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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.



First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

"You do not know when the lord of the house is coming..."
MATTHEW 25: 31



Rev. Monsignor
John C. Marine

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

My dear parishioners,

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, many of us display the Nativity scene in our homes. This custom depicting the birth of Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the first Christmas creche of Christ on Christmas Eve in 1223. This manger reminds us of the humble birth of Christ. St. Francis wanted the world to visualize how the Son of God entered the world, homeless and poor and ready to welcome all who would come to Him, from simple shepherds to mighty kings.

St. Pope John Paul II began the tradition of "Bambinelli Sunday" during his papacy, to remind families about the joyous event of the Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. Bambinelli is Italian for "little baby." In Rome, Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent. On that day, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square, and bring figures of the Christ Child from their families' Nativity scene. During the Noontime Angelus Prayer Pope Francis, like Pope Benedict, continues the tradition, blesses the children and the figurines that they have brought.

Throughout the world, pastors have brought this beautiful custom to their parishes. It is one of those many beautiful customs I believe help our children, and really all of us for that matter, to see the connection between our parish church and our individual homes.

And so I am happy to announce that the first annual Bambinelli Sunday at St. Bede will take place at the **11:00am Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17**. At the conclusion of the intercessions, a child



Scenes of how other parishes celebrate Bambinelli Sunday.

or an adult from each family will stand in the middle aisle with the image of the Infant Jesus that they have brought from their family Nativity scene. After blessing all of the figurines of the Infant Jesus, I will walk down the aisle, sprinkling them with holy water.

We invite young and old, children and adults, to participate in this powerful witness to our coming celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Nativity scene, which should be in every household, is a school of life, where we come to learn the secret of pure love and true joy.

May God bless you.

Monsignor Marine



Perpetual Adoration Chapel Altar Candle Dedication

Dec. 4 - 10, 2023

In Loving memory of William McTiernan
(Req. by Debbie & Sean McDermott)

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

Second Sunday
of Advent
December 10, 2023

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalms 85: 9-14

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8



Our readings continue the ideas expressed in the readings from the last two Sundays: that we must be ready and watchful. Of course, what is different is that we are beginning a new season of the Church year. But let us listen to God speaking to us through Isaiah: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" Listen for what God is asking of you, as we begin this new season of watching and waiting.



A Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:

Thursday Dec. 7 - 5:30pm Vigil

Friday Dec. 8 - 6:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20

Psalms 98: 1-4

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12

Luke 1: 26-38

Eighteenth Annual

ADVENT MASS AND GIFT GIVING

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:00 p.m. in Saint Bede Church

Social with light refreshments follows



Priests and representative laity from St. Patrick Parish, Norristown will be present to receive these wrapped gifts on behalf of the needy in their parish

The Hispanic choir of St. Patrick Parish (right) will join their voices in praise with us and our Teen Choir.



- Especially needed: dresses. Also, Dolls/Dishes/Trucks-Cars/All types of Toys/Board Games/Electric Games/Books/Puzzles/Bikes/Scooters/Tricycles will be more than appreciated.
- Please make sure that your gifts are wrapped and labeled with the age and gender of the child.

Try Not to miss our Christmas Concert!

For the 11th year, our annual Christmas Concert will help to ring in the season. If you haven't been able to make it before, make this the year!



Members of our SKD School Choir.



Our Youth Choir (above), accompanied by our Guitar Group (below).



Members of our combined choirs, accompanied by our orchestra.



Sponsor the Saint Bede Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 3

Sponsors are needed to ensure a beautiful and successful concert. Business and private sponsors will be recognized in the program.

OFFICIAL CO- SPONSORS OF 2023 CONCERT: \$1,000
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 Brass Section - \$500 Mark Millevoi

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:
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St. Bede Christmas Concert Orchestra:
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 Percussion Section - \$500

For more information, contact Monsignor Marine:
 215-357-5720



THE WOMEN'S CLUB

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Thursday, December 14th - 12 NOON

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*The Eleventh Annual
Saint Bede Parish*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 3 at 4:00pm
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taken up during the concert*
For more information, contact the Parish Office
215-357-5720

Religious Education

Dear Missionary Disciples,

Happy First Sunday of Advent! The time has come once again for us to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time and await his return at the Second Coming. Advent is a time to renew our dedication to the God and remove anything from our lives and hearts, especially sin that is separating us from God. If you have not been to confession in a while, please consider coming out with your entire family on **Monday December 18** to the Parish Confessions at 7pm in the church. Confessions are also available always every Saturday at 4pm in the church. One way to make confession more of a family affair is to consider having mom or dad alternating taking the children in a group or individually then doing something fun after confession, like getting a treat, going for a walk, anything that your children really love to do with you so that you can tie everyday life and your love for your children into them going to confession. Give it try!

Here are some more ideas to prepare for Christmas as a family: 1) Celebrate St. Nicholas Day- December 6 and teach your children about St. Nicholas the Bishop- the helper of poor and lover of children; 2) Set up an interactive nativity set that allows the children to participate by having them setting up the nativity gradually and saving Baby Jesus to come out on Christmas day; and 3) Consider a Jesse Tree, which you decorate each day until Christmas. It tells the whole story of salvation history all the way to Jesus. (Catholic Company and EWTN have some good versions) Here is a link to YouTube video from Catholic Company that further explains the Jesse tree devotion:

https://youtu.be/1B_UjPHzIf0.

CCD Upcoming Events: Advent Gift Giving Mass: 12/6/23 at 7 pm, Feast of Immaculate Conception: 12/8; Gaudete Sunday: 12/17; Christmas Holiday: No CCD-12/24, 25 & 27; New Year Holiday: NO CCD-12/31, 1/1 & 1/3;

All families new to the parish please contact me to discuss your child's religious education. I may be contacted at 215-357-2130 or stobin@st-bede.org. May Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Clare of Assisi bless and pray for you!

Shawn P. Tobin MAPS
Director of Religious Education



Mr. Shawn Tobin



Boy Scout Poinsettia Sale

Boy Scout Troop 280 will be selling beautiful poinsettias after the Saturday Vigil and all Sunday Masses on **December 9 & 10** as a fundraiser to support troop purchases and activities. Cost will be \$16 per plant.

Buy as gifts or to decorate your home for the holidays. Thank you for your support!



Contribute to our Casserole Program

At this season of giving with folks caught up in the holiday spirit, we are asking for more to participate in St. John Hospice casserole program. This program enables men to come and eat a hot lunch and enjoy a little bit of fellowship with others who are struggling just as they are. It might be the only thing they eat the entire day.

It is easy. Cook the casserole in containers St. John supplies and deposit in the ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE freezer (located in the cafeteria). I have recipes if you don't have any family favorites you'd like to share. Please consider giving these men, who are down in their luck, some delicious homemade food that will surely brighten their day.

Questions, please call Barb McKeever 215-364-2733. Many thanks for your consideration.

Welcome Our New Parishioners

Christopher & Erica Younger family

Scott & Lisa Downey 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.



EITC Tax Credit Program Redirect your PA Tax Dollars to Support Catholic Education!

- ✓ Individuals OR Businesses can join our Special Purpose Entity
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For more information, contact: Kevin Kelly
KKelly@FoundationFCE.org or 484-477-6454



Enroll in the EITC Program Today!

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. **Our next meeting is Saturday, December 9, at 7 am**

in Drexel Center- Room A. 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.

Principal's Corner



Ms. Laura Clark

During the month of December, we continue to have hearts of hope each day. Our scripture passage for the month is: ***You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in Your Word.*** We place our hope in His Word because it sustains all living things. That is a refuge and shield we can all rely on. Each day our students thank our Lord for protecting us. We ask Him to help us remember that we are safe and always in His care under His shield. His Word says we are protected, and we put our trust and hope in that truth.

As we pray about the coming of Christ, let us hear and respond to the Church's call to stand apart from all the Christmas festivities so that we might remain alert—patiently, prayerfully watching and waiting for his coming. May God bless you and your family during this holy season!

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

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.

St. Bede CYO

St. Bede CYO Varsity Boys Soccer Team Wins 2023 Archdioceses of Philadelphia Championship!

In a stirring display of skill, determination, and unwavering commitment to Catholic values, the St. Bede CYO Varsity Boys Soccer Team emerged triumphant in the 2023 Archdioceses of Philadelphia Varsity Boys Soccer Championship by beating Nativity of Our Lord, 3-1. Under the astute guidance of Head Coach Matt Wetherhold and Assistant Coach Joe Arroyo, this remarkable group of 23 players of combined 7th and 8th graders not only secured a historic victory on the field but also embodied the core tenets of Catholic principles.

The team also boasted a flawless record of 18-0.



Perhaps the most remarkable achievement of the season was breaking a 25-year championship drought for St. Bede's. The 2023 squad etched their names in the Parish's history books as the first team in a quarter-century to secure the coveted Archdioceses of Philadelphia Varsity Boys Soccer Championship.

WHO:
9TH-12TH GRADE

WHEN:
THURSDAY - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27-28

TIME:
8:00 PM-8:00 AM

WHERE:
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Hello Everyone

THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus members who sponsored a table for our youth to attend the Stand Up for Life dinner which is sponsored by the Pro Life Union, and to Sharon Weidner from the Respect Life committee for making the arrangements for us. The youth got dressed up and enjoyed a delicious dinner while listening to an amazing speaker. It was truly a wonderful night. Also, Thank you to Jeff Fyke and Mrs. Meredith DiLiberto who accompanied the youth.



Maritza Carmona-Kelly



Upcoming activities and events:
 Sat. Dec. 9 Christmas Communion Calls (9:30am –12:30pm)
 Sun. Dec. 10—ARISE event at St. Andrew's 6pm
 Dec 27-28— H.S. Teens Annual Lock-in

God Bless you all
 Maritza

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

ALL Middle School Youth Group members are invited to Christmas Communion Calls on Sat. Dec. 9th.

We will travel to parishioners homes where our priests will administer the sacrament of the Eucharist and we will bring them Christmas cheer! This is a wonderful service opportunity for our youth.

The Middle School Youth Group will NOT meet in December!!

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. 7 at 6pm In the Youth Center

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

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ON SALE Sunday, Dec. 3 after all the Masses
 (while supplies last)

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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. 4

+ 6:30am - Cleonice Salvi (Req. by Joseph Sloss)
+ 9:00am - Connie Tweedie (Req. by the Harman & Tweedie families)

Tuesday, Dec. 5

+ 6:30am - William McTiernan (Req. by Sean & Debbie McDermott)
+ 9:00am - Louis Pettinelli, Sr. (Req. by Lou & Eileen Pettinelli, Jr.)

Wednesday, Dec. 6

+ 6:30am - Bill Sanford (Req. by Barb Cullen)
+ 9:00am - W. Robert & Helen Roy (Req. by Jack & Linda McHale)

Thursday, Dec. 7

+ 6:30am - Helen A. Ruhl (Req. by daughter Kathleen Gordon)
+ 9:00am - Jerome Cianfrini (Req. by his family)
+ 5:30pm - Clement Joseph & Marco Pascarella (Req. by their family)

Friday, Dec. 8

+ 6:30am - Vincenzo Amodei (Req. by Lucia)
+ 9:00am - Cecilia Kempter (Req. by her husband, Joe)
+ 5:30pm - Joey Minarrik (Req. by Gloria McAvinue)
+ 9:00am - Joseph T. Pintimali, MD (Req. by his wife & son)

Saturday, Dec. 9

+ 8:30am - Lydia Pieczynski (Req. by Gloria McAvinue)
+ 5:30pm - Christine & Thomas Myneham (Req. by the Oxenford family)

Sunday, December 10, 2023

+ 7:30am - Isabella Shinn (Req. by her parents & brother)
+ 9:30am - William Bourcet (Req. by Linda Bourcet)
+ 11:00am - James P. Casey, Sr. (Req. by Sr. Bernadette Marie)
12:30pm - For the People of the Parish

Weekly Stewardship Report

(Week of Nov. 26, 2023)

FIRST COLLECTION / ENV. AND LOOSE BILLS:	\$13,857.00
FIRST COLLECTION / E-GIVING:	\$7,629.00
TOTAL FIRST COLLECTION:	\$21,486.00
Last year's First Collection Total:	\$22,104.00
FIRST COLLECTION AVG. (includes e-giving):	\$24,091.00
SECOND COLLECTION (NONE)	\$0.00
2023 STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION (so far)	\$97,760.00
2022 STEWARDSHIP TOTAL:	\$111,630.00
2023 Catholic Charities Appeal (as of 11/17/2023):	\$74,359.00
2022 Catholic Charities total:	\$95,512.00

Remember The Deceased

**Roberta Pables, Mary (Marie) Curran,
Richard Blumhardt, Sr.**

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.

Food for the Soul

AWAKE!! Advent is here, and it is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time, and the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. He is our best, and yet most humble Christmas present. So as St Paul says, "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." ---Romans 13:11

Thanksgiving Showcase



SKD Cheerleaders presented a Thanksgiving Showcase for the residents of Holland Village Nursing Home. It was a win for All! We are thankful to our friends at HVNH for welcoming us!

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



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Questions? Contact Fr. Ryan Nguyen
Email: vnguye07@yahoo.com Parish Office: 215-357-5720

Blue Heart Travel: Mr. Gordan
info@bluehearttravel.com

**FLYERS WITH MORE INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH OFFICE.**

Pray for the Sick

John Kraft	Chris Langan	Joan Canuso
Patty Criniti	Frank Tuohy	John Monaghan
Irene Scotti	Jill Bell	Stella Pettinelli
Dominic Petitti	Sally McCloskey	Rita Chmielewski
Gerry Mack	Annette Clifford	Jennifer Shultz
Barbara Richie	Florence Martin	Ron Kaufman
Carolyn Baxter	Ed Rogowski	Sean Marriott
Karen McKee	Antonio Santilli	Joan Nachtman
Joe McConville	Adele Boylin	Barbara Niederriter
Kevin McConville	Cody Kearns	Chris Clemons
Pauline Cullman	Tim Ward	Shirley Blackburn
Bill Skrynnik	Lonnie Lonergan	Sheila Connors
Sr. Mary Carboy, SSJ	Anne Flanagan	Johari Crews
Lillian Carchidi	Julia Pirolli	Lorraine Waters
Paul O'Neill	Chuck Webster	Andrew Lis
	Tony Canuso	Nicholas Viola

A name will stay in the bulletin for FOUR WEEKS. The contact person must notify the Parish Office if the person needs to stay on the list, or they will be removed. Names can be put on the prayer list by contacting the Parish Office in person, by phone (215-357-5720) or by email (pmcnally@st-bede.org).

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