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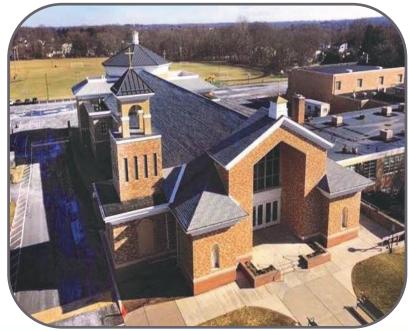
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Eucharistic & Devotional Celebrations

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).

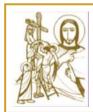
Marriage - Saturday weddings are 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon, & 2:00 PM. It is Diocesan policy that arrangements must be made AT LEAST 6 MONTHS prior to the wedding. Information on Marriage Instructions can be obtained from the priests. For information on music, call Susan DiFlorio at 215-891-0869.

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.

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6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

"This is My commandment: love one another as I love you."

John 15: 12



Rev. Monsignor John C. Marine

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

My dear parishioners,

Last Sunday we bid farewell to Deacon Dave Slusarick, who has served our parish on most Thursdays and weekends since last September. He is a Transitional Deacon, meaning that his years of service as an ordained Deacon is meant to be

temporary, as he transitions into the Sacred Priesthood.

Transitional Deacons like Deacon Dave reside at St.

Charles Seminary, where they participate in all the human, academic and spiritual aspects of their priestly formation.

The pastoral aspect happens in a parish, to which they are assigned. In the case of Deacon Dave, he was assigned,

of course, to St Bede the Venerable Parish.

What was different of course from other Transitional Deacons we have had with us, like our own Father Ryan, is that Deacon Dave is studying and preparing for his native diocese of Greensburg, PA. St. Charles Seminary and his bishop, Bishop Kulick, require that I provide a recommendation for his ordination.

That recommendation, of course favorable, was sent in a few months ago, and was very easy to do. For Deacon Dave, as you have told me, will make a wonderful, caring and effective Priest of Jesus Christ. You have been touched by his warmth, his smile, and his carefully prepared homilies. The Fifth graders in SKD School, the shut-ins, sick calls he has visited, and the candidates for the Catholic Church that he has instructed at our RCIA sessions, have all agreed that he is well prepared for the priesthood.

In Deacon Dave's remarks last weekend at every Mass, he rightfully said thanks to all of you for your wonderful example of faith, and your words of support and welcome. I'm not sure if you realize how important all of that is to someone who is discerning a vocation to the priesthood. You see, God's voice is heard in your voice and your encouragement, and mine, as well.

As Deacon Dave told us on more than one occasion, he went in the seminary because his own stirrings in his heart to consider the priesthood were confirmed by people who in his life said, "Did you ever think about the priesthood? Because you would make a good one." It's

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024

Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Res. Psalm 103 1 John 4: 11-16 John 17: 11b-19

These readings conclude our Gospel readings from Jesus' great prayer at the Last Supper. He offered this prayer both for his disciples around the table with Him then, and for us. As you listen to it, imagine that He is speaking directly to you. How will you respond to His prayer as He sends you out into the world?



Deacon David Slusarick, who will soon be ordained as a priest in his home diocese of Greensburg, PA, with Monsignor Marine, Archbishop Adams and Father Ryan.

why I encourage you to say that to someone around here that you feel might have a vocation. Your words might be the tipping point that is needed.

Several parishioners have asked for Deacon Dave's address, and here it is:

228 Poundstone Rd Uniontown, PA 15401

As he said in his remarks last weekend, he plans to join us on the weekend of September 7-8, to celebrate Mass for us and greet us at the Parish Coffee that day.

May God bless you.

Monsignor Marine

Remember The Deceased
Joseph A. Pistili, Sr., Robert S. Seamans,
Nancy Schmukler, Thomas Polidori

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.



Perpetual Adoration Chapel Altar Candle Dedication May 6-12, 2024 In memory of Mary Anne Smalley (Req. by Marie Lis)

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

Feast of the Ascension Masses

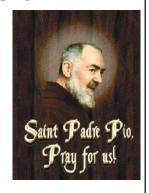
Thursday May 9 is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, which is a holy day of obligation. There is a 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday May 8. Thursday May 9 Masses will be at 6:30am, 9am, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm.



St. Bede Padre Pio Prayer Group Meets THIS TUESDAY

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on **Tuesday May 7 at 7pm** in the Padre Pio chapel (lower church). The meeting will be preceded by the praying of the rosary.

Rosary will be followed by an opportunity to hear a short teaching on our Catholic faith which will include questions and discussions. The meeting



will conclude with time to remember our loved ones by name, and other intentions for Padre Pio's intercession.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 215-357-5720.

Teams of Our Lady is seeking two to three more couples for our Second Team!



Our first Team, pictured above, held its third meeting in April. We have had so much interest in Teams that St. Bede is preparing to start a second Team. We have four couples who are ready, but we need two to three more couples before the Team can begin.



Teams of Our Lady

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.

To learn more contact Tom and Jennifer Gilbert at fairladygilbert@gmail.com or 412-401-0607.

Parish Outreach Ministry

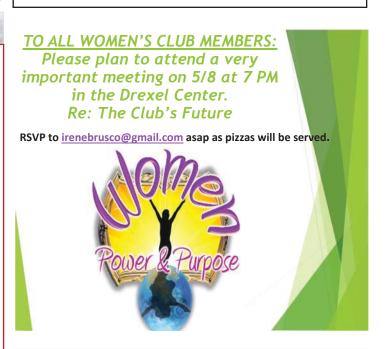
MANNA FOOD DRIVE
PICK UP A MANNA BAG AFTER MASSESMAY 11 AND MAY 12
RETURN FILLED BAGS - SUNDAY MAY 19
AFTER ALL THE MASSES TO THE PICKUP
TRUCK PARKED BY THE ST. FRANCIS CENTER.

We need your help to supply our parish food pantry and our local food pantry for the summer.
All nonperishable food items appreciated.
Thank you!

Kris Ingle, Outreach Coordinator

Open our eyes to see the needs of others.
Open our ears to hear your call to share.
Open our hearts to welcome all people to the table of love. Amen!





Altar Flower Dedications May 4-5, 2024

In memory of Richard Thi Req. by Joan Lui, Tom & Phillip Thi, and Theresa Gemerek

Dedicated flowers remain on the altar during the entire weekend. Many dates are still available in 2023, and the cost is \$50 per side. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 215-357-5720.

Principal's Corner

Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic
School strives to provide a nurturing environment in which each child can achieve and reach his/her potential. Within this environment, our school community endeavors to work together to understand, accept, and follow the Gospel message of Jesus. With faith as our



Ms. Laura Clark

framework, our positive learning environment and high academic standards encourage our students to grow and excel.

I am so proud to announce that the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmed the re-accreditation of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School. The action followed a years-long self-study process that is a critical component of this important designation and a peer-review team visit this past October. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for the 2030-2031 academic year.

The Middle States commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is described as a "reliable authority as to the quality of education." Accreditation is an external, objective validation of school quality and student achievement that fosters continuous school improvement.

Middle States serves to ensure our school's accountability, self-appraisal, improvement, and innovation through peer review and the rigorous application of standards within the context of our school's mission.

Our entire school community is proud of what we have accomplished and excited for the work ahead, as we continually look inward and make improvements that will benefit each student's experience at SKD today and in the future!

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



Pray the Rosary!

ROSARY RALLY Saturday May 11 - 12:00 Noon Front lawn of St. Bede Rectory

Join us for a Rosary Rally on May 11 to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the first appearance of Our Blessed Lady at Fatima.

Please join us on the front lawn of the rectory to give honor to Our Blessed Lady.

Pray for Peace, Sundays in May

Every Sunday during the month of May, you are invited to join with members of our Legion of Mary as they pray the rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, located at the entrance to our Parish Center/Gym, to pray for world peace.

We will meet after the 12:30pm Mass - all are welcome!

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Knights of Columbus Council 15478



Knights Golf Outing a Success

The weather cooperated this past Monday as the St. Bede Knights of Columbus held their annual Golf outing at Spring Mill Country Club. 139 golfers participated! Thank You to all our golfers, donors and sponsors, who made the event a success. (Photos by Gary Gehringer)











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Religious Education

Dear Missionary Disciples,

Happy Eastertide! Christ is risen! Happy 6th Sunday of Easter. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God." These are the words of St John in the Second Reading this week. Love is the core of our faith. But what is love? Is it a second hand emotion like



Mr. Shawn Tobin

that old Tina Turner song? No, love is an act of the will and pure gift from God for us to impart to all of those around us.

Here is how the Catechism describes God's love for us: "God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

The greatest act of love: the Heavenly Father gave His only Son for us to be set free in this life: to be unbound from every sin, every curse, everything that keeps us from His Kingdom.





CCD: Thanks to all the students, Religious Ed staff and Missionary Disciples for another great year of CCD classes. On Monday, May 6th, CCD culminates with our annual May Procession and Ice Cream Social at 5 pm in the cafeteria. CCD Families, please contact me or complete the Google form I sent to register!

Summer CCD registration has started! Families, please check your emails for the welcome email. If you did not receive it, please reach out to Mrs. Nolan (rnolan@st-bede.org). We still have open slots for Kindergarten, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7th grade. Signing up for Kindergarten is a great way to get your children comfortable with CCD.

Registration for Traditional/Homeschooling CCD 2024-25 starts July 8 Sign up early for the best discounts. All parishioners, please seriously consider helping out with CCD! Without your help, we would not be able to sustain our CCD program.

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

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



Happy Eastertide! Christ is risen! Let us rise with Him and come together to grow in his love and the Spirit of God. Please come out and join the Men's group! Our next meeting is Saturday, May 11 at 7 am in the 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.

First Holy Communion at St. Bede Church

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants, who received Christ for the first time on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

(Photos by Shawn Tobin)



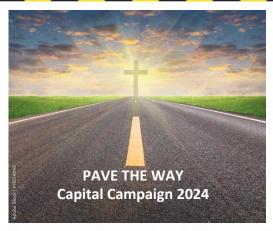
Over three Masses on April 20, 103 children received their First Holy Communion at St. Bede Church.











This summer we will completely rebuild our almost 60 year old parking lot. Everyone's support is needed for this \$500,000 project. Please fill out the donor card you should have received in the mail. For your convenience donations can be made in the following ways:

* By check or cash in the envelope received with the donor card. The donor card can also be used to indicate whether the enclosed donation is complete or whether additional payments will be made to fulfill the pledge.

* By check or cash in our monthly pink Capital Campaign Parking Lot Project envelopes. This

is a good way to make regular payments to fulfill the pledge indicated on the donor card.

* By credit card or bank transfer through our e-giving website

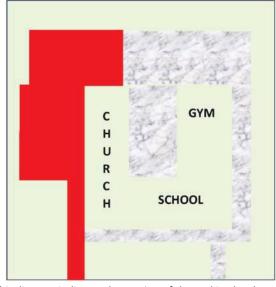
Thank you for your support.



PAVE THE WAY Capital Campaign 2024

Progress – 60%





This diagram indicates the portion of the parking lot that would be reconstructed using funds from the Campaign.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for this year's St. Bede's VBS (Vacation Bible School), which will be the Cool Kingdom Party: Mary leads me closer to Jesus.

The Vacation Bible School is from June 24-June 28. The hours are from 9:30 am to 12 noon, drop off for children will be at 9:15 am. This is a great opportunity for the children to grow closer to Jesus and the Eucharist through Mary, as Eucharistic Revival moves into the mission phase



this July. Mary is our ultimate example of a Missionary Disciple. Calling all pre-K through 7th graders who love to have fun, enjoy crafts and music and want to learn more about Our Lady and her son, Jesus. Preschoolers must be potty trained and at least 4 years of age. Rising CCD 6th graders who help out and register will earn 10-15 hours of service toward their Confirmation Works of Mercy requirements by leading skits, music and activities. Rising, 7th graders and 8th graders are welcome to sign-up to assist with skits, sessions and helping with daily pick-up and drop off.

Please click on the following link to register your children, student missionary disciples (helpers) and any adult that would like to help out:

https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/user? f=C69FAEA4E5CE75C12A7BA39D376D9F1246C895D918550F578 C8448CF61646CECF1A2FB4CBE42DDF9

Parents, please seriously consider helping out! Parents that help all week do not have to pay for the children's tuition. The VBS cannot go forward unless we have enough people helping out! Thanks again for your assistance in advance. There is an option for registration, student volunteers (missionary disciples) and adult volunteers (missionary disciples) to sign up! Thanks for helping us out in advance. I may be contacted at 215-357-2130 or stobin@st-bede.org
May Bl.Carlo Acutis and St. Clare of Assisi bless and pray for you!

Shawn P. Tobin MAPS Director of Religious Education

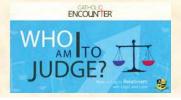
Adult Religious Education There's still time to register!

How can I be happy and fully live out my faith in today's world? How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? In our next St. Bede Adult Faith Formation course, "Who Am I to Judge?" Dr. Edward Sri gives us an important key to respond effectively to relativism—a Catholic moral worldview. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how relativism wounds people and is the spiritual poverty of our times.

In this 8 week program, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life. This course is offered for both morning and evening sessions and will begin on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Registration is \$40 per participant, which covers a study guide and eight lively in-person sessions with snacks and beverages. If you are interested in registering for this course, here is the link that includes all the detailed information, including dates:

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Once you register, you will be sent a welcome email that will include details about workbook pickup. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Tobin, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, at Ktobin@st-bede.org. We hope to see you there!



Cornerstone for Life

Florida Heartbeat Law Now in Effect, Will Save Thousands of Babies from Abortion

 $oldsymbol{F}$ lorida's new heartbeat law that prohibits abortions on unborn babies who have a detectable heartbeat at 6 weeks takes effect today.

The pro-life law will save thousands of babies from abortions and end Florida's status as an abortion destination in the southeast. Florida is surrounded by states with pro-life laws in effect that protect babies and help women and the abortion industry has been directing customers to Florida for abortions instead of helping women and unborn children.

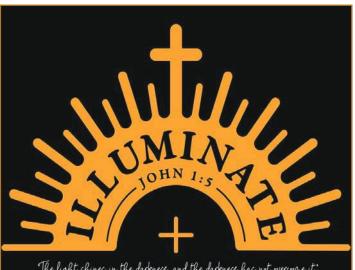
As a result, thousands of babies are expected to be saved from abortion and will get a chance at life.

According to 2023 data from the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, about one-third of all abortions in the South occurred in Florida. The data showed more than 9,300 of those abortions involved people who traveled from other states. These babies will now be protected and their mothers can find pro-life alternatives.

The Heartbeat Law includes exceptions, such as rape, incest, and human trafficking, all of which must be officially documented. The law retains the exceptions from the 15-week law, such as: to preserve the life of the mother, which includes ectopic pregnancies; fatal abnormalities where the unborn baby is unexpected to survive outside the womb; and to "avert a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment or a major bodily function of the pregnant woman other than a psychological condition."

In addition, before an abortion is performed under any of the exception categories, Florida abortion laws require giving a pregnant woman an option to view an ultrasound, a 24-hour reflection period unless there is an emergency, and informed consent.

The Heartbeat Law will also provide \$30 million in reoccurring state funding to support pregnant women and their families.



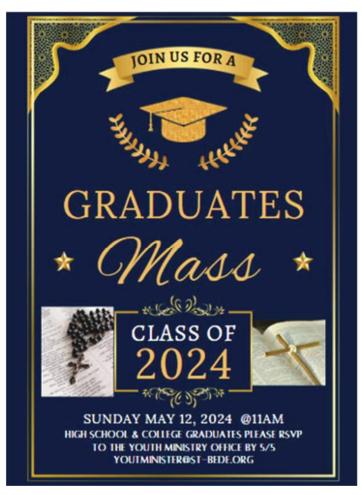
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcoone it:

Sign Up Now July 19-21, 2024

Location: Franciscan University in Ohio

Students currently in grades 8-12 Contact the Youth Ministry office to find out about fundraising and to register! 215-357-5113 or youthminister@st-bede.org







BEDE'S TEENS

Maritza Carmona-Kelly, Youth Minister youthminister@st-bede.org www.st-bede.org/youthministry 215-357-5113





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Hello Everyone

Next Sunday, May 12 we will recognize ALL of our High School and College Graduates at our annual Graduates Mass. We will recognize them at the 11am Mass. High School and College grads that would like to participate PLEASE contact me by Wednesday.



Maritza Carmona-Kelly

This Sunday we recognize our New Drivers. I will share photos next week. <u>The Blessing of New Drivers</u> is an annual blessing offered to our teens who become new drivers in the last year. We pray for God's protection for our new teen drivers and pray for their responsibly handing of the vehicles they drive.

STEUBENVILLE UPDATE: If you know a teen that would like to go to Steubenville but the cost was an issue, PLEASE let them know that I have scholarship money for youth interested in attending Steubenville! They should contact me ASAP!!!! Current 8th - 12th graders can attend! If you know ANY student who would like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference PLEASE have them contact me!!! We are attending in July (July 19-21)

Parents, grandparents — Take note, ALL of our youth should attend this conference at least once in their High School years! It is such an amazing experience of the young Church and of Christ's Love for them. PLEASE encourage teens in your life to attend! PLEASE contact me immediately if you know a teen who would like to attend, who is in need of a scholarship or who would just like to get more information about the conference. Thank you!

God Bless! Maritza

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. May 9 at 6pm In the Youth Center

8th Graders are welcome to join us, to see what Triple T is like.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

The Middle School Youth Group held its last meeting of the school year last Sunday. It was a wonderful night filled with lots of games. First they went outside and played a game (it was so beautiful out), then they watched a video by Matthew Kelly about prayer. They had a snack while watching a slideshow of photos of the events and activities from this past year. It's amazing to see all that we have accomplished! They of course played more games and before we departed, we said a blessing over our graduating 8th graders.



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

Mass Intentions This Week

During the Easter season, all Daily and Sunday Masses are 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, May 6

- + 6:30am Vincent DeRose (Req. by Lou & Victoria)
- + 9:00am Kay Otwell (Req. by Marianne & Dolph Van Thuyne)

Tuesday, May 7

- + 6:30am Lena DeRose (Reg. by Lou & Victoria)
- + 9:00am Vincent Bourcet (Req. by Linda Bourcet)

Wednesday, May 8

- + 6:30am Albert Clarke (Req.by Barbara & Ed Rogowski)
- + 9:00am Philip & Kathleen Doherty (Req. by Rosalie & Tom Curran)
- + 5:30pm Charles & Jane Rowles (Req. by Rich & Anne Niwinski)

Thursday, May 9 (Assumption of the Lord)

6:30am - Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother

(Req.by Antonio & Gina Siravo)

- + 9:00am Mildred & Virgil Schultz (Req. by Don & Barbara Schultz)
- + 5:30pm Robert (Bob) Braubitz (Req. by Christine & Greg Sherlock)
- + 7:30pm Ersilia DiSandro (Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Torrisi)

Friday, May 10

- + 6:30am Vivian Bourcet (Req. by Linda Bourcet)
- + 9:00am Gerrardo & Maria Ranera (Reg. by Antonio & Gina Siravo)

Saturday, May 11

- + 8:30am Anna Heinrich (Req. by Rita & John Heinrich)
- + 5:30pm Special Intentions

Sunday, May 12, 2024

- + 7:30am Brian Gelb (Req. by Joanne Gelb)
- + 9:30am Mary Breslin (Req. by Chuck & Nancy Webster)
- + 11:00am Isabella Shinn (Req. by her parents & brother)
- 12:30pm For the People of the Parish

Weekly Stewardship Report

(Week of April 28, 2024)

FIRST COLLECTION / ENV. AND LOOSE BILLS:	\$16,722.94
FIRST COLLECTION / E-GIVING:	\$6,204.00
TOTAL FIRST COLLECTION:	\$22,926.94
Last year's First Collection Total:	\$24,523.00
FIRST COLLECTION AVG. (includes e-giving):	\$25,139.00
EASTER 2024 (so far):	\$67,550.00
Easter 2023:	\$61,160.00
Parish Stewardship 2024 (includes e-giving)	\$129,255.00
Stewardship total for 2023:	\$111,630.00
2024 Catholic Charities Appeal (as of 4/26/24):	\$41,080.00
2024 Catholic Charities Goal:	\$96,417.00
2023 Catholic Charities total:	\$88,779.00

Food for the Soul

The Feast of the Ascension is the 40th day after Easter Sunday, and commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, as recorded in the Gospels of Mark, Luke, and in Acts of the Apostles. This year, it falls on Thursday May 9, a Holy Day of Obligation.

"Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father..." --- Catechism of the Catholic Church 663

"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 Cpl. Dolores C. Bowers, USMC Lt. Col. Anissa Buckley (RN), US Army Senior CPO James Buckley, USN Col. Charles B. Chalfont, US Army PO3 Jonathan Chisholm, USCG Capt. James Devlin, US Army SSG Matthew DiFlorio, US Army Lt. Col. Michael Erlandson, US Army Lt. Col. Stephen Finn, USAF TSgt. Scott Grove, USAF TSgt. Timothy Harman, USAF MSgt. Austin Heacock, USAF LCDR Jenny Held, MD, USN Capt. Craig Hensel, USCG Cpl. Ethan Himes, USMC SN R.J.Johnson, USCG CDR Keith Krouchick, USN Col. Anthony Kurz, US Army Capt. Luke Ledva, USMC Maj. Daniel Andrew Lusardi, USAF Maj. Crystal Lusardi, USAF

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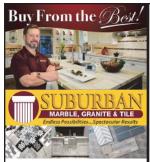
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