dismiss as being "troublesome." We may even try to destroy the gifts of these circumstances or people whom we see as being an inconvenience.

Fortunately, this is not the end of the story. As Peter pointed out when he continued his sermon to the people, one way or another God fulfills God's purpose. It is when God's plans appear to have been thwarted and finally defeated, that God surprises us in the most remarkable, unexpected, albeit unwelcome ways.

Peter said: "God raised [Jesus] from the dead ... God has [...] brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of the prophets, that his Christ would suffer." Suffering is something we do not want, and we also do not look forward to sharing in other people's suffering, but the suffering that we experience, either in ourselves or in solidarity with a stranger, strips away the false idol of security and enables us, perhaps for the first time, to encounter the living Christ.

In the end, nothing is wasted, not even our suffering, and death is not the end of our journey. We constantly find ourselves at new beginnings and at resurrection moments. Let us be vulnerable and open to the renewal and the insecurity that Easter promises. Let us allow ourselves to discover the truth that Peter spoke about 2,000 years ago: God fulfills his promises and his purposes, often through unwelcome persons and situations and through unexpected ways.

EASTER FLOWERS *

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Umenwa, Rose

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

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Carmen Bonacci, brother

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Family of John Pegnato; Rauso Family;
To our loved parish family, Blessed,
Happy, Joyful Easter for the Lord is
awesome!

Griffin Family; Bill Rodgers

Pauline Connelly

Thaddeus Umenwa

*These names were received from March 22 to April 4.

The Church after Covid-19

is the topic of the panel at the 3rd event in the Association of Pittsburgh Priests Spring Speakers Series on Thursday, April 22, at 7 pm via zoom.

Larry Richert from KDKA will serve as the moderator. Panelists include Holly Mohr (member of our parish), Deacon Bill Batz from Resurrection Parish (formerly St. Thomas More), and Janet Hauter, chair of The Peoples Synod. Their task is to spur our hopes and imaginations!

To register:

www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com

PERCES Information

For information on the 2021/2022 School Year for the Pittsburgh-East Regional Catholic Elementary Schools and tuition costs, see the *Schools* page on our website. St. Bede School is part of PERCES.