

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh



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February 10, 2019

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

St. Charles Lwanga Sunday 9:00 am
(at Mother of Good Counsel)
St. Bede Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
11:00 am
St. James Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

CCD Sundays 9:45 - 10:45 am at St. Bede

Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am (at St. Bede)

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am (at St. Bede)

Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

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“With God All Things Are Possible!”

Pastor's Note

February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Scout is Reverent!

Growing up in the Carrick/Overbrook section of the City of Pittsburgh, Scouting was always part of the Burke family. My sisters, Lisa and Linda were Girl Scouts, my mom was a "Cookie Mom" organizing Girl Scout Cookie Sales, and my dad and I were active in Boy Scout Troop 614 at St. Norbert's. I have many fond memories camping at Heritage Reservation, Camp Twin Echo, Camp Guyasuta and going to Haliburton Scout Reserve in Canada. I still have a trophy of catching the largest fish on Lake Courage at Heritage Reservation during a week at Summer Camp. I achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1985 and before entering the seminary I worked for the Greater Pittsburgh Council as a District Executive in the Steel City District. Two of my nephews, Wyatt and Donovan are also Eagle Scouts. Scouting promotes good morals and values and the Catholic Committee on Scouting organizes a Scout Mass every year at St. Paul Cathedral where scouts can receive Religious Awards learning about Scouting and their Catholic faith. This weekend we celebrate Scout Sunday at the 11am Mass. We welcome all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, their leaders and their parents. A scout is reverent!

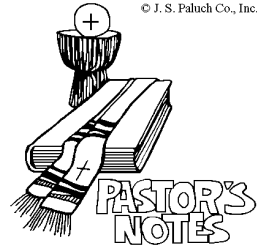
This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings focus on God calling us to follow him. Both the first reading and gospel present us with portraits of vocations that are born out of living experience of the Lord.

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we read how a prophet steps forward to bring God's word to the people. Isaiah expresses his complete unworthiness but God cleanses him and gives him strength. In the Second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul reflects on being the last of the Apostles, and being honored to be chosen by God to hand down the truth of the Gospel. In today's Gospel of Luke, we read how Jesus is near the Sea of Galilee, Lake Gennesaret, as he calls his first Apostles. He calls Simon Peter, a fisherman, to follow him. Peter, James and John leave everything behind and follow him. Let us see how the Lord is calling us to follow him and answer the call.

A Scout is Reverent!

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us after all the Masses next weekend collecting to enable them to continue the work to care for the elderly at their home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. Please be as generous as possible.



Hospital Chaplains

If you or a loved one is admitted to one of the major hospitals in the Pittsburgh Area (Mercy, Allegheny General, Shadyside, Montefiore, Presbyterian, UPMC East, or St. Margaret) please let the nursing staff notify the Catholic Chaplain on duty for the Sacrament of Anointing. Every hospital in the Diocese of Pittsburgh has a full time Catholic Chaplain on duty.

End of the Year Tax Statements

Please note that at all three of our campuses: St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga, and St. James there was a computer glitch with the end of the year offertory statements. We are working on correcting the issue. New e-mails and letters will be sent out shortly.

It is very important that registered parishioners use their parish envelopes or participate in the On-Line giving program and keep track of their donations for income tax reporting.

Also, when you drop your envelope in the collection, Please mark the amount of your donation on the front of the envelope clearly so that it may be accurately recorded to your account and if at all possible, PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE REGULAR OFFETORY WITH A SECOND COLLECTION DONATION. Please use separate checks.

If you contributed to the "Our Campaign for the Church Alive! fund, the Diocese will be sending out end- of- the- year statements separately.

In Memory of Sara Rooney

Sara Rooney who was a long time parishioner at St. Bede, passed away on December 9, 2018, left a generous bequest to St. Bede parish in her will.

When making your Living Will preparations, please remember your parish. Financial donations help the parish meet its operating costs and help with parish improvements.

Something to Think About...

"The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

- Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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Today's readings show us just what God can do for us even when we are not ready. Peter, Paul, and Isaiah were not too successful in their way of life. But the Lord does not wait for another time, big challenges come our way all the time and it is easy to

want to put them aside. The Lord wants a response and he will show us how later on. This is really walking by faith. The call to serve others is not a one-time event - each day gives us Grace to do more . It often seems like there is so much to do and so few who are willing, but we can be inspired by both our successes and our failures. As we work together this year with new Ministries and new support we can have the same spirit as those who have gone before us. So let's not be afraid of challenges but see each of them as opportunities. Yes we have come this far by faith and we are always leaning on the Lord.

We will try to incorporate many of the wonderful programs we had planned for Catholic Schools Week throughout the year. Though the weather did not work too well for us the great things we had planned will not be lost.

- **Father Taylor**

GREETERS NEEDED

Continuing in the spirit of unity and hospitality, we are looking for greeters for all Masses. Only requirements: Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and wear a smile to welcome all worshippers. If interested, please contact Helen Sysko via www.cceepgh.org

CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

In honor of African American History Month at St. Charles Lwanga (Mother of Good Counsel campus), please plan on joining us for any of the Masses in February as we share songs and poems to celebrate African American History and worship together!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February birthdays will be celebrated at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, February 24. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church. All are welcome to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Eugenia Moore 02/10
Michael C. White 02/10, Rose Marie York 02/10
William L. Rawling 02/12, Ella J. Epps 02/13
Leola L. Cook 02/15, Victoria A. Hobson 02/16
Eileen Stevenson 02/16

BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on Monday, February 11th at 5:30pm at the Holy Rosary rectory.

CATHOLICS for CHANGE in OUR CHURCH

Catholics for Change in Our Church (CCOC) is a diocesan-wide group that began in response to the clergy sex abuse crisis. We are working for needed and positive changes, that can only happen with the laity. Five focus groups have been formed:

- 1. Survivors
- 2. Financial Transparency
- 3. Reducing Clericalism
- 4. Lay Oversight
- 5. Strengthening and Diversifying the Clergy

The first project is a letter to Bishop Zubik that is being circulated for signatures. A copy of the letter is on the CCEEP website, and people will be in the back of church at most Masses **this weekend** (Feb 9/10) to collect signatures.

The Strengthening and Diversifying the Clergy Focus Group is meeting at St. Bede Activities Room on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00pm. For more information about joining a different focus group, contact Betsy Cwenar at betsy00@verizon.net

FOOD BANK

Food Bank truck delivery is on Tuesday, February 19th and Distribution to clients on Wednesday, February 20th at SCLEECOP Rectory.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the January Birthday Celebration this past Sunday at Mother of Good Counsel Church. February birthdays will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 24. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church. All are welcome to attend.

SICK and SHUT IN

As a Faith Community we remember parishioners who cannot be with us. Lauretta Ashley, Lillie Carter, Eugene Conner, Leola Cook, Esther Hackwelder, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Josephine Major, Ingrid Roberts, John Rosella, Rosemarie Toliver, Andrea Ventomiller.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at ST. JAMES

Children's Liturgy takes place at St. James every Sunday at the 10am Mass. Children ages 3-7 (up to First Communion) are welcome to attend to hear the Liturgy of the Word and discuss how they can implement lessons from the scripture in their own lives. There is an activity and a take home bulletin to share with their families. The children begin Mass with their families then one of our leaders escorts the students to the Chapel after a blessing from the priest. The children rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are welcome to attend or send their children alone, depending on their abilities and preference.

St. Bede School News

Sunday 2/10	Monday 2/11	Tuesday 2/12	Wednesday 2/13	Thursday 2/14	Friday 2/15	Saturday 2/16
	Yoga 2:30 - 3:15	PTG Dress Down Character Counts K-2: 2:45-4:00 Tennis: 2:45-3:30 Ice Skating Party 4—6:30 at Schenley		Happy Valentines Day Character Counts 3-5: 2:45-4:00	9am School Mass Early Dismissal 12:30 Teacher In- Service	

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
Will Return Next Week

2019 PIEROGI FUNDRAISER

We have kicked off the 2019 Pierogi Fundraiser! St. Bede PTG is partnering with The Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck to sell 9 different types of pierogies for Lent. Delivery March 7th or March 9th. Forms are in the back of church.

Other CCEP News.....

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who have served on our Parish Pastoral Councils, past and present.

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| Lisa Bush | Tanya Stuart |
| Joe Gartner | David Aleva |
| Gemma Gloninger | Karen Baratti |
| Melanie Henninger r | Lois Campbell |
| Justin Krause | Evelyn Christie |
| Marybeth Olander | Mary Crawford |
| Joan Price. | Ed Lahoda |
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| Prochownik | Lori Melton |
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| George Cox | Joyce Rothermel |
| Eugenia Moore | Jim Ruck |
| Mary Grace Prata | Anne Kovalan-Santori |
| Satara Sparrow | Mara Sullivan |
| Eileen Stevenson | Rhonda Wilburn |

CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS

Tune into KDKA Radio, 1020 am every other Sunday morning at 6:30am for Catholic Education Plus. This program, which I host, highlights Elementary and Secondary schools, colleges, youth ministry programs, and more. The next program will air next **Sunday, February 17th**.

SCL CENTURY CLUB

Dues are \$100 per year, \$10 payments may be made monthly. There are four monthly drawings of \$25. 48 more members needed to reach 100. Membership forms are available in church.

THANK YOU

With heartfelt gratitude, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the kind words, cards and prayers, with the recent passing of my sister, Linda Dunson. I would like to personally thank Fr. Tom and Fr. Dave, Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild, along with all my closely knitted church family. You have shown me unbelievable support to lift both me and my family's spirits during this difficult grieving period. Please continue to keep my family in your prayers. Love and Blessings to all,
Janice Reed



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Sr. Thea Bowman School News

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SERVICE PROJECT NEED

STBCA Middle School is sponsoring a service project to collect tabs from your favorite beverages. These will be donated to The Ronald McDonald House. This is an organization that supports the families of children who are seriously ill by providing extended lodging free of charge while their children are receiving treatment.

Your tabs will be collected by homeroom teachers and collected by the Middle School Students. A container for them will also be conveniently located in the school's office. Feel free to ask your neighbors and extended family members to support our efforts. We will begin this with this with the first donation and continue through the rest of the school year.

In the words of Sr. Thea Bowman: "**I find that when I am involved in the business of life, when I'm working with people, particularly with children, I feel better. A kind of strength and energy comes with that.**"

Catholic Schools Week Recap

Even though we lost three days of our Catholic Schools Week Celebration, we still had a great time celebrating our community and students! On Monday, January 28th, we invited all of our school families to join us for our Family Fun Night. Families that were present enjoyed a hot dog dinner, fun rounds of "Jesus" bingo, had the opportunity to re-enroll for next year, visited our newly designed school store, some fun physical activities in the gym, and a winter snowflake craft. We also welcomed representatives from the following community organizations - Reading is Fundamental, Hosanna House, and Peace of Eden.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our students - They had a fantastic time playing bingo in the cafeteria! We were also blessed to receive our Homework Power Kits donations from the Education Partnership. Every student received a packet of key essentials to help them with homework completion at home.

Even though we couldn't celebrate our wonderful staff as planned on Friday, we started this week off right with coffee and treats in the morning on Monday!

ENROLL NOW

STBCA is now accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year! Call the school office at 412-242-3515 or email info@stbca.net to schedule a school tour. Shadowing is also available for students in 5th-7th grade. For current students - refer a family to STBCA and receive a tuition credit if they enroll!

Other CCEEP News.....

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Saint James Adult Faith Formation Ministry would like to invite you to a meeting to plan faith enriching and deepening activities for adults for the 2019 Lenten season. We will meet at **2:00 pm on Sunday, February 10 in the Saint James Chapel**. We welcome interested persons from all three campuses of the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh. Please consider attending, and let's work together to make Lent a time to look within and strengthen our relationship with God. If you are interested but unable to attend, please email Lori Melton (lori@chezmelton.org) or call the rectory and leave your name, phone number, and the best times to contact you. Thank you!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

For the month of February, oatmeal is requested for the St. James Food Bank. Please place these items in the containers provided at the break in the pews at St. James, or in the boxes at the back of Mother of Good Counsel and St. Bede. Thanks for your support of the St. James food program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

at St. James: There is a sacristan position open for the 1st Sunday of the month and two sacristans are needed for the 5th Sunday of the month (4 Sundays in 2019). Training will be provided. For more information call 412.241.1392 or cceepgh@gmail.com

Next Sunday

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St. Charles Lwanga February 17		February 24	
Lector	9:00 am	John Williams	Patricia Nah
Eucharistic Ministers		Judy Prata Barbara Bell	Anthony Basilico Victor Thorpe
Altar Servers		Yvonne Cole	Gerald Rosella

St. James February 16/17		February 23/24	
Lector	4:00 pm 10:00 am	Malarkey Manilla / Reynoso	Murock Rose / Rothermel
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	E. Christie C. Halloran M. Murock	M Crawford J. Hylazewski
	10:00 am	L. Bossert R. Bossert V. Cook	C. Rekowski M. Sullivan K. Sullivan
Altar Servers	Saturday Sunday	Team 3 Ryan F.	Clara A. Team 3 Eamonn N./ HenryL
Children's Sunday Liturgy		Lori	Tabetha M.
Sacristans Van Driver	Sunday Sunday	Campbell /Raffaele Reder	Clancy / Rekowski Jedinak

St. Bede February 16/17		February 23/24	
Lector	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	Perry Blatz Maureen DiBattiste Michael Boyle	Kathy Spechtold MaryJean Havern Christine Kush
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	George Danko Kathy Patton Margie Snodgrass	Bernadette Harris Kathy Haupt Henry Rettger
	8:00 am	Lisa Bush Bernadette Harris Joan Price	George Danko Diana Buck MaryAnn Loebig
	11:00 am	Kathleen Fisher Lynda Burkel John Newell	Mary Jo Breen Jim Maher Tom McGough
Altar Servers	4:00 pm	Chris O'Toole Bobby O'Toole	Natalie Azar Daniel Patton
	8:00 am	Paul Benec Brendan Lloyd	Owen Campfield Rosie Tsang
	11:00 am	Ericson Kimbel Henry Krauss	Naomi Fisher Hannah Werner

S T E W A R D S H I P

ST. CHARLES LWANGA January 27	
Offertory:	\$1,904
St. Vincent	\$ 37

ST. JAMES February 3		Faith Direct	
		Online giving January	
Offertory:	\$3,313	\$6,015	
PSP 2018:	\$575	\$1,447	
Social Services:	\$120	\$ 295	
	Parish Debt Reduction	\$ 256	
	Partners in Progress	\$ 111	
	St. Anthony School	\$ 270	

ST. BEDE		
	January 27	February 3
Env.	\$5,520	\$ 10,031
Online	\$ 2,335	\$ 2,335
Total	\$7,855	\$ 12,366
YTD	(\$51,310)	(\$ 51,244)

SOUPER BOWL	
Total from all 3 parishes	
\$1,343	
Thank you for your generosity!	

Protecting God's Children:

CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse
[1-800-932-0313](tel:1-800-932-0313)
 Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline
[1-888-808-1235](tel:1-888-808-1235)

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 Patricia Albacete

Peter Lahoda
 Lois Campbell

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

(S Bede) 4:00pm Sara Rooney (Angie McVeagh & Family)
(S James) 4:00pm Michael Patrick Thompson (Thompson family)

SUNDAY (5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME) [10]

(S Bede) 8:00 Michael H. Thompson (Patton family)
(MGC) 9:00 Living and Deceased of the Parish
(S James) 10:00 Murph McIntyre (Barb Stone family)
(S Bede) 11:00 Joseph Nevi Hosteny

MONDAY (Our Lady of Lourdes) [11]

(S James) 8:00 Robert Gannon (Faculty & Staff of St. Anthony School)
(S Bede) 9:00 Anthony and Luigia Ambrogio (Family)

TUESDAY (Weekday) [12]

(MGC) 8:00 Dick Stein (Intention of the donor)
(S Bede) 9:00 Robert Moulton (Von Arx Family)

WEDNESDAY (Weekday) [13]

(S James) 8:00 Vera Kapcar (Marge Mimless)
(S Bede) 9:00 Dorothy Walsh Hays (Jim Carroll & Aphie)

THURSDAY (Ss. Cyril and Methodius) [14]

(MGC) 8:00 Gladys Kephart (Intention of the donor)
(S Bede) 9:00 Patrick Coyne (Sally Coyne Family)

FRIDAY (Weekday) [15]

(S James) 8:00 Norma Jeanne Roso (Family)
(S Bede) 9:00 Ann & John Lydon (Paul and Mary Lydon)

SATURDAY (Weekday) [16]

(S Bede) 9:00 Sara Rooney (Mary McFadden)

VIGIL (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

(S Bede) 4:00pm Dorothy Walsh Hays (Jim Carroll & Aphie)
(S James) 4:00pm Frank Duranti (Nancy & Tom Kelly)

SUNDAY (6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME) [17]

(S Bede) 8:00 Agnes Dzombak (Dave Dzombak and Carolyn Menard)
(MGC) 9:00 Dorothy Orsatti (Mary Grace & Judy Prata)
(S James) 10:00 Living and Deceased of the Parish
(S Bede) 11:00 Joseph Ortolano (Gorske family)
Mizan Berhe (Bisrat Birru)
Birru Sibhat (Bisrat Birru)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Reading I Is 6:1-2A, 3-8
Reading II 1 Cor 15:1-11
Gospel Luke 5: 1-11

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Reading I Jer 17: 5-8
Reading II 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Gospel Luke 6: 17, 20-26

PRAY FOR HEALING for Laretta Ashley, Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Lillie Carter, Bruno Cassara, Eumenia Castro, John Ceric, Eugene Connor, Leola Cook, John Davis, Ruth Ann 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, Esther Hackwelder, Estelle Hagerdorn, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Josephine Major, 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, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Ingrid Roberts, John Rosella, 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, Andrea Ventomiller, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! **REJOICE and BE GLAD; YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN**
What is it that we live for? What are the motivations of our thoughts, our words, our actions, our entire

lives? Is it something in this life – accomplishment, knowledge, wealth, power, prestige? Or is it something else, like heaven and our eternal reward? As Christians, there are countless references in Sacred Scripture and in the teachings from every generation of the Church that remind us that we were not made for this world. For instance, in the First Book of Chronicles, King David prays, “For before you we are strangers and travelers, like all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without a future.” (1 Chr 29:15) That means that we are made for something more, the greatest thing, life for ever with God in heaven. However, it does not mean that we can just sit back and enjoy the ride here, as if heaven is a given. Rather, as Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes in today’s Gospel, we must put ourselves and our wants aside and instead live for God and others. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* seeks to provide for the good of the Church so that, in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth, we can be welcomed home God’s Kingdom in heaven. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.