

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh



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April 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

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Reverend David H. Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

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

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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

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

This week, all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us. In the Gospel of Luke today we read for the procession how Jesus enters Jerusalem with "Royal Treatment" as a humble king and gentle Messiah. Today, we bless the palm branches and carry them in high honor of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and today is the only Sunday that we read two gospel passages. Our liturgy is divided into three parts: commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, Liturgy of the Word, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. We end our readings with Luke's Passion story of Jesus focusing on the crude trial and shocking details of his suffering and death. Much of the journey is taken up with Jesus teaching his disciples about the real meaning of discipleship.

As we begin the holiest week of the year, let us resolve to be merciful as we can to everyone who has hurt us, ridiculed us, betrayed us, or tarnished our reputation.

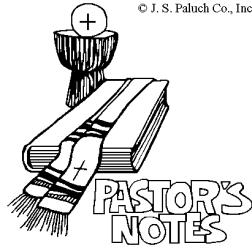
Hosanna!

LIVING STATIONS

This Palm Sunday we welcome the St. Ferdinand Parish Youth Ministry Program as they perform "Living Stations." This is a wonderful passion play on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Over sixty high school students will perform. Please join us this evening at 7:30pm in St. Bede Church. It is free and open to the public.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please join us for Holy Thursday, April 18 for 4pm Stations of the Cross at Mother of Good Counsel, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm at St. James and St. Bede, Good Friday Liturgy April 19 at 1:30pm at St. James and St. Bede, (please note there will be no Stations of the Cross Good Friday evening). Blessing of Baskets will be held on Holy Saturday, April 20 at Noon at St. Bede. One Easter Vigil Mass will be held Saturday at 8:00pm at St. Bede, and on Easter Sunday, April 21 we will have our normal Sunday Mass schedule: 8 am at St. Bede, 9:00am at Mother of Good Counsel, 10am at St. James and 11am at St. Bede.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory Office will be open 8:30am to 5:00pm this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:30am. If you need assistance after regular business hours please call my office at 412-661-7222 ext. 207.

SPRING RETREAT

Please note that I will be out of the office on my Spring Retreat, Monday, April 22 thru Friday April 26. Please hold any phone calls or e-mails until I return Saturday morning, April 27. If you need assistance please contact our Office Manager, Terri Price at 412-661-7222 ext. 205.

MASS SURVEY

Members of our Joint CCEEP Pastoral Council have developed a Parish Survey to obtain parishioners input for the future weekend Mass time options. The Mass surveys are available either via e-mail or copies are in all of the three churches. We ask that you prayerfully reflect on participating. Please return the hard copy forms in the collection basket or drop it off at one of the parish offices.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

All parishioners of the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh, but especially those of St. Charles Lwanga Parish, are invited to attend a **Parish Assembly on Sunday, April 28** immediately following **9:00am Mass** in Mother of Good Counsel church. Fr. Taylor and I, (along with the Advisory Councils), will review the long-term maintenance needs of Corpus Christi church and the financial challenges the parish is facing with regard to necessary repairs. Please join us for this session where we will look at our current realities including demographics, financial reports and proposals for moving forward.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

I am pleased to announce that the long anticipated concrete repair work to be done at the St. James Campus will start in the next several weeks! The chapel steps, main entrance steps, handicap ramp, Rectory steps and Ministry Center driveway will be repaired. Raimono Concrete Company of Greensburg has been the contractor selected. Funds from "Our Campaign for the Church Alive" and donations from several Anonymous Donors are making this project a possibility.

Something to Think About...

Everyone lives on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

- Andy Rooney

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke
Administrator
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Reflections from Fr. Taylor

This weekend at Palm Sunday we celebrate at the same time one of the saddest and most joyful times in the church's year. Creation, sin, suffering, death, and Resurrection will lay before us this week. It is indeed Holy Week because it is the story of our salvation. As we celebrate Holy Week we must keep in mind that we are not just observers but participants. Where do we stand with Jesus Christ in His life, suffering, death, and Resurrection? We can never be neutral about this. As we look ahead we also look back. Our past tells us who we are, but also reminds us of how we can be much better. This week Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the priesthood. We who are your priests need your help, support, and prayers as much as we ever did. These are difficult and challenging times for all of us. Let's plan to attend all of our Holy Week services. Next year we will celebrate as one Parish - something to be proud of.

- Father Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to **Arkadiusz Ronald Nigborowicz**, son of **Patrick** and **Nicole Monahan Nigborowicz** who is being Baptized this weekend!

Congratulations to our Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy Principal **Stephanie Michael** on the birth of her son **Thomas James!**

BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on Monday, April 15th at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Rectory.

AN AFTERNOON OF HOPE

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh presents "*An Afternoon of Hope Organ Recital*" on Saturday, April 27, 1pm at St. James Church. Reception to follow. For many years, St. James Roman Catholic Church in Wilkinsburg was a frequent stop on the circuit of Pittsburgh organ recitals. However, the condition of its Moller Opus 9628 (3/54) has deteriorated significantly. This benefit recital by local organist Michael R. Kearney will demonstrate the impressive extent of the organ's remaining tonal capabilities and continue the campaign to revitalize this beautiful instrument in the heart of Wilkinsburg. Donations gratefully accepted for the Organ Restoration Fund. For more information 412.241.1392 or cceepgh@gmail.com

THE ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

will begin this Tuesday, April 16th at the 8:00 am Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church and continue until the Feast of Saint Anthony on June 13th

SCL CENTURY CLUB

SCL Century Club has 80 members. Dues are \$100 per year. There are four monthly drawings of \$25. 20 more members needed to reach 100. Membership forms are available in church.

SICK and SHUT IN

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

Let us pray for Barbara Bauknight in St. Margaret Rehab.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John A. Williams 04/15
Henry York 04/15
Theresa E. Pegnato 04/16
Sharon L. Herring 04/19

April Birthdays celebration Sunday April 28th at the 9:00am Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church. Refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend.

SISTER PLACE - DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Bede Parish has been supporting Sisters Place, Inc. in Clairton for the past 7 years. This unique organization founded in 1993 by a group of 14 Catholic religious communities now supports 32 single parent families with housing, basic domestic needs and so much more. Most families arriving there have been homeless for some time. They appreciate your past generosity and again ask for donations of laundry detergent only (please note: they cannot use dryer sheets). Labeled baskets will be placed at the back of all CCEEP worship sites during the following weekends: May 4&5 and May 11&12. Brochures giving more information about Sister's Place are located with the collection baskets. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Menard 412-362-7077 or Beth Venditti 412-361-6362. Thank you!

UPCOMING CONCERT

One of our Music Ministers, Carla LaRocca DiDonato, will be performing Orff's Carmina Burana Africana with the Carnegie Mellon Chorus on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm in Kresge Theatre, College Of Fine Arts at 5000 Forbes Avenue. This is a free event!

St. Bede School News

Sunday 4/14	Monday 4/15	Tuesday 4/16	Wednesday 4/17	Thursday 4/18	Friday 4/19	Saturday 4/20
<p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30pm Living Stations in St. Bede church</p>	<p>Hogwarts art club 2:45-4</p> <p>Comic Book Club 2:45- 4</p> <p>Lost in Oz Club 2:40 - 4p</p>	<p>PTG Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>Mass 9am</p> <p>Full-Day of school</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>No School</p>	

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER from Sister Daniela

We are quickly approaching Easter. Please remember that Wednesday April 17 is now a full day. School is out of session April 18-22, with classes resuming Tuesday, April 23.

5th grade parents please mark the day – April 26 from 8:00am-8:50am we will have a move up day. We would love to provide an opportunity for parents to come to school, meet our junior high teachers, learn about curriculum and what our students do in grades 6-8. Come and join us in this informative session.

St. Bede Children's Choir members sang in the Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and at St. Paul Cathedral on Saturday, March 30th.

Bravo to all! The students worked so hard and the end result was pretty amazing!

Thank you, parents, for helping your children to practice and to Melissa and Kimberly for chaperoning!



SPRING PLANT & FLOWER SALE

Spring is finally here and St. Bede School is launching it's first Spring Flower and Plant Sale, just in time for Mother's Day and Spring Planting. A stunning assortment of annual bedding flowers, a variety of beautiful hanging baskets, patio planters, vegetables, and herbs will be available from the same vendor that Phipps Conservatory has used for many years. Please pick up your order form with full color glossary at the back of the church! Order forms can be turned in the collection basket at church, or to the school office. Orders are due by Wednesday, April 24th and can be picked up May 9th between 2:45-6:00 in the upper parking lot of St. Bede School.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION PLUS

Tune into KDKA Radio, 1020 am every other Sunday morning at 6:30am for Catholic Education Plus. This program highlights Elementary and Secondary schools, colleges, youth ministry programs, and more. The next program will air **Sunday, April 28th**.

STEM OUTREACH

Central Catholic brought a student team, including St. Bede Alumni Ben Azar and Greg Reiser to St Bede on April 3. Our students were exposed to the basics of the DNA technology revolution, culminating in a crime scene solution based upon DNA gel electrophoresis

JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Charles Lwanga

Theresa Maynor
Barbara Bauknight

Geloria White
Linda Atkins

St. Bede

Joan Price
Eric Setzler

Dante Romito
Denise Charron-Prochownik

St. James

Anne Kovalan-Santori
Patricia Albacete

Peter Lahoda
Lois Campbell

Sr. Thea Bowman School News

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PALM SUNDAY				HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to our Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy Principal **Stephanie Michael** on the birth of her son **Thomas James!**

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy in Wilkinsburg and St. Bede School in Point Breeze is currently accepting registration for the 2019-20 school year. There is a Three Year Old Half Day Preschool program and Half Day and Full Day Four Year Old Preschool Program. Scholarships and Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Sister Thea Bowman and St. Bede schools are excellent places to start your child's journey through social awareness, academics, and faith in a safe, loving environment. For more information and for a tour of the school please call Sister Thea Bowman at 412- 242-2460 or St. Bede School at 412-661-9425.

SERVICE PROJECT

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.

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.**

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS!

My name is Melissa Viator and I am a trained instructor of a special program called "Endow". Endow has studies for women, Middle School and High School students. I would like to invite all of your **5 - 8th grade** daughters to attend a study I will lead starting at the end of April. It is a four-week study that will take place on 4 consecutive Mondays after school (2:45unitll 5pm. Class will be held in the Activities room on the St. Bede campus April 29, May 6, 13 and 20th.

The Endow Girl Genius program study I will be leading is called "Defining Dignity" which seeks to answer the question, "What is my worth as a young Catholic woman?" With such pressure on women in our society to feel their worth comes from what they look like, this Diocesan approved program provides a way for young Catholic women to come together in small groups to learn about their faith, live out their faith with others girls their age, and ultimately to fall in love with God. Space is limited and materials cost \$24.95.

Please email me at viatormelissa@gmail.com or call/text 412-680-9667 to reserve a spot for your daughter or with any questions that you might have. I will then send you the link to the class and you will register and order materials online.

Thanks so much and I hope you will encourage your child to participate in this life changing program!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

For the month of April, juice 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.



EASTER SUNDAY

ST. CHARLES LWANGA EASTER April 28			
Lector	9:00 am	Janice Reed	Nathan Brown
Eucharistic Ministers		Harriet Halley Anthony Basilico	Barbara Bell Victor Thorpe
Altar Servers		Yvonne Cole	Gerald Rosella
ST. JAMES EASTER April 27/28			
Lector	4:00 pm 10:00 am		Taymans Rose / Rothermel
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	VIGIL MASS at 8pm at ST BEDE	E. Christie C. Halloran M. Murock
	10:00 am	C. Rekowski M. Sullivan K. Sullivan	L. Bossert R. Bossert M. Reynoso B. Taymans
Altar Servers	Saturday Sunday	VIGIL MASS at 8pm at ST BEDE Izieme I. Tankermi I.	Baylie S. Ryan F.
Children's Liturgy		No Children's Lit.	No Children's Lit.
Sacristans Van Driver	Sunday Sunday	Campbell / Raffaele	Campbell / Raffaele

ST. BEDE EASTER April 27 / 28			
Lector	8pm Vigil 8:00 am 11:00 am	8pm Nancy Tullar Mary Jean Havern Michael Boyle	4pm Kelly Weixel John Sysko Linda Burns
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	VIGIL MASS at 8pm at ST BEDE	Lenny Phillips Henry Rettger Margie Snodgrass
	8:00 am	Lisa Bush Jim Carroll Cathy Fitzgerald	George Danko MaryAnn Loebig Kathy Patton
	11:00 am	Lynda Burkel Teresa Maynor Tom McGough	MaryJo Breen Teresa Maynor
Altar Servers	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	Maurisa Green Daniel Patton Rosie Tsang Owen Campfield Bridget Shaver Lilliana Figallo Milo Figallo	Teresa and Jenna Conway-Phillips Paul Benec Brendan Lloyd Ericson Kimbel Hannah Werner

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass
4pm Stations of the Cross at Mother of Good Counsel

7pm Mass of the Last Supper - St. Bede
7pm Mass of the Last Supper - St. James

St. James and St. Bede will be open until 10pm for Adoration and prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

4pm Stations of the Cross at ST. CHARLES LWANGA – Mother of Good Counsel

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Word at ST. JAMES

1:00 pm Scriptural Rosary at ST. BEDE
1:30 pm Liturgy of the Word at ST. BEDE

HOLY SATURDAY

ST. BEDE Noon – Blessing of Baskets
8pm EASTER VIGIL – ST. BEDE

EASTER SUNDAY

The RESURRECTION of the LORD

8am - Mass at St. Bede
9am - Mass at Mother of Good Counsel
10am - Mass at St. James
11am - Mass at St. Bede

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Again this year Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi and St. James now a part of the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh will co-sponsor a public Way of the Cross.

All are welcome to the public stations of the cross on Good Friday, April 19 at 10 AM beginning here in St. James Church and passing through parts of Wilkinsburg. This is a great public witness to our faith and a prophetic witness for justice and peace in Wilkinsburg.

The collection taken up this year will be for the social ministries of the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh serving Homewood, Wilkinsburg, Lincoln-Lemington and Point Breeze.

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)

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD)

(S Bede) 4:00p Ann Gasparovic (Snodgrass Family)

(S James) 4:00p Mary & Lewis Myers (Mike Myers)

SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD) [14]

(S Bede) 8:00 Rev. Armand Garcia (Sr. Daniela Bronka)

(MGC) 9:00 Living and Deceased of the Parish

(S James) 10:00 Craig Cantwell (Ellen M. Poslusny & Peggy Cantwell)

(S Bede) 11:00 St. Bede Guild Members

MONDAY (Monday of Holy Week) [15]

(S James) 8:00 Anna Seeger (Family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Catherine Huckestein (Kaethe McGonigle)

TUESDAY (Tuesday of Holy Week) [16]

(MGC) 8:00 Dorothy Higgins (Intention of the Donor)

(S Bede) 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY (Wednesday of Holy Week) [17]

(S James) 8:00 Murph McIntyre (Barb Stone Stanny)

(S Bede) 9:00 Dr. James Laubach (Angela Slocum)

THURSDAY (HOLY THURSDAY) [18]

(S James) 7:00 pm Jim Halloran (Wife and daughter)

(S Bede) 7:00 pm Timothy Burke (Angela Slocum)

FRIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY - PASSION of the LORD) [19]

(S James) 1:30 Liturgy of the Word

(S Bede) 1:30 Liturgy of the Word

(MGC) 4:00 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL)

(S Bede) 8:00p Joseph Burke (Tony & Ibie Alfonso)

SUNDAY (EASTER SUNDAY— THE RESURRECTION of the LORD) [21]

(S Bede) 8:00 Kennelly and Stack families (family)

(MGC) 9:00 All the People of the Parish

(S James) 10:00 Charles Kovalan (Matthew, Anne, & Charles Kovalan-Santoni)

(S Bede) 11:00 John J. Newell (Family)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Palm Sunday
Passion of the Lord
Sunday, April 14, 2019

Reading I Is 50 : 4 - 7
Reading II Phil 2: 6 - 11
Gospel Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 14, 2019

Reading I Act 10:34A, 37 - 43
Reading II Col 3: 1 - 4
Gospel John 20: 1:9

PRAY FOR HEALING for Laretta Ashley, Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, 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, Erin Joy Johnson, 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, Neil Stewart, DJ Stinelli, Laura Swain, John Temu, Haley Thelen, Barbara Tierno, MaryJane Tirk, Rosemarie Toliver, Arlene Trichtinger, Andrea Ventomiller, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! **BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**

Today we celebrant the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The crowds waved palm and olive branches as Jesus rode into the city on a colt. They welcomed him as royalty, so moved were their hearts in faith and trust of God. Yet, while Christ's procession into the city is a moment of joy, the joy is fleeting as the coming days lead to the passion and death of Jesus. The central mysteries of our faith that we celebrate this week highlight for us the lengths to which God will go out of love for us. It is appropriate to ask ourselves, then, what lengths will we go to for God. As we journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* it is not just our parishes that we should hope to be transformed. We should also hope that our hearts and transformed in love and service of God and others. How are we called to be ambassadors of Christ, coming in his name to share the life and light of God with everyone we meet? On Mission invites us to be representatives of Christ before others that they may know his loving work in the world today. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.