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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.



# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 25, 2024



*"We have come to believe and are convinced that You are the Holy One of God."*  
John 6: 69



### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

My dear parishioners,

As you know, I use this weekly column to communicate what is going on in our parish, in every aspect of our life as a community. This week, I want to inform you about an additional appointment that I recently received from Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia. Actually the appointment to which I am referring is a re-appointment.

You see, for the last four years, besides being your pastor I have been the Regional Dean for most of Bucks County. Now, just a few weeks ago, the Archbishop reorganized the Archdiocese, and added two new deaneries. In doing this, two parishes were taken from our Deanery, for which I am responsible.

So what are the parishes in our Deanery? They are the following:

St. Agnes, Sellersville, St. Andrew, Newtown, Assumption BVM, Feasterville, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Jamison, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Yardley, St. Isadore Quakertown, St. John the Baptist, Ottsville, St. Joseph, Warrington, St. Jude, Chalfont, St. Lawrence, Riegelsville, St. Martin of Tours, New Hope, Nativity of Our Lord, Warminster, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Hilltown, St. Robert Bellarmine, Warrington, St. Vincent DePaul, Richboro.

As Regional Dean, I am to work very closely with our regional bishop, who is the recently ordained Bishop Christopher Cook. Together with Bishop Cook, my main

responsibility is to periodically visit these parishes. And after meeting with their priests, staff and pastoral and finance councils, provide a report directly to Archbishop Perez.

It is also my responsibility to arrange occasional meetings of all the priests in our deanery, to offer them information, hear about their local concerns and challenges, offer pastoral support, and address the pastoral planning priorities of the archdiocese.

While it sounds like a lot, Archbishop Perez reminds us that as deans, our own parish is our primary responsibility. We can only do what our parish work will allow. I am fortunate to have a wonderful Parochial Vicar and a tremendous parish staff to support me, as well as all of you. Together, we will help not only our people but the people of Bucks County as best we can, and with God's help.

May God bless you.

*Monsignor Marine*


**Remember The Deceased**  
Francis X. Bell, III, Charles Keszowski,  
Matthew Kelly  
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.

**Welcome Our New Parishioners**  
Hans and Katie Kloehn 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.

**Altar Flower Dedications**  
Aug. 25, 2024  
For Janet Yanny  
Req. by her loving family  
Sept. 1, 2024  
In memory of Daniel Sokol (2nd anniversary)  
Req. by Joan and her family  
Dedicated flowers remain on the altar during the entire weekend. Dates are still available for 2024 and 2025, and the cost is \$70 per side. Altar flowers cannot be ordered during Advent and the Christmas season, or during Lent and the Easter season. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 215-357-5720.



**Father David Slusarick Returns!**  
Our former Deacon will Celebrate a Mass  
of Thanksgiving on Sunday  
September 8, 2024 at 9:30am  
After Mass, everyone is welcome to see  
Fr. Slusarick at the Parish Coffee, in the  
Cafeteria.

 **Perpetual Adoration Chapel  
Altar Candle Dedication**  
Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 2024  
In memory of Eileen Christmann  
(Req. by Bob & Nancy Hall)  
2025 dates are now available! Just come into the Parish Office.  
Candle dedications are a \$30 donation for the week.

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 1, 2024**  
*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*  
*Psalms 15: 2-5*  
*James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*  
*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*  
What an interesting juxtaposition between the first reading and Gospel! Moses is telling the people of the importance of the law that he is teaching them, that following it marks them as "wise and intelligent." Jesus harshly criticizes the Pharisees and scribes for following the letter of that same law! They have not grasped the spirit of that law, so their observation of it is empty. As we hear these words proclaimed, what can they tell us about how we follow God's commands?



# Raffle

Enter to win!



## \$10,000 Raffle

Tickets NOW on sale in the Parish Office  
Tickets NOW on sale after the 5:30pm, 7:30, 9:30,  
11am and 12:30pm Masses

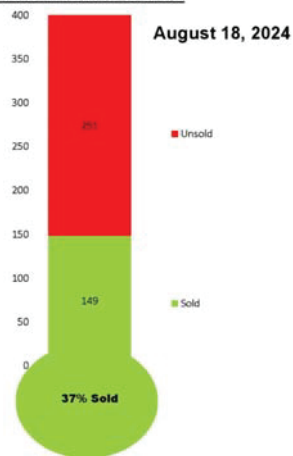
Any special or "lucky" numbers? Call Nancy Carberry  
at 215-322-9951 for special requests!  
(you can leave a message)

Only 400 chances will be sold  
Donation: \$100

(Support the sweepstakes - it helps us  
to keep Parish Picnic ticket prices low)

Join with your friends and neighbors - Buy tickets as a group!

### Raffle Ticket Sales



(Anyone who would like to help to sell Raffle Tickets on weekends after Masses or if you would like to take some tickets to sell at work etc, both ways of support are appreciated. Any tickets taken, that are not sold can be returned to the Parish Office by Friday September 6, 2024 and calling Nancy Carberry at the above number)

### Adult, Teen Volunteers Needed

We are in need for a couple of Adult volunteers to help with Children's Field Events on Saturday Sept. 14, from 3:15pm to 4:30pm. Youth volunteers (grades 7 & 8) are also needed to help with events (It's a great way to accumulate service hours!). If interested, please contact Nancy Carberry at 215-322-9951, and leave a message.

Sign up sheets for the Parish Picnic and the Padre Pio Festival will be available online and in the Church lobbies after all of the Masses, starting on **September 1**. Please consider helping to make our Picnic and Festival a success!

### Food Gift Cards

Did you know that each month St. Bede Parish assists families in our parish and community with food from our pantry as well as a gift card for non-perishable food items? The summer months and the rising cost of food have increased requests for assistance. Please consider participating in this outreach by donating gift cards. Gift cards to the Acme, Giant, Shop Rite and Walmart, are available for purchase in the rectory. They can be left in my mailbox. May God bless you for your generosity.

Kris Ingle  
Outreach Coordinator

### Saint Bede Annual Parish Picnic

Saturday - September 14, 2024  
Noon to 5 PM

Wristbands On Sale  
in Parish Office  
**NOW**

Admission Wristband entitles the bearer to  
McCaffrey All American Picnic Buffet,  
soft drink beverages, live entertainment,  
field games.

Purchase before September 14 to get the best price  
at a  
\$2 to \$3 discount from the regular price.

Adults @ \$13 per person  
Seniors (ages 65 and over) @ \$10 per person  
Children (ages 4 to 12) @ \$5 per person

On the day of the Picnic, tickets will cost  
\$16 for Adults, \$13 for Seniors and \$7 for Children.

For further info:  
Contact Mary Knesis at (215) 860-5273 or  
by email at [mknesis@verizon.net](mailto:mknesis@verizon.net)

### ITEMS INCLUDED WITH WRISTBAND

- McCaffrey All American Picnic Buffet –
- Tomato Pie – Dessert Service
- Beverages (Soda, Juice, Water)
- Karaoke Contest - Willie Lynch Band
- Puppets Pizzazz
- Balloon Artist - Soap Bubbles – Sand Art
- Face Painting – Strolling Magician – Pony Rides
- Field Games (3-Legged Race, Water Balloon Toss, Hippy Hopper and Sack Race) – Bean Bag Toss
- Volleyball Tournament - Bocce Ball Tournament

### ITEMS NOT INCLUDED WITH WRISTBAND BUT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

#### A LA CARTE

- \$10,000 Raffle Tickets - 50/50 Chances - Bingo
- Nonno's Pastries and Coffee – Beer & Wine
- Specialty Food Vendors
- Inflatable Amusements – Carnival Type Games

## Cornerstone for Life

### Presentation: What's Wrong with In-vitro Fertilization?

This five minute video (available at [www.liveaction.org/is-ivf-pro-life](http://www.liveaction.org/is-ivf-pro-life)) by Lauren Rubal M.D. uses diagrams and animation cogently and powerfully to summarize the harms of IVF.

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### New Pro-Life Vigil Location

Join us in prayer as we begin our monthly First Frida prayer vigils at a new Planned Parenthood location. The format will be the same as before and we ask you to continue to pour out your hearts for the unborn and abortion-minded women who come to this local Planned Parenthood location:

September 6, 2024 at 9:00am  
Planned Parenthood Fare Northeast Surgical Center  
2751 Comly Road, Philadelphia, PA



St. Bede the Venerable Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 15478 present the 9th Annual

# PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 14-15, 2024

1071 Holland Rd. + Holland PA (Southampton on GPS)

[www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com)

*Relics of Padre Pio on display all weekend in our Padre Pio Chapel*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**NOON-5:00pm: All American Picnic Buffet**

**(Catered by McCaffrey's Markets)**

(wrist band is good from Noon to 5:00pm)

- Karaoke Contest
- Live Entertainment by the Willie Lynch Band (3:00pm - 5:00pm)
- Bingo
- Field Games
- Games
- Inflatable Amusements



**NOON-7:00pm**

- Café Pio - Italian Pastries & Coffees
- Religious Articles for sale
- Raffle Baskets
- Food Vendors (until 9pm)
- Craft Vendors (until 3pm)
- 5:30pm Mass in Honor of PADRE PIO
- Followed by a blessing with Padre Pio relics



**Festival Continues 7:30pm - 9:00pm**

- Special FREE Concert by the "Jersey Tenors" (Singing everything from Opera to Rock 'n Roll)



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**NOON-5:00pm:**

- Café Pio - Italian Pastries & Coffees (opens at 8am)
- 12:30pm Solemn Mass in Honor of Padre Pio Guest Celebrant/Homilist: Fr. PIO MANDATO!
- 1:30pm Street Procession (accompanied by the Verdi Band of Norristown)



- 2:30pm Healing Service with Padre Pio relics
- 4:00pm Special Event for Teens, with Guest Speaker
- Italian food service by Maggio's Italian Restaurant in Southampton
- Specialty food vendors
- Games, inflatable amusements
- Craft Vendors
- Religious articles for sale
- Padre Pio Kid's Pavilion
- Raffle Baskets



### MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

- Sinatra Tribute Singer Steve Ritrovato
- Jazz/Standards Singer Jessica DiDonato



# 2024 Padre Pio Festival


## Festival / Picnic Sponsorship Opportunities

The planning for the 2024 Padre Pio Festival / Parish Picnic is well under way. Sponsorships play an integral part in helping to defray expenses and contribute to the overall success of the weekend. But Sponsor donations don't just happen. Each year we as a Parish reach out to past Sponsors and potential new ones to participate in the program. Also the Sponsors themselves need time to plan and allocate resources for the program.

To that end we are now reaching out to past Sponsors and looking for additional new ones to again insure the success of the Festival. If you know of a potential Sponsor or you feel you might be interested in becoming a Sponsor, please contact us so we can give you all the necessary information and benefits of the program. We are also looking for a few more people to help us contact potential Sponsors, so please if interested feel free to contact John Lutz at (215) 266-8891 (jwl2271@outlook.com) or Barb Rogowski at (215) 357-5720 (brogowski@st-bede.org)

Thank you for your continued support. (Opportunities which are already sponsored are in **RED**)

GOLD SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		
The Jersey Tenors (Sponsored by St. Bede Knights of Columbus)		\$6,500
Township Police - Traffic (Sponsored by John & Susan Richardson)		\$3,000
Township Police - Security (Anonymous Sponsorship)		\$2,000
Willie Lynch Band (Sponsored by Kampus Klothes)		\$2,000
Monster Obstacle Course/with Slide (Sponsored by Dr. Maria Sicut)		\$2,000
Marble Castle Combo Obstacle Course (Sponsored by Tony Canuso)		\$1,700
Verdi Band (Sponsored by the Chicago Fitz's)		\$3,146
Port-a-Potties (Sponsored by Louis P. Chiarlanza)		\$1,200
Carnival & Circus Combo (Sponsored by Santoro Law Group)		\$1,100
Carnival Midway Kid Zone Combo (Sponsored by Santoro Law Group)		\$1,050
Dumpster Rentals (Sponsored by WSFS)		\$1,000

SILVER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		
Ambulance Emergency Service - Sat. (Sponsored by Robert & Elaine Dekezel)		\$900
Ambulance Emergency Service - Sun. (Sponsored by Penn Community Bank)		\$900
Carnival 3-in-1 game (Anonymous Sponsorship)		\$700
Bottled Water (Sponsored by the Fluehr family)		\$700
Connect-a-Shot (Co-sponsored by Greg & Christina Sherlock)		\$300
(Co-sponsored by Pastorek Landscaping)		\$300
Event Signage (Co-sponsored by Rowland Smith, CPA)		\$500
(Co-sponsored by Colonial Nissan)		\$150
Steve Ritrovato - Sinatra Tribute Artist (Sponsored by Bob & Suzanne Weckenman)		\$600
Jessica DiDonato - Singer (Sponsored by Nancy & Tim Stezzi)		\$600
Pony Rides / Saturday (Sponsored by Kennedy Ford)		\$500
Pony Rides / Sunday (Sponsored by the Rockenbach family)		\$500
"Puppet Pizzazz" Show (Sponsored by Msgr. Marine)		\$500

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		
Kids' Fun Soap Bubble Dance Party (Sponsored by Buck County Dental Design)		\$450
Strolling Magician (Sponsored by Bob & Suzanne Weckenman)		\$400
Karaoke (Anonymous Sponsorship)		\$350
Field Events (Sponsored by the Millevoi Brothers)		\$350
Sand Art (Sponsored by St. Bede Women's Club)		\$350
Teen Volleyball (Sponsored by James & Susan Kelly)		\$350
Animal Balloon Artist (Sponsored by Ed & Jane Bagdon)		\$325
Chucklin' Chickens (Anonymous Sponsor)		\$300
Face Painting-Sat. (Anonymous Sponsor)		\$300
Face Painting-Sun. (Anonymous co-sponsor)		\$200
Face Painting-Sun. (Anonymous co-sponsor)		\$100
Basketball Hoop Game (Sponsored by Bill & Mary DeHaven)		\$300

SICILY - TAORMINA, SCIACCA, PALERMO - & ROME  
with Monsignor John Marine & Father Thomas O'Donald  
JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 07, 2025 ~ 13 DAYS



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Double occupancy for 11 nights  
Limited single occupancy available for solo traveler for additional \$1500/person  
Deposit by December 27, 2024

**AIR TRANSPORTATION**  
\$1200/PERSON\*\*  
\*Estimated price until 03/2024  
Roundtrip economy group air JFK>Rome>Sicily>Rome>JFK (includes base fare, fuel surcharge, taxes, bus transportation to/from airport)





**REGISTRATION**  
Pilgrimage registration and payment options online at [www.cloverdaletravel.org](http://www.cloverdaletravel.org)  
Prefer to register by mail with a check? Other Questions? Contact Michael at [info@cloverdaletravel.org](mailto:info@cloverdaletravel.org) or (215) 469-1505

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



Happy month of August, the month traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come out and join us as we learn to grow closer to Jesus and become the unique and great men God has called us each to be!

Our next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 7 at 7 am in the Drexel Center Room A. (There is no meeting on Aug. 31, due to the Labor Day holiday weekend). Please reach out to Shawn P. Tobin in the Religious Education Office (215-357-2130) or by email at [stobin@st-bede.org](mailto:stobin@st-bede.org) for more information.

# Religious Education

Dear Missionary Disciples,

Next Month, September, is the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, which is celebrated on September 15th. As the children prepare to start school next week, we have a great saint to accompany us! On September 5th, we celebrate St. Teresa of Calcutta, one of our patron saints for the Religious Ed Program this year! Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was born in Macedonia in 1910. She entered religious life and taught in India until she experienced her "call within a call" in 1946 and founded the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, which is dedicated to helping the poorest of the poor. In 1979, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize. She died in 1997 and was canonized in 2016. Mother Teresa devoted her life to caring for the sick and the poor and would say, "the greatest poverty in the world today is to be unloved, unwanted, and uncared for." She reminds us by her life to be joyful in the midst of painful experiences and was known as an apostle of joy. She was quoted as saying "Ordinary things: extraordinary love. Small things: great love" reminding us that in everyday life, what matters most is the love which we have for others and in which we accomplish everyday things. Love isn't a feeling, it's a choice: to will the good of the other. May St. Teresa of Calcutta intercede for us in this missionary year of the Eucharist to follow in her footsteps! (Thanks to Kathleen Tobin for this excerpt)

**Missionary Disciples Needed:** We need you! Please prayerfully consider helping our CCD children to grow in their faith by assisting as a catechist, hall monitor or parking lot monitor. If you are able to assist with any



Mr. Shawn Tobin

of the following, please contact me: **Catechists: Sundays (9:00 am to 10:45 am)** - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a Special Needs Catechist; **Mondays (4:15 pm to 6:00 pm)** - Special Needs Catechist; **Hall Monitors:** on Sunday 1 regular and 1 sub; on Monday 1 sub; **Parking Lot Monitors:** on Sunday 1 regular plus 1 sub; on Mondays 1 sub. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT- St. Bede's Women's Retreat:** "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28) Please join us **September 28, 2024 from 9am to 12:30 pm** in the Drexel Center. The Retreat Day includes: catered breakfast; speaker: co-founder of the Catholic Women of Zion and international speaker, Mary Ann Collett, MSW, MA, CLEM; small group discussion; and living Rosary. To register please contact Kathleen Tobin at [ktobin@st-bede.org](mailto:ktobin@st-bede.org). The cost is \$25 (cash or check made out to "St. Bede Religious Education" - noting "Women's Retreat"), which can be dropped off in the parish office. Registration closes on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CCD:** Please sign up in August for our final round of discounted tuition. **OCIA (previously RCIA):** Please continue to pray for the success of our OCIA program. The OCIA Stories of Faith Program continues weekly in the bulletin.

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](mailto:stobin@st-bede.org). May St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta bless and pray for you!

Shawn P. Tobin, MAPS  
Director of Religious Education

## STORY OF FAITH- DAVID

### "GEORGE" CHIOKADZE (2021-2022 O.C.I.A. PARTICIPANT)

Who or what led you to enter the OCIA process?

I have always respected the Catholic Church. Throughout my life I always thought that of all the different branches of Christianity, the one they derived from carried a lot of significance. My family background is of Orthodox Christianity and my wife and I would frequent Catholic Churches together. She was raised Catholic and the two faiths are also very similar in many ways. My wife certainly inspired me to get closer to the Catholic Church and to frequent Church more in general. Furthermore, my general inclination for finding the truth led me to the faith as well as finding more of a sense of purpose for my life. I also cannot speak highly enough about St. Bede's and how kind and welcoming the Church was to us during the RCIA process. Attending a Church as beautiful as St. Bede and seeing how amazing the community is here helped me make the easy decision to proceed along my faith journey to becoming Catholic.

Was there any point of the process that you found helpful?

Everyone who is part of the RCIA process at St. Bede truly inspired me every week to continue learning more about faith and to engage during the classes. Being able to interact with and learn from Monsignor is especially something that I am so grateful for and an experience I will cherish for the rest of my life. The materials and subjects that we discussed were always very interesting and the learning environment was always one of patience and openness. The discussions we would have at RCIA were always thought provoking and every week I would leave the Drexel Center having learned something new and important. I think every weekly class was vital to the process for me as it kept me focused and engaged.



David Chiokadze and family.

What would you tell someone who might be inquiring about the Catholic faith or the OCIA Process?

I would tell them that having reservations about the process before beginning is normal, but once you meet everyone involved, you will find that it's one of the most rewarding experiences you can take part in. I found RCIA at St. Bede to be incredibly well run, but not too rigorous to go through. It was great to be part of a parish that takes themselves so seriously as an institution but is also very kind, generous, and not intimidating at all. Shawn Tobin was a great guide throughout the journey and you eventually feel part of a family at the Church which means so much to us.

How has the OCIA program helped you understand your faith and grow closer to God?

RCIA has been immensely helpful and a very positive influence on my life and my faith. Learning new aspects of the faith and relearn-

ing things that I had forgotten was a tremendous joy for me. Often times, there's things you learn as a child that are very important to revisit as an adult and RCIA did that for me. Being in the presence of Monsignor Marine's beautiful church and the community he has built at St. Bede's definitely makes you feel closer to the presence of God. Also, reading and discussing scripture throughout RCIA absolutely made me focus on improving myself and living life as a better Christian.

How do you plan to live out your faith going forward?

I believe attending Church and becoming involved in your local faith community is an important aspect of being a Catholic. I believe supporting the Church is a great use of my time as well as starting a family of my own to be raised in the faith. I hope to live up to the teaching of Christ as best I can and do my best to inspire others to do the same.

What is your favorite story in the Bible or about the Catholic faith?

To me, the origin of the Catholic Church and Jesus Christ handing the keys of the Church to Peter is incredibly inspiring. The resilience of the Church to survive for so long is a testament to its profound and awesome beginning. This history to me is one of the many things that makes Catholicism the one true faith.

If you were to write a story about your faith journey what would be the title of your story?

A work in progress...

What do I do if I am interested?

Please reach out to the religious education office for further information at 215-357-2130 or [stobin@st-bede.org](mailto:stobin@st-bede.org) and/or come to the O.C.I.A. information night on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 pm in the Drexel Center Room A.

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

While enjoying this beautiful summer weather, I still find it difficult to believe that school begins in a few weeks. Hopefully, you have taken advantage of these final summer weeks. The beauty of a new school year is one of new beginnings, and we feel the growing sense of excitement and anticipation that a new year brings to everyone. We are privileged to partner with the families of our students in carrying out the educational tradition of excellence of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School.



Ms. Laura Clark

The 2024-2025 school year will be another exciting and productive year with many **memorable experiences and happenings**:

- ◆ **Cellular Repeaters:** Repeaters are being installed throughout the school building in order to ensure proper reception with all cellular use. These cellular repeaters are designed to increase coverage across all bands, so that anyone needing to communicate by phone can be sure that they are never left without signal in an emergency.
- ◆ **LG CreateBoards:** We will begin to install these state-of-the-art interactive boards in our classrooms. These boards are able to present a wide array of learning material through UHD high resolution screens. These boards include polling and Q&A features, along with screen mirroring functions, which invites students to actively participate in class. LG CreateBoard creates a lifelike board touch experience, helping students easily become accustomed and truly engage in classes. This leads to the maximum concentration and organic engagement of students.
- ◆ **Chromebooks and iPads:** We continue to purchase new iPads and chromebooks for our primary levels until all classes are up-to-date with the latest technology.
- ◆ **New Math Series:** A new math series has been ordered for Grades K-1-2-3. Built around the Standards for Mathematical Practices, *McGraw-Hill My Math* engages students with the focus, coherence and rigor required by state standards. The program has an intuitive lesson format and digital tools to develop customized content. Digital accessibility with any device will help our teachers to plan, sequence, and deliver instruction that works best for your students anytime, anywhere.
- ◆ **FACTS App:** We will mainstream all of our announcements, homework, etc with our custom FACTS app for the parents. Classroom websites will no longer be needed and will not be posted on the school website. Training and specific information will be provided at our first PLC/PD Day.
- ◆ **School Calendar:** We are going "old school" and providing every family with an academic calendar which has a calendar for each month which will serve as a visual reminder of upcoming events. Furthermore, it can be easily accessed and doesn't require any digital device or internet connection to use, making it a reliable tool for keeping track of our schedule. Families will receive these at our Orientation days.

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## Help Wanted: Part-Time School Nurse

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School is searching for a part time school nurse (2 days a week) to work in a caring and loving environment with great students and parents. The nurse will work under the supervision of the principal and the district nurse. If you are interested in this paid position, or you know anyone who may be interested, please email Ms. Clark. As always, all proper clearances are required for this position.

## Join Our Team as a CARES Teacher!

Are you passionate about working with children and creating a fun, engaging environment for them to thrive in? Our CARES program at SKD is looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated individual to join our team as a CARES Teacher!

**Position:** 2 CARES Teachers

**Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and Monday & Wednesday 2:30 - 5:00 PM

**Responsibilities:**

- ◆ Engage children in arts and crafts activities, encouraging creativity and self-expression.
- ◆ Play with children, fostering a joyful and nurturing environment.
- ◆ Oversee the safety and well-being of all children in the program.
- ◆ Sign children out of the program and escort them to their parents.
- ◆ Work collaboratively as part of a team to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants.

**Qualifications:**

- ◆ A genuine love for working with children.
- ◆ Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- ◆ Ability to create a fun and safe environment.
- ◆ Reliable and punctual.
- ◆ Willingness to obtain required clearances.

If you are excited about making a positive impact on children's lives and being part of a dynamic team, we would love to hear from you!

**To Apply:** Please Contact Miss Casey at [cares@skdschool.org](mailto:cares@skdschool.org)  
Join us in making a difference, one smile at a time!



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Please join us on **Monday, September 23rd** for the **PA March for Life in Harrisburg**. St. Bede Knights of Columbus has reserved a 54-passenger motorcoach for transportation to the event. We will depart St. Bede Church at 7:00 AM, attend Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, participate in the Rally and March at the State Capitol. We will return to Holland by 5:00pm.

**Cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required.** Please contact **Bus Captain Ed Bagdon** at 267-290-3947 or [ebagdon@verizon.net](mailto:ebagdon@verizon.net) to reserve a seat. Please make checks payable to "KofC Council 15478". Venmo will also be accepted for payment and can be arranged at the time of reservation. Thanks for supporting all the good works of our Council!

# BEDE'S TEENS

Maritza Carmona-Kelly, Youth Minister  
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Hello Everyone

Last week was our last week of summer service and fun. The students helped out at our school, the CCD office and they even cleaned out a bit of the Youth Center (its amazing how many youth don't know that we have a youth center. I am going to have an open house in the Fall so we can have youth and parents walk through it) Here are some photos



Maritza Carmona-Kelly



We also went to Holland Village to play BINGO with the residents one last time this summer. It was a lot of fun and the residents didn't want to see us leave. Here are just a few photos. (I'm disappointed that I didn't get photos of the hugs they received before we left)



Save the Date: Sept. 7—  
SLAMS N JAMS: Youth  
Ministry Kickoff Event

God Bless!  
 Maritza

## TRIPLE T

Triple T Summer Gatherings resume on Thursday, Sept. 12 AT 6PM!!!!

Meet in the Youth Center (St. Francis Center)

ALL Youth in High School are welcome!

(Each week is different, we will have dinner, a discussion & play Games)

@Triple T

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



Saturday, September 7

5:30 Mass followed with Food • Music • Games

Free Admittance

Grades 6 to 12 invited

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Contact  
 Maritza @ 215-357-5113 or email  
 youthminister@st-bede.org  
 St. Bede's Parish  
 1071 Holland Road, Holland

ADVANCE SIGN UP IS CRUCIAL FOR ALL EVENTS.



## Mass Intentions This Week

6:30am weekday Masses are in the Lower Chapel.  
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](http://st-bede.org) (*Living intentions in italics*)

### Monday, Aug. 26

+ 6:30am - Vincenzo Amodei (req. by Lucia Amodei)  
+ 9:00am - In honor of St. Anthony (Req. by Mrs. Siravo)

### Tuesday, Aug. 27

+ 6:30am - Francis Xavier Huan Nguyen (Req. by John & Mary Kraft)  
+ 9:00am - Peter Bohlender & Stephanie Bohlender (Req. by Mary Anne & Dolph Van Thuyne)

### Wednesday, Aug. 28

+ 6:30am - Kurt Forrey Dilatush (Req. by Betty & Tony Favata)  
+ 9:00am - Margaret Hand (Req. by Dorothy Maleczkovicz & family)

### Thursday, Aug. 29

+ 6:30am - Eileen Christmann (Req. by Maria Ranieri)  
+ 9:00pm - Eugene Hummel (Req. by Joe & Chris Perkowski)

### Friday, Aug. 30

+ 6:30am - Maria & Tom Gilbert— for their birthdays (Req. by the Gilbert family)  
+ 9:00am - Joseph Potts (Req. by Rita & John Heinrich)

### Saturday, Aug. 31

8:30am - Special Intention (Req. by Rosemary Brinkos)  
+ 5:30pm - George Nolan (Req. by Tom & Rose Nolan)

### Sunday, September 1, 2024

+ 7:30am - Lois Reso (Req. by Irene & Joe Brusco)  
+ 9:30am - Thomas Bertolino (Req. by Linda Bourcet)  
+ 11:00am - St. Bede Enrollment Society  
+ 12:30pm - Bill Bornak (Req. by Ann Marie & Tony Boyle)

## Weekly Stewardship Report

(Week of Aug. 18, 2024)

FIRST COLLECTION / ENV. AND LOOSE BILLS:	\$13,008.00
FIRST COLLECTION / E-GIVING:	\$8,026.00
TOTAL FIRST COLLECTION:	\$21,034.00
Last year's First Collection Total:	\$21,970.00
FIRST COLLECTION AVG. (includes e-giving):	\$25,356.00
SECOND COLLECTION (Mission Co-op Appeal):	\$5,354.00
2024 Catholic Charities Appeal (as of 08/16/2024):	\$65,375.00
2024 CCA Goal:	\$96,417.00

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

**If you have a child in Middle School (6, 7 or 8 grade) PLEASE make sure you get on our email list so you can receive updates on the activities and events we have during the the school year.**

**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](mailto:middleschoolyouthgroup@gmail.com)**

[www.st-bede.org](http://www.st-bede.org)

## Mass Enrollment Society

The following people have recently been enrolled in St. Bede's monthly Mass Enrollment Program, which can honor the living or the deceased. The next Mass for the Society is 11am on Sunday Sept. 1, 2024.

Remaining Society Masses for 2024 are:

Oct. 6 (12:30pm), Nov. 2 (5:30pm), Dec. 1 (7:30am).

Society Masses for 2025 are:

Jan 5 (11am), Feb. 2 (12:30pm), Mar. 2 (9:30am), Apr. 6 (11am), May 4 (9:30am), Jun. 1 (11am), Jul. 5 (5:30pm), Aug. 3 (7:30am), Sep. 7 (11am), Oct. 5 (12:30pm), Nov. 2 (9:30am), Dec. 6 (5:30pm)

Below are recent intentions, with their sponsors.

(Living intentions are in italics):

Joan Canuso (25 yrs) Req. by Dolores Uphoff	John D. Ruhl (50 yrs) Req. by Kathleen Gordon
Moulina Olga Kaminsky (25 yrs) Req. by Mary Higman	William Rockenbach, Sr. (25 yrs) Req. by the Linder family
William Rockenbach, Sr. (25 yrs) Req. by Susan DiFlorio	William Rockenbach, Sr. (25 yrs) Req. by the Engle family
Joan Canuso (50 yrs) Req. by Dr. Joseph Thompson	Raymond Elliott (25 yrs) Req. by Nancy & Tim Stezzi
Archbishop Edward Adams (25 yrs) Req. by the St. Bede Parish family	Lorraine Moyland (Perpetual) Req. by Maria & Leon Fagel
Fr. Gregory Miller (50 yrs) Req. by Diana Nolan	Debbie & Frank Coonelly (50 yrs) Req. by Diana & Joan Nolan
Joseph P. Hand (25 yrs) Req. by Gene & Chris Zalewski	Mr. Barrett (25 yrs) Req. by Andrew Terzella
Florence Ruhl (25 yrs) Req. by Nancy & Chuck Webster	Francis X. Bell, III (25 yrs) Req. by the Linder family

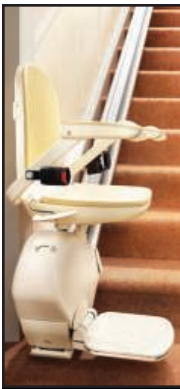
## Food for the Soul

Tuesday is the feast day of **St Monica**. She is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. It took many years and many tears to bring her son back to the Catholic faith. We know her son, **St Augustine**, one of the four Great Fathers of the West and a Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is tomorrow! Never stop praying for those who have gone astray.

## Pray for the Sick

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](mailto:pmcnally@st-bede.org)).

Ellen Hardy	Rita Chmielewski	Shirley Blackburn
Patty Sexton	Michael Long	Sheila Connors
Catherine Pistelli	Mandy Di Fede	Johari Crews
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Mark Grove, Sr.	Sutton Strawn Bullard	Nicholas Viola
Kellie Martin	Richard Dobson, Sr.	Mary Higman
Wendy Harper	Gerry Ryan	Kadence Lawson
Frances Osiecki	Rowan Ryan	Frank Tuohy
Chuck Hahn	Catherine Russell	Anne Tuohy
Frank Husted	Irene Scotti	Gene Lyczynski
Connie Colantuono	Antonio Santilli	Hugh McConville
Frank Colantuono	Adele Boylin	Jill Bell
Carolyn Baxter	Cody Kearns	Annette Lynch
Lucy Zyry	Tim Ward	Dan Martarano
Baby Mallery	Lonnie Lonergan	Paul Sabina
Brenda	Anne Flanagan	Maryann Duval
Charles Branson	Julia Pirolli	Mary Thoma
Terry Thompson	Chuck Webster	Eleanor Geisheimer
Brooke Cheney	Tony Canuso	Eileen Finnerty-Smith
Erich McBerke	John Monaghan	Sean & Ronan Schultz
Gloria Merion	Stella Pettinelli	Marie Szczesniak
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