

# St. Bede Catholic Parish

509 South Dallas Avenue ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15208



## St. Bede Mission Statement

~St. Bede Parish is a Roman Catholic faith community located in Point Breeze with members from the East End neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

~Rooted in our Baptism and centered in the Eucharist, we share responsibility for the mission of our parish and the universal Church.

~Blessed by our legacy of faithfulness and commitment, we reach out to include the diverse population of our dynamic city neighborhood.

~We seek to deepen our faith in all stages of our lives, to bear witness to Christ's teachings in the secular world, and to serve the needs of others.

**December 2, 2018**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

Reverend Thomas J. Burke, Administrator

Reverend David H. Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Cajetan Anyanwu, Reverend Augustine Temu, Reverend James Adeoye - In Residence

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### Mass Times

Daily: 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00

### Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am

### Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

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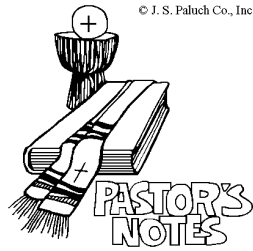
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**“With God All Things Are Possible!”**

***Pastor's Note***  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
First Sunday of Advent



**Be Watchful!**

Today we begin a new season and a new calendar year in the Church as we begin Advent. The word Advent means a “coming” or “arrival.” It presents an opportunity of preparation and calls our attention to recall the birth of Jesus and also to anticipate his Second Coming. Advent makes us think of the theme of waiting as the Church invites us to prepare to celebrate both Jesus’ birth and his promise to return at the end of time.

The readings this weekend focus on being watchful and staying alert. In the first reading of the prophet Jeremiah, we read how Jeremiah gives good news for the people. The days are coming when they will enjoy true security. Jeremiah’s mission is to build up the Kingdom established by God for David. In the Second reading to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds the community of faith that through his teaching and example they should be equipped to please God in every way. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus reminds his disciples to be alert, be watchful. Advent emphasizes constant vigilance rooted in prayer. Because no one knows the exact time when the Lord will come, we must be vigilant at all times. Advent is a time to be hopeful when we are asked by the church to awaken and be alert and watchful. Let us live the best as we can each day.

We prepare our hearts by seeking forgiveness. Let us get rid of the clutter of sin and worldly distractions. As we light the first candle in our Advent wreath this week, let us stay alert and be watchful. May this season concentrate our attention on how we treat each other, for we know what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for the Lord.

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh will have two Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is a Holy Day this coming **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at St. James and **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am** St. Bede.

**Please note there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions Saturday morning.**

**The 4pm vigil Masses will be for the Second Sunday of Advent as usual.**

**Be Watchful!**

**Fair Trade Sale**

Please join us this weekend after all the weekend Masses in the St. Bede School Cafeteria for a Fair Trade Sale! There will be several vendors here with handmade goods from various countries.

**Christmas Wafers**

Christmas Wafers or “Oplatki” are available at the rectory offices at St. Bede and St. James. Each package contains four blessed wafers for you to use during your Christmas Eve or Day Dinner. Suggested donation is \$4.00.

**The Light is On for You:**

**On Tuesday, December 11 from 6 - 9pm parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. James and St. Bede Churches will be open for private confession for our grouping.** Advent is great time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Corpus Christi Church Update**

We are still in discussions with the Diocese of Pittsburgh Office of Property and Planning as to what the future holds for Corpus Christi Church. We are evaluating the cost for roof repairs and mold removal. We will keep you posted on the progress.

**Looking Ahead- Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve- Monday, December 24**

4pm- St. Bede  
4pm- St. James  
10pm- St. Bede

**Christmas Day- Tuesday, December 25**

9am- St. Bede  
10am- St. James  
11am- St. Charles Lwanga (Mother of Good Counsel)

**Rite of Acceptance**

Last Sunday during the 11am Mass we officially welcomed our R.C.I.A. Candidate **Taylor Jensen**, and Catechumen (non- baptized) **Kristy Lynn McFadden** to the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh for the Rite of Acceptance. We continue to pray for them as they learn more about the Catholic Faith and prepare to come into our Catholic family at the Easter Vigil. The Rite of Christian Initiation Program runs from September thru April and meets Tuesday evenings.

**Something to Think About...**

How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives. - *Annie Dillard*

**With God, All Things  
Are Possible!**

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### **ANGEL TREE**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OR RECTORY BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Agencies will be picking up the gifts this week. If a gift is late, it will be up to the donor to take it to the receiving agency. A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in this project. The number of requests increased this year but parishioners and friends also increased their spirit of generosity. Christmas is about GIVING and many have given so others can RECEIVE. Thanks also to the **five ladies and one man**, who worked together on the Angel Tree Project- **Bobbi & Paul Cass, Eadie Ferretti, Kathleen Havern, Judy Lightner, and Joan Miller.**

**\*\*\*Remember- GIFTS DUE-DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>\*\*\***

### **THANK YOU**

to **Angie McVeagh** and her family for the beautiful Thanksgiving display. The family contributed the fruits and vegetables and Angie contributed her artistic ability to create the ambiance for our reflection and prayer.

### **ADVENT WREATH**

We begin a new liturgical year this weekend with the lighting of the 1<sup>st</sup> candle of the traditional **Advent Wreath** designed by **Angie McVeagh**. Thanks again, Angie, for sharing your God-given talents so that worshippers in St. Bede Church may come to know God better in this new Church year!

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

It's that time of year again when all hands are needed "on pews"! **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 at 11:00 am.** **CHURCH CLEANING** will take place. All are invited- young and old, friends and relatives, parishioners and non-parishioners, to clean the Church for Christmas. All that is needed is a bucket, a rag(s) and energy to wash the pews, statues and furniture. The more, the faster the work gets done!

### **SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Senior Citizens: On Tuesday, December 4th, let's celebrate Christmas. Join us for an early dinner at 12:00 noon in St. Bede's Activities Room. Enjoy chicken, pasta, and dessert. Beverages will also be provided. Let's welcome the Lord as a family with joy. Please RSVP to Kathy Spechtold at 412-421-1013 by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

The SBAA Christmas Tree sale is now! Hours are M-F 5:30p-8:30p and Sat & Sun 9a - 8:30p. In addition to freshly cut trees from Musser's Farm in Indiana, PA, we also have wreaths, garland, and tree delivery. Cash and checks are accepted, no credit cards. All proceeds benefit the St Bede Athletic Association.

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS**

is a radio program sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and hosted by our own Fr. Tom. It airs every other Sunday at 6:30am on KDKA radio, 1020 AM. The next program is **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30am.

### **ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE**

The music ministries of the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh: St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga, and St. James in Wilkinsburg, will be hosting an Advent Taizé Sung Prayer Service on **today, December 2nd at 3pm** at St. James Church (718 Franklin Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221). We invite you to join in this time of Advent reflection through sung prayer, scripture readings, and times of silence. A small reception and time of fellowship will follow. All are welcome! Contact 412-241-1392 or [stjameswilk@aol.com](mailto:stjameswilk@aol.com) for more information.

### **INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**

Are you interested in volunteering to assist a local refugee? There are opportunities available at Catholic Charities (call Bonnie Rolison at 412-456-6696) and Casa San Jose (call Sr. Valerie at 412-343-3111).

There are many openings for volunteers at the St. James Ministry Center serving the community of Wilkinsburg. Please contact the Ministry Center to learn more about them and to see if there is an opportunity to serve there for you. 412-241-1309.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The St. Bede School Advisory Council (SAC) is seeking new members for terms beginning January 2019. The council works in an advisory capacity with the Principal to develop and strengthen the school as a Catholic community and educational institution. Interested persons should complete a Statement of Candidacy, available in the back of the church or the school office, and return to the school by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, to be considered. Questions to [kathleen.patton@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.patton@gmail.com)

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TRAINING**

Thanks to all who participated in our recent informational meeting about the important work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A training will be held this Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 4 – 9 PM (supper included) to expand the current local members and extend their work into the Wilkinsburg community and strengthen their activities in the areas currently served by the St. Vincent de Paul chapters of St. Bede and St. Charles Lwanga. The training location will be in the St. James Chapel. Call the rectory to sign up. There is no better way to live out the corporal works of mercy!

### **FAIR TRADE SALE**

Be sure to take part in our annual Fair-Trade Fair Sale this weekend (December 1 – 2) in the cafeteria at St. Bede's School. It is a great place to buy Christmas gifts, crafts, jewelry, fair trade coffee, chocolate and more. Proceeds benefit the producers of the fair-trade items, Catholic Relief Services and charities connected to our three parish campuses. The sale will be open Saturday Dec. 1 3:30—6. and Sunday from 8 AM to 1 PM on Sunday. Please come and spread the word to others.

# Next Sunday

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## Second Sunday of Advent

**SANCTUARY VOLUNTEERS** December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
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**LECTORS - December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 Perry Blatz  
8:00 Mary Jean Havern  
11:00 Christine Kush

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 Kathy Haupt, Henry Rettger, Melissa Viator  
8:00 Lisa Bush, Jim Carroll, Cathy Fitzgerald  
11:00 John Newell, Mary Jo Breen, Eric Setzler

**ALTAR SERVERS - December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 Lydia Erb, Christopher O'Toole  
8:00 Paul Benec, Bobby Elder  
11:00 Lilliana Figallo, Hannah Werner

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**Protecting God's Children:**  
CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse [800-932-0313](tel:800-932-0313)  
Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline [1-888-808-1235](tel:1-888-808-1235)  
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	<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b>
Envelopes	\$ 6,688	\$ 9,202
Online	\$ 2,835	\$ 2,830
Total	\$ 9,523	\$12,032
YTD	(\$36,143)	(\$36,411)



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**VIGIL (First Sunday of Advent)**

4:00pm William Dzombak (Dave Dzombak and Carolyn Menard)

**SUNDAY (FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT) [2]**

8:00 For All the People of the Parish  
11:00 Charlotte Mauro (Jim and Shirley Dillon)

**MONDAY (St. Francis Xavier, priest) [3]**

9:00 Joan Lockett Henderson (Karen Kelly and Ron Vorhees)

**TUESDAY (Advent Weekday) [4]**

9:00 Faith Bacher (Jack and Connie Kunz)

**WEDNESDAY (Advent Weekday) [5]**

9:00 William McGonigle (Kathryn McGonigle)

**THURSDAY (Advent Weekday) [6]**

9:00 Faith Bacher (Doris Springer)

**FRIDAY (St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor) [7]**

9:00 John DiBattiste (wife)

**SATURDAY (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY) [8]**

9:00 \*T.&S.W-b: Dorothy Kenna (Kenna Family)

**VIGIL (Second Sunday of Advent)**

4:00pm Mary Camphire (Dave Dzombak and Carolyn Menard)

**SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT) [9]**

8:00 Keith Berner (John and Geraldine Warner)  
11:00 Barbara Owsinska and Barbara Kozak  
(Eva Tumiel-Kozak and family)  
Charlotte Mauro (Family)

\*T.&S.W-b: = temporal and spiritual well-being

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**PRAY FOR HEALING** for Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Bruno Cassara, EumeniaCastro, John Ceric, John Davis, RuthAnn Donnelly, Jacqueline Dumond, Herbert Durbeck, Judith Dyke, Donna Dzikowski, Cindy Farabaugh, Butch Filter, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Audrey Fusco, Frances Galardi, Jack Gall, Michael Gallagher, Makenna Grace, Pat Griffin, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Marianne Mangine, Fran McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Ruth McGill, Dorothy Meyers, Aileen Minnock, Brendan Minnock, Giovanna Nistico, Judith Nosling, Helen Nothwang, Kevin O'Brien, Charles Papale, Elizabeth Petnuch, Susan Petnuch, Laurie Raffaele, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Sarah Rooney, Joanne Schwarz, Susan Schwochau, Judy Siewiorek, Doreen Simeone, Arthur Smith, Rex Smith, Gregory Spechtold, Sarah Stanfield, Terri Stevenson, Suzanne Steitz, Neil Stewart, DJ Stinelli, Laura Swain, John Temu, Haley Thelen, Barbara Tierno, MaryJane Tirk, Arlene Trichtinger, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Nira Yarris, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

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