Children’s Faith Formation Update

In an abundance of caution, we have decided to postpone our in-person Children’s Faith Formation classes until February 6th. We wanted to make sure everyone was healthy when they returned! It also gives our William & Mary catechists a chance to return to town!

That does not mean we have nothing to do! We want your family to continue to grow in faith even if we are not having formal formation sessions during January. We, as the Church, just celebrated the Epiphany on Sunday, January 2nd. This is when Christ is manifested, or shown, to the world, as represented by the 3 Magi. How does your family show Christ to the world? For this month, we are asking you to have a family project of showing Christ to others. Decide to whom you will show Christ; decide how you will do it; and then work your plan. Don’t forget to pray daily for the person or people to whom you are showing Christ. Some examples would be to invite a neighbor or person who lives alone to dinner and family fun night (while you pray for that person each day); or shop together for donations for the House of Mercy, drop them off and pray each day for those who will receive your donations. There are many ways to show Christ to the world. Be creative and have fun with it. But remember, you are Christ to the world. Help others to see Him! When the students return to Faith Formation on February 6th, we will be following up in each class about what their family did together to bring Christ to someone else. They should be ready to share their family’s project with their class.

As a reminder, even though we are waiting to have classes, the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass in person is still in effect. We will communicate any updates should the Bishop decide otherwise. If you and your family are healthy, please make it a priority to attend Mass together each Sunday. Stay Healthy!

Saint Bede CFF Team

Alpha starts January 12, 2022

Join the conversation about life, Jesus, and the church! The Alpha format provides an informal non-judgmental way to explore your feelings about life, God, and religion. It consists of a short video talk, and a small group conversation. Have questions about life? Is this it? Do I have a purpose? If so, consider joining Alpha. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of Christianity. No pressure. Alpha sessions include a short talk and discussion where you can share your thoughts and ask questions and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment all while growing St. Bede relationships and enriching parish life. Alpha begins on January 13th. Details are on the Saint Bede website. www.bedeva.org/alpha

Stewardship Update

Through the generosity of parishioners, all children, pre-school through 12th grade participate in Children’s Faith Formation, Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group without a fee. Thank you for helping to ensure the faith for future generations!

Make a Difference Through Your IRA

As we are thinking about our stewardship, we hope you will consider making a charitable donation from your IRA to benefit the parish. If you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish. And there is a benefit to you: it is excluded from your gross taxable income. Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Sam Samorian (757-229-3631 ext. 2315) or ssamorian@bedeva.org

Thank you for your generous stewardship of our parish.

Upcoming Opportunities:

Respect Life -January 23, 2022

Please see the Knights of Columbus section for details on how you can join the march.

The Communion of Saints Around the Altar Update

The work is complete, for now, and we have 10 of our 34 panels installed. We have recently ordered 4 additional panels and may be in a position to order 4 more in the coming months. If you have been thinking about a gift, please contact Sam Samorian ssamorian@bedeva.or or 757-229-3631 ext. 2315.
Saint Bede Prayer List

PRAYER REQUESTS:
Father John Abe, Wayne Babiash, William Bauer, Lucy Cantonwine, Michael Evans, Logan Heishman, Ron Johnson, Donna Lam, Sara Lane, Elmer May, Tracy McGuirk, Philip Merriss, Tom Murphy, Florence Myland, Bella Newsome, John O'Hare, Peggy, Deborah Pepe, John Preisser, Private Intention, George Scott, John Siemietkowski, Deborah Pepe, Lynn R. Walker, Williamsburg House of Mercy Staff and Volunteers

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

If you would like a Sanctuary Candle lit for your family member sometime in the new year, we have several weeks open. Please contact the office after the New Year to have your family member added.

Mass Intentions

**Sunday, 1/9/2022**
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11:00 a.m.  Peter Aiello (D); Rose Marie Bornschein (D); Charles
5:00 p.m.   Parishioners

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5:30 p.m.   Parishioners

Bible Study: First Corinthians
In this Liturgical Cycle, we will be hearing readings from First Corinthians. You are invited to enhance your Sunday experience and your Faith Journey by joining this Bible Study on First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community. Jeff and Kristy Plourde will lead you through this 11-week study beginning Thursday, January 13 from 7 pm-9 pm. We hope you can join in person and you are welcome to join on Zoom. Participant books can be purchased here. Please register on the website. www.bedeva.com/adult

Young Adult Book Study: The Screwtape Letters
Young adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to join in our winter book study on The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. We will be meeting on Mondays, January 10th, January 24th, February 7th, and February 21st at 7 p.m. in the Walsh Room. During our first session, we will discuss the preface and chapters one through nine. To sign up or borrow a parish copy of the book, contact Michelle Tomshack (mtomshack@bedeva.org).

Knights of Columbus - March for Life
Saint Bede Council 6828 will coordinate Saint Bede's annual bus trip to the March for Life rally held in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21st, 2022. There will be a 7:00 AM Mass at Saint Bede followed by a silent procession to the Memorial for the Unborn prior to boarding the buses promptly at 8:00 AM. The three buses will return immediately after the march (around 4:30 PM) and arrive at Saint Bede around 8:00 PM. Seat reservations are now being accepted and the cost per seat will be $25.00 or $50 per family. This is a great opportunity to support this very important cause for the sanctity of life.

If interested, contact Jonathan, Martinez at jonathan@habitatpgw.org or (757) 508-6522 to reserve seats. You can also contact Jim Carini, Carini@Cox.Net, or (757) 221-0972. Checks for $25 per person or $50 per family should be made payable to Saint Bede Council #6828 and should be mailed to Jonathan Martinez, 1337 S Mount Vernon Ave, Williamsburg VA 23185. There will be sign-up tables in the Commons on January 1/2, 8/9, and 15/16. Seats will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Also, seats can be purchased as a donation and will be opened for those who want to attend but can't afford to pay.

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic
*Friday, January 14, 2022 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at WHOM*  
10 Harrison Ave, Williamsburg, VA 23185  
Free Moderna, Pfizer vaccines. 1st done, 2nd dose and booster shots. Interested? Go to vaccine.gov to find and schedule.  
VA covid info center 1-877-829-4682 Monday- Friday 8am-6pm

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE**
Week of 1/3/2022  
Saint Bede Clergy

Week of 1/10/2022  
Saint Bede Staff

**REST IN PEACE**
Gualberto "Bert" Coronado  
Trudy Moyles  
Nancy Ohlinger  
Anne Smith

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