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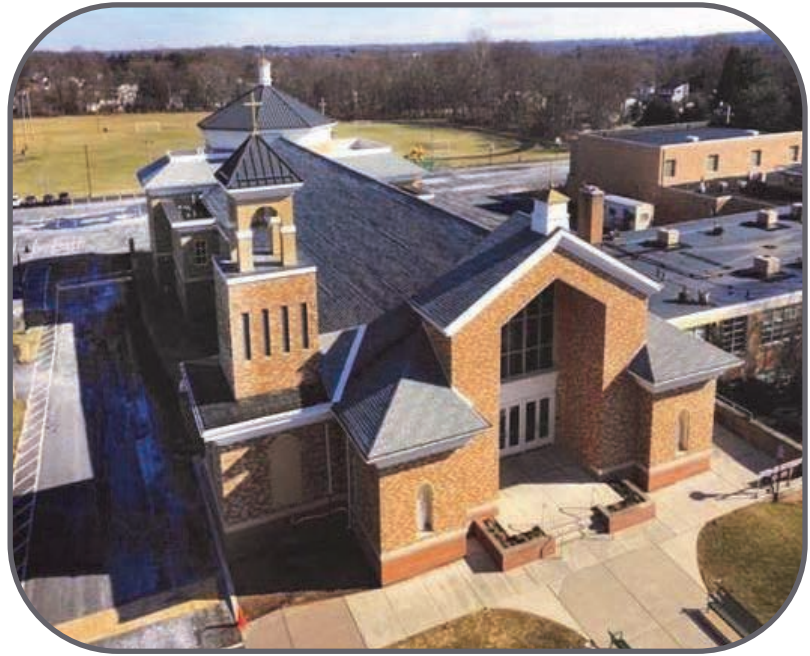
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Eucharistic & Devotional Celebrations

Vigil Mass (Saturday Evening):
5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

7:30, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Weekday Masses

(Monday through Friday):

6:30 & 9:00am

Saturday Mass

& Miraculous Medal Novena: 8:30am

Holy Days

(Except Christmas & New Year's)

Vigil Mass: 5:30PM

Holy Day Masses:

6:30, 9:00am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Saturday): 4:00 to 5:00pm

(or by appointment with a priest)

Parish Rosary (Tuesday) 7:00pm

Perpetual Adoration Chapel:

7:00am to 9:00pm (open to all)

9:00pm to 7:00am

(During this time period, only members of the Adoration Society who commit to the late night and early morning hours for adoration will know the combination to the new door lock)

Sacramental Sponsorship - For letters of eligibility, one must be a registered member of the parish for six months or more (a reference letter from your previous parish will be accepted). Please contact the Parish Office five days in advance.

Baptism - Usually celebrated on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, at 1:30pm. MANDATORY Pre-Jordan Classes are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at 12:15pm. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (215-357-5720).

Marriage - Saturday weddings are 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon, & 2:00 PM. It is Diocesan policy that arrangements must be made AT LEAST 6 MONTHS prior to the wedding. Information on Marriage Instructions can be obtained from the priests. For information on music, call Susan DiFlorio at 215-891-0869.

Anointing of the Sick - In case of serious illness (or advanced age), please call the priests.

Hospital cases should contact the Chaplain, but the Parish Office should be notified so one of the priests may visit the patient.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN (SUBJECT TO SPACE AVAILABILITY) MUST BE AT THE RECTORY BY MONDAY, 12:00 NOON.



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

December 17, 2023



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord."
MARK 1: 4



Rev. Monsignor
John C. Marine

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday and we light the pink candle on our Advent wreaths. The pink candle, which is brighter than the dark purple ones, reminds us that the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, is coming nearer with the celebration of His birth. Like the dawn of a new day, Jesus' coming helps us remember yet again, and with renewed fervor, the hope we should have as a result of His Incarnation.

But as I talk to so many people, whether in casual conversation, personal counselling opportunities, or more so in confession, there is anything but hope and rejoicing in people's hearts just now. In fact, for all the things going on in our world and our country and sometimes in our own families, there is a lot of despair, gloom and fear for the future.

While the celebration of the holidays with its many wonderful traditions can act as a relief, that we know, can sometimes be short-lived. So what can bring us the hope that will last? St. Paul says today, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. And in all circumstances, give thanks." Isaiah, Mary, John the Baptist and Paul rejoice because they know the Lord is with them, and working through them. They too lived in very dark times, but they had reason to rejoice and hope because Jesus, they knew, is the answer. Jesus is our hope.

So what is the first and most important step to find that hope? St. John the Baptist in today's Gospel says, "Make straight the way of the Lord." Don't wait for the world to change – do something to change yourself. Prepare your heart first before you try to help others prepare theirs.



What I am leading to is the need for us to bring ourselves to Confession. The process we go through to prepare for and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Advent is and can be the game changer. Start with a good, honest **Examination of Conscience**. There's a sample on **Page 4** of this bulletin. If you read that and say, "I don't need to go to Confession," read it again. I know one married couple who ask one another, "What shall I tell in Confession?" Sounds humorous but if it works, try it. There might not be anyone who knows you better than your spouse.

The next step is to overcome the fear, and just make concrete plans to come to the Divine Physician for healing. In today's bulletin, we have listed the confession schedules for local parishes. We priests are very busy just now, helping one another with confessions.

But it's one of the greatest joys of being a priest, when we can say in the Name of Jesus, "Go in peace, your sins are forgiven." You see, you will never know and understand fully why Christ is the Savior, until we acknowledge our need for Him, and allow Him to save us. And when He does, we will find hope and reason to rejoice.

May God bless you.

Monsignor Marine



Perpetual Adoration Chapel Altar Candle Dedication Dec. 18-24, 2023

In loving memory of **Cecilia Kempter**
(Req. by Joe Kempter)

Some 2024 dates are still available! Just come into the Parish Office. Candle dedications are a \$30 donation for the week.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
Psalm 89: 2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38



What a fascinating juxtaposition of the first reading and Gospel! On the one hand, we have King David, who seeks to build a dwelling place, a temple for the Lord. Instead, it is the Lord who promises to establish a house, a legacy for Him. On the other hand, it is Mary's "yes" that brings that legacy to its culmination, the birth of the Savior from the House of David. Let us listen and ponder God's faithful promise-keeping.

Bereavement Group Ministry

Our next Bereavement Group meeting will be on **Thursday Dec. 21 at 10:00am**, in the St. Francis Center. Please call Lynn O'Brien if you plan to attend: 215-504-4718.

Remember The Deceased

**Peter "Jerry" Mack, Walter "Jim" Bell,
Julie Roccograndi, Louis Angelucci**

We are united in prayer with their families and with one another as we and all the faithful departed await our rising with the Lord.

Advent-Christmas 2023 New Year 2024

Advent Confessions



Sunday Confessions Dec 17

after 9:30 a.m. Mass up to 11 a.m. Mass

Monday December 18 - 7 p.m.

**This is the best time for Confession,
as extra priests will be available.*



Christmas Masses

REMINDER: The Masses celebrated at 5:30pm on Saturday Dec. 23 and Sunday Dec. 24 during the morning are for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. They DO NOT satisfy the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas. The Masses in the evening of Dec. 24, (below), will celebrate Christmas, the Birth of Christ, which is ALWAYS a Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 p.m. (Church-with Teen Choir)

4 p.m. (Gym-with Cantor & Piano)

6 p.m. (Church-With Guitar Group)

9 p.m. (Church-with Adult Choir & Brass Ensemble)

12 Midnight (Church-with Cantor & Organ)

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

(All Masses are in Church)

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
(This year is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 6:30am and 9:00am



Our Lady of Czestochowa (Doylestown)

Monday thru Saturday 11:00am in Lower Church
and during Saturday's 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday during all scheduled Masses in Upper Church

St. Andrew Church (Newtown)

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 18 & 19: 6:30pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Southampton)

Thursday Dec. 21: 4pm-5pm / 7pm-9pm

Form For Confession

(Cut out and bring with you)

Enter and say:

"Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been _____ since my last confession. These are my sins."

(Tell the priest your sins and the approximate frequency)

Then say:

"Father, I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life, especially _____."

The priest speaks to you and suggests an appropriate penance. Then say the **Act of Contrition**:

***Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for
Having offended you, and I detest
All my sins, because of Your just
Punishments, but most of all
Because they offend You, My God, who are all-
good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of
Your grace, to sin no more and to
Avoid the near occasion of sin.***

Food for the Soul

Today is Gaudete Sunday. In the middle of our Advent preparations, we are called to rejoice in hope!

"Remarkably, the Lord made you in His very own image. That means your life is sacred. It has value. You have been made by love and with love. It is hard to believe, but you look a lot like God." ---Dr Allen Hunt

Examination of Conscience

1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved in witchcraft, superstition or black magic?
- Have I received Communion in a state of mortal sin?
- Have I deliberately told a lie in Confession or withheld a mortal sin in Confession?

2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

- Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's name in vain, lightly, carelessly, by blasphemy?
- Have I wished evil upon another person?
- Have I been angry with God and stayed in that state of anger?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of obligation?
- Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of serious (mortal) sin?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? Do I get enough rest or am I constantly running?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? Am I respectful towards them?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- Have I given my family good religious example and try to bring peace into the home?
- Do I care for my aged and infirmed relatives?

5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I harbored anger or resentment or hatred in my heart?
- Have I physically harmed anyone? Have I driven recklessly (too fast, showing off, etc.)?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Have I hurt myself through cutting, scratching, or in any other way?

6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I engaged in any type of sexual activity (intercourse, oral sex, inappropriate touching, mutual masturbation)?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation? Have I entertained lustful thoughts?
- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, and actions?
- Was I "immodest" in the way I dressed, acted or spoke (leading others to arousal)?
- Are my words, texts and photos on Facebook and/or other social media sites sexually charged?
- Did I look at pornography or visit chat rooms that were inappropriate?

7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Did I waste time at work (which is really stealing from the company)?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Have I spoken behind someone else's back?
- Do I always tell the truth? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Is what I write in my emails, IM's, text messages or on any social media sites true about myself or others?

9. YOU SHALL NOT DESIRE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused impure thoughts by impure reading, movies, conversations or curiosity?
- Do I seek to control my imagination?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?

10. YOU SHALL NOT DESIRE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Am I greedy or selfish? Are material possessions the purpose of my life?



Principal's Corner

There has been so much excitement this week as our students and teachers anticipate the upcoming Christmas break. With Christmas being just around the corner, we pray and prepare our hearts for the birth of the Child Jesus. On behalf of our entire school community, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2024! May we all keep to the true meaning of Christmas!



Ms. Laura Clark

Ms. Laura Clark, M.S., Ed.
Principal, SKD School
215-357-4720 / skdschool.org



Teams of Our Lady

Teams of Our Lady continues to form small groups to strengthen the faith lives of married couples. Are you and your spouse interested in strengthening your marriage? Would you like to share your faith with others? Then this couples' small faith group is for you. Each Team (5-7 couples) will meet monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and discussion. Couples of all ages will enrich their marriages and spirituality in this international movement that began in 1947. Teams are a great support for couples and families, and this ministry is recognized by the Vatican and Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

There will be an informational meeting for all interested couples on Sunday, January 7th at 1:40pm (after the 12:30pm mass) in the cafeteria.

To learn more visit: www.teamsofourlady.org or contact Tom and Jennifer Gilbert at 412-401-0607 or fairladygilbert@gmail.com if you would like to participate in a Team or have any questions.



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Highlights from the Gift Giving Mass

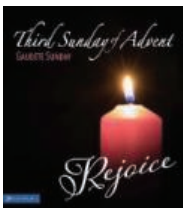
(photos by Gary Gehringer)

Our annual Mass and Gift Giving event on Dec. 6 once again proved the support and generosity of the St. Bede parish community. Fr. Manny Flores, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Norristown celebrated the Mass, joined by his parish's choir and parishioners, who were grateful for our participation.



Religious Education

Dear Missionary Disciples,



Happy third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Let us rejoice in the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmastime. May Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph bring you the greatest of



Mr. Shawn Tobin

joys! **Advent Confessions:** Please consider coming out with your entire family on Monday December 18th to at 7 pm in the church. Confessions are also available every Saturday at 4 pm in the church. Regular confession is a great way to keep us close to God and our neighbor.



Monthly-Story of Our Lady- Our Lady of Champion: Our Lady appeared to Adele Brise and the third time she was overcome by the light, fell to her knees and asked her who she was and what she wanted of her. The lady replied, "I am the **Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners**, and I wish you to do the same. ... But you must do more. Make a general confession and **offer Communion for the conversion of sinners**. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them." Our Lady went on to tell Adele the following: "Gather the children ... and teach them what they should know for salvation." "But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele said. "**Teach them,**" replied her radiant visitor, "**their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you.**" Our Lady of Champion pray for us to help teach the little ones the ways of God. Also, may we remember the importance of regu-

lar confession and offering our Holy Communion for conversion of sinners. More to come next month on Our Lady of Champion the only approved Marian Apparition in the United States.

CCD Highlights: Mrs. Cochran Monday 1st Grade class made Advent Wreaths and Mrs. Fulforth Kindergarten class made Advent Wreaths and prepared for St. Nicholas's Feast Day! Mrs. Thompson Grade and Mrs. Pontarelli 6th grade Sunday classes made Christmas cards to distribute to the a local nursing facility.

CCD Upcoming Events: Christmas Holiday: No CCD-12/24, 25 & 27; New Year Holiday: NO CCD-12/31, 1/1 & 1/3; Return to CCD (Report Card Distribution): 1/7, 1/8 & 1/10; May Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Clare of Assisi bless and pray for you!

Shawn P. Tobin MAPS,
Director of Religious Education



Take a Biblical Walk



The next Adult Faith Formation course at St. Bede's Church will be "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri, starting on January 9th, 2024.

Discover the Beauty, the Riches, and the Profound Meaning of the Mass. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. "We need to recommit ourselves to the central act of our faith with passion and joy. This marvelously written aid will help us join ourselves to the Lord as he offers himself to the Father in the Sacrifice of the Mass." —Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at St Bede the Venerable Church beginning January 9th, 2024 offered at both 9:45 AM and 7 PM for 5 weeks. To register for the study, please use the following link:

<https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/user?f=56C376FE0D4CC23AD8D938D03876A7EF05DDF08E9755B567BDE22ABFF5567ECE89111E52AD5BB6EAFD7012454FE1FEE;>

For more information contact Kathleen Tobin at ktobin@st-bede.org.

Join the St. Joseph's Men's Faith Sharing Group!

Advent is upon us! Let us all prepare for the coming of the Lord! Men come out and encounter Jesus in His Word and in our community of every day guys just trying to do the next right thing and try to learn how to love and protect those around us. Merry Christmas! **Our next meeting is Saturday, January 6 2024, at 7 am in Drexel Center- Room A. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Meetings are every Saturday, except holiday weekends. Feel free to just show up!** Please reach out to Shawn P. Tobin in the Religious Education Office (215-357-2130) or by email at stobin@st-bede.org for more information.



Cornerstone for Life

We have learned that pro-abortion legislators are likely trying to push through a Constitutional Amendment in the PA House, similar to what was passed in Ohio. We need you to act now!

Please send an immediate message to your State representative and senator, asking them to oppose House Bill 1888, the pro-abortion Constitutional Amendment.

Trip to Sicily, Italy



Monsignor Marine and Fr. O'Donald will be leading a trip to Sicily and Rome in late January/early February, 2025. Already 45 parishioners have signed in, expressing interest!

Monsignor and Fr. O'Donald are working with a new travel company and details will be coming in January, 2024.

Parish Outreach Ministry

Gift cards for St. Bede's Christmas outreach

This Christmas we would like to assist families once again with gift cards to purchase gifts for their children. Your generosity makes this possible. Gift cards for food stores, Walmart, gas stations, and other stores can be purchased in the rectory and left in the Parish Nurse Ministry mailbox. Visa gift cards are also helpful. Please have all donations in for Christmas by Dec. 16 so I can distribute them in a timely way.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!!

Kris Ingle
215 357-4113

Don't Forget to Order Your Scrip!


The Parish Office is open to purchase scrip Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

ACME	GIANT	SHOP RITE	WEIS
SUNOCO	WAWA	WALMART	DISNEY
AMAZON	VISA	KOHL'S	MACY'S
CVS	BOSCOV'S	HOME DEPOT	LOWE'S
STARBUCKS	DUNKIN' DONUTS		
BED, BATH, & BEYOND	TJ MAX/MARSHALL'S		

And many others!

While you are certainly welcome to come to the office to order scrip, it is even more convenient to order by phoning the Parish Office at 215-357-5720 or email your order to: secretary@st-bede.org. The full roster of stores are available to view online at www.st-bede.org

Join Us For A



Teen Lock-In


\$8 Registration for food and service project

CAFETERIA/GYM 8PM-8AM

DECEMBER 27-28

- FOOD GAMES AND MUSIC
- SERVICE PROJECT
- MASS AND A SPEAKER

Spread the Word!



Contact Marliza Kelly at youthminister@st-bede.org or 215-357-5113

See you there!

Tour the Best of Italy with Fr. Ryan Nguyen June 17-July 2, 2024



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Questions? Contact Fr. Ryan Nguyen
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**FLYERS WITH MORE INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH OFFICE.**

BEDE'S TEENS

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Hello Everyone:

The youth attended Christmas Communion Calls with our parish priests on Dec 9. It was wonderful. The youth had a chance to witness the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They offered the family gifts of cookies and the handmade ornament they made a few weeks ago. They sang Christmas songs. It was truly wonderful!!!



Maritza Carmona-Kelly

God Bless!
 Maritza



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Pictures from the youth group members attending Christmas Communion Calls with Monsignor Marine and Father Ryan



The Middle School Youth Group will NOT meet in December!! The next meeting is January 21.



Questions about this group, to receive registration forms and/or if you would like to be added to the Middle School Youth Group e-mail list to receive news of upcoming events, send an e-mail to middleschoolyouthgroup@gmail.com

TRIPLE T

*Triple T gatherings
 For Youth in High School!
 (Weekly Dinner & Discussion gathering)
 All H.S Teens are welcome*

*The next Triple T meeting is on Thurs.
 Dec 21 at 6pm
 In the Youth Center*

*@Triple T
 Friendships are formed & strengthened
 Faith is better understood & deepened
 & FUN is always on the menu!!*

Mass Intentions This Week

Monday through Friday, the 6:30am Mass is in the Daily Mass Chapel, and 9:00am Mass is in the Upper Church. The Sunday 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed, and also available to view online all day Sunday, and throughout the week. Find the link on our website: st-bede.org (*Living intentions in italics*).

Monday, Dec. 18

+ 6:30am - Louis D'Emilio & Marlena D'Emilio (Req. by the Simiriglio family)
+ 9:00am - Ray O'Donnell (Req. by Dorie O'Donnell)

Tuesday, Dec. 19

6:30am - Michael Brinkos (Req. by Rosemary Brinkos)
+ 9:00am - Ruth Long (Req. by Tom & Rose Nolan)

Wednesday, Dec. 20

+ 6:30am - Walter Strickland (Req. by the Oxenford family)
+ 9:00am - Harry Lawall, Jr. (Req. by his family)

Thursday, Dec. 21

+ 6:30am - Helen Krenitsky (Req. by the Howe family)
+ 9:00am - Ruth Beck (Req. by Rita & John Heinrich)

Friday, Dec. 22

+ 6:30am - Andrew Gehringer (Req. by his parents)
+ 9:00am - Anthony & MaryAnn Jezak (Req. by Marie Lis & family)

Saturday, Dec. 23

+ 8:30am - Vito A. Canuso, Sr.-22nd anniversary
(Req. by his son Tony Canuso)
5:30pm - For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24, 2023

+ 7:30am - Isabella Shinn (Req. by St. Bede Volleyball Players & Coaches)
+ 9:30am - The Branson & Rogowski families (Req. by Barb Rogowski)
+ 11:00am - Deceased members of the Bianchi, McTiernan, & McDermott families (Req. by Sean & Debbie McDermott)
+ 12:30pm - Robert & Corinne McGranaghan (Req. by John & Patricia Lutz)

Weekly Stewardship Report

(Week of Dec. 10, 2023)

FIRST COLLECTION / ENV. AND LOOSE BILLS:	\$16,863.00
FIRST COLLECTION / E-GIVING:	\$8,393.00
TOTAL FIRST COLLECTION:	\$25,256.00
Last year's First Collection Total:	\$23,952.00
FIRST COLLECTION AVG. (includes e-giving):	\$24,341.00
SECOND COLLECTION (Capital Campaign)	\$2,145.00
CHRISTMAS, 2023 (so far)	\$1,105.00
CHRISTMAS, 2022	\$104,388.00
2023 STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION (so far)	\$109,895.00
2022 STEWARDSHIP TOTAL:	\$111,630.00
2023 Catholic Charities Appeal (as of 12/08/2023):	\$78,564.00
2022 Catholic Charities total:	\$95,512.00



In celebration of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, DECEMBER 24, Monday, DECEMBER 25, and Tuesday, DECEMBER 26.

We will re-open on Wednesday, DECEMBER 27, at 8am.

Merry Christmas!

"Lest We Forget"

Let us keep our brave young men and women who serve our country both here and abroad in our prayers:

SN Angela Barber, USN	BM-3 Kirsti Mendez, USN
Cpl. Dolores C. Bowers, USMC	Capt. John Nachtman, Jr., USAF
Lt. Col. Anissa Buckley (RN), US Army	ENS Jessica L. Nangle, USN
Senior CPO James Buckley, USN	Sr. Airman Sean Olah, USAF
Col. Charles B. Chalfont, US Army	2Lt. James Reitter, US Army
SN Jonathan Chisholm, USCG	Maj. Allison Riley, USAF
Capt. James Devlin, US Army	SGM Steven Rodriguez, US Army
SSG Matthew DiFlorio, US Army	SrA Alicia Sabatini,
Lt. Col. Michael Erlandson, US Army	USAF-National Guard
Lt. Col. Stephen Finn, USAF	SPC Matthew Sawaya, US Army
TSgt. Scott Grove, USAF	Maj. Valerie K. Smith, USMC
TSgt. Timothy Harman, USAF	Capt. James Edward
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John & Brittany Bergadino family

New parishioners can register by seeing one of our priests after Sunday Mass. Or call the Parish Office at 215-357-5720 to speak to a priest.

2024 Calendars Available



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