Update

Good People of Saint Bede,

As we have communicated with you over the past couple of weeks, we will be implementing some new protocols as it relates to our liturgical celebrations and our non-liturgical activities here at Saint Bede beginning this coming weekend. Bishop Knestout continues to dispense all of the faithful of the Diocese of Richmond from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days until further notice. While these are subject to change as directed by our Bishop, here are some of the changes you will note:

Liturgical Celebrations:
- Tape and ropes marking off pews have been removed. It is recommended that those attending Mass continue to maintain at least three feet of distance between households. Each individual and household should take personal responsibility for their decisions and show respect for others.
- Those individuals who are over the age of 5 and not vaccinated should wear masks covering their nose and mouth inside the church and other parish buildings.
- Sections 7 and 8 (from the organ to the statue of Saint Joseph) will be set aside for those wishing to wear their mask and social distance at Masses.
- Holy Water has been placed in our font at the entrance of the Nave. It is refreshed on a regular basis.
- Hymnals have been returned to the pews. Handling and use of the hymnal is a decision left to the individual.
- Congregational singing is permitted, choirs will return once they are reconstituted.
- Hand sanitizer continues to be available at Nave entrances and in the Commons.
- The Offertory Procession of gifts will again take place.
- Altar servers are returning to their pre-pandemic responsibilities.
- The collection will continue to be handled by the boxes in the back of the church by the baptismal font.
- The Sign of Peace should take place with a simple acknowledgment of peace.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful remains suspended.
- We are currently working on the resumption of our Nursery services and will report back once we have fully prepared to implement this service.

Non-Liturgical activities:
- Those individuals who are over the age of 5 and not vaccinated should wear masks covering their nose and mouth inside the church and other parish buildings.
- Food may be served with the advanced approval of Saint Bede staff.
- Parish ministries and groups will begin to resume onsite activities in the near future, however, we will be working with these ministries to identify volunteers who can help with the opening, monitoring, and closing of the space.

We will continue to update you as we bring back some of the social and liturgical practices you may have been accustomed to and we will also have some new practices we will begin. You have all been so good through this process. You have been arriving at Mass on time, staying through the completion of Mass, and respecting the volunteers who have given so much time during these restrictions. We pray that we keep up those practices.

Let's remember that Covid is still with us. Families have been impacted and there are many in our community that is still susceptible to Covid, and are still taking precautions. We should continue to be respectful of all those in our community. We have learned many lessons from this experience and we will continue to learn. We hope that you have gained a new appreciation for the Mass and the Sacraments.

Peace and Love!
Your Saint Bede Parish Staff
**Upcoming Events:**

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession** Our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession will take place on June 6 after the 11 AM bilingual Mass.

If your child received their First Communion this year, we would love for them to be a part of the procession. Please have them wear their First Communion outfits. Information on this will be sent out later this week from Rita.

**XLT** Saint Bede Youth Ministry will host XLT this coming Wednesday, June 9 starting at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Confessions are also available from 7-8pm

**The Solemnity of Saint Bede the Venerable,** our patron saint will be June 12 and 13. We will have a Parish wide event on June 13 after the 11:00 am Mass. More details will be release soon!

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**This Week’s Mass Intentions**

Intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral or if a celebrant is unavailable.

**Saturday, 05/29**
- 9:00 a.m. Clare Garrett (L)
- 5:30 p.m. Jaquelyn M. Churilla (D)

**Sunday, 05/30**
- 8:30 a.m. David Barrows (D); Thomas Hill (D)
- 11:00 a.m. Paul E. O’Hara (D); Dr. Frank Simal (D)
- 5:00 p.m. Parishioners

**Monday, 05/31**
- 9:00 a.m. Lynda Davies (L); Janet Shipps (L); Fr. John A. Abe (L)

**Tuesday, 06/1**
- 9:00 a.m. Lina Gallo (D); Maria Dahlia Toney (D); Patricia Champion (D)

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**Important Announcements**

**The Church office** will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. The office will open for normal business hours on Tuesday at 8:30 am

**The Joy Ministry** Join the ministry that brings Jesus to those who are homebound and not able to attend Mass on Sundays. There is a need for this ministry in our community, especially during Covid times. If you have a calling for sharing your time the Joy Ministry is a great option for you. Please contact Deacon Bill for information wwesterman@bedeva.org

**Adult Faith Formation** This summer, unlock the mysteries of the Faith through Prayer and Scripture. View our Summer lineup for Adult Faith Formation offerings! Visit the website for more details

**Youth Ministry** We are looking for Youth (rising 9th grade to rising 12th), Young Adults (post-High School), and Chaperones (21+). Questions? Contact Deacon Grimm or Ginny Fleser for more information.

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**RIP**
Connie Hayes

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**
Week of 5/31/2021
Saint Bede Parish

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**
Abbott Tom Dewane, Father John Abe, Bobby Andrews, Wayne Babiash, David Ballentine, Patricia Ballentine, Rosemary Basquill, Carol Bonesteel, Patrick Brophy, Michael Evans Tracy Hall, Leslie Hanna, Mary Hrbek, Doreen Kahl, Sara Lane, Elmer May, Daniel Mayes, Marilyn Metzler, Philip Merriss, Thomas Murphy, John Preisser, Jim Retting, Barbara Smith, Pat Vaughn, Lynne R. Walker, Williamsburg House of Mercy Staff and Volunteers

**OUR TROOPS:**
Emily Bessler, Brian Connolly, Patrick Hart, David Holland, Thomas Mueller, Geof Palmer, Evan Poole, James Martin Ryan, Matthew Speicher, Edward Alexander Ustaris, Timothy Weber