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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.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024



"Go sell what you have, give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven."
Mark 10: 21



Rev. Monsignor
John C. Marine

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

My dear parishioners,

October is designated not only by the Catholic Church, but many others citizens throughout our country, as **Respect Life Month**. Those of you my age growing up in the 50's and 60's remember a time when virtually almost everyone believed that abortion was the murder of an unborn child and therefore not only immoral but illegal.

I can remember that by the late 60's there was a cry, though not as loud and forceful as today, for abortions to be allowed in very rare circumstances. However, I also remember one of my religion teachers saying that once that is allowed in one case, society will begin to go on "a slippery slide." One in which she said, whereby as a society we will say that if we can take life in one circumstance, how about another and then another?

Sister's prophecy I believe has come true. Now we call the gruesome reality of abortion a "medical procedure" and part of a "right to reproductive health." Oh my, it seems the same devil that seduced Adam and Eve has seduced us once again. How often do we see images or hear and see news stories of gruesome murders of innocent people. And we find ourselves asking how someone could kill someone so callously without a feeling of any

Remember The Deceased

Francis Siry

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.

Bereavement Group Ministry

The monthly meeting of the Bereavement Group is scheduled for **Thursday Oct. 17 at 10:00am, in the St. Francis Center**. Please call Lynn O'Brien if you plan to attend: 215-504-4718.



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Altar Candle Dedication

Oct. 14-20, 2024

For Linda Howe

(Req. by Bob & Loree Howe)

2025 dates are now available! Just come into the Parish Office. Candle dedications are a \$30 donation for the week.

Altar Flower Dedications

Oct. 13, 2024

In memory of David Matthew Lutz

Req. by Irene & Joe Brusco

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.



remorse.

Again, Sister's prophecy has come true. When you live in a society that will kill babies who cannot speak for themselves, that nonchalant attitude toward human life spreads like an unchecked cancer.

Fr. Alex Masluk in a recent news bulletin said, "You know things are right or wrong because God says so. God takes the time to reveal basic morality to us through the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the writings of the apostles and prophets, and through the Holy Spirit speaking through His Church. By calling something a 'choice' we do not automatically make it a moral decree."

He went on to write, "The most important thing you and I can do to melt the hearts of the abortion industry and its supporters are to pray for their conversion, and yourself to live and make your decisions as a child of God who treats everyone, even those who cannot speak for themselves, with dignity and respect. By your own daily prayer and witness you can plant a seed, which will germinate and help others to respect and choose life."

Finally on another note a major election is just weeks away. The Pennsylvania Catholic Bishop's Conference has put together a helpful two-page Voter's Guide showing where the candidates stand on major issues. The information is simply taken from each party's platform, which can be found online. Read it. Pray over it. And vote with an informed conscience.

May God bless you.

Monsignor Marine

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024

Isaiah 53: 10-11

Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Mark 10: 35-45 or 10: 42-45

The disciples in Mark's Gospel still don't seem to get it! Now James and John are asking for favors from Jesus, instead of asking what more they can do. Jesus' response makes it clear that a true disciple follows Jesus in every way, including giving oneself over to serving others. Whoever would be great must be the servant of all. Listening to these words today, let us give thanks to God for the great gift of Jesus Christ, and pray for the grace to become more like Him.





Knights of Columbus Council 15478



Knights of Columbus Meeting

The next meeting of the Saint Bede Parish Knights of Columbus Council 15478 is scheduled in the Drexel Center on **Thursday Oct. 17, at 7:30pm**. ALL Knights should check their email for details and respond to Ed Bagdon to confirm attendance: ebagdon@verizon.net



**St. Bede
Knights of Columbus
Council 15478**



Our "Baby Bottle" Drive Fundraiser is THIS Weekend!

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, confused, and feel they have no support. Because of caring people like you, **over 4,000 lives have been saved!** Our advocacy program gives women a community of support and empowers them through mentoring and hands-on life skills classes throughout their pregnancy and **for at least three years after** their babies are born.

**Please support the 2024 Legacy of Life Foundation
"Baby Bottle" Drive Fundraiser**

Distribution of envelopes on October 12th-13th.

Return envelopes to Church on October 19th-20th.

If you won't be here, please donate now! Also, don't forget that this year a generous donor has offered a matching gift of \$10,000 just for St. Bede - this means **your gift will be doubled!**

Make your check payable to the **Legacy of Life Foundation**. Note **Baby Bottle Drive and St. Bede Parish** along with all of your information so we can report back about the success of the Baby Bottle Drive, then:

1. Return to the church on 10/19 or 10/20 OR
2. Mail to: 25 S. Main Street, #217, Yardley, PA 19067 OR

Go to www.legacyoflifefoundation.org or scan the QR code to make a secure online gift

THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!



"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise" - St. Mother Teresa

Welcome Our New Parishioners

William & Karen Frye
Thomas & Maria Lichorobiec family
Christina & James Kilcoyne family
Edward & Patricia Mayer family
Michael & Joyce Murphy

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.

Food for the Soul

"Thursday we observe the **Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch**, a Church Father known as the "Doctor of Unity." He was devoted to the principle of unity because God exists as Three Persons in One, in absolute unity. St Ignatius was the first person in Christian literature to attribute to the Church the adjective "catholic" or "universal" when he wrote to the Smyrnaeans "Wherever Jesus is, there is the Catholic Church."

From Archbishop Perez

World Mission Sunday, Oct. 20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Archbishop
Nelson J. Perez

As we gather in communion this World Mission Sunday on October 20, I encourage you to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year: *"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"* (Matthew 22:9). This message, inspired by the parable of the wedding banquet, leads us to a renewed sense of mission that invites all to partake in the Lord's feast of love and salvation.

As Catholics, we are called to engage in the worldwide mission of the Church. Pope Francis urges us to *tirelessly* "go out" and "invite" all to the Lord's banquet, ensuring that no one is excluded. It symbolizes the final banquet, "ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God," anticipated in every Eucharistic celebration. This is Christ's gift, the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at His command. Our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table where the Lord feeds us with His Word, His Body, and His Blood. It is the place that sustains us with the hope of eternal life.

Your prayers, sacrifices, and contributions on World Mission Sunday are more than offerings. They are tangible ways of extending the Lord's invitation to the world. They fuel the joy and hope being shared zealously in more than 1,111 Mission dioceses worldwide where the Church is young and in desperate need of resources. Your gifts support essential pastoral and temporal ministries such as churches, schools, orphanages, catechetical training, and programs of formation.

I encourage you to respond generously to this call. Let us unite in prayer for the success of the Church's missionary activity and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel. Your generosity serves as a powerful witness to the love and compassion at the heart of our faith, ensuring that everyone receives the invitation to the Lord's banquet.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the Church's universal mission. Together, let us rejoice in the opportunity to share God's love with the world and invite all to the banquet of the Lord. Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



TRIPLE T

*Triple T Gathering
(Dinner & Discussion)
Thursday October 17 at 6pm
Meet in the Youth Center (St. Francis Center)*

*ALL High School Youth are welcome!
We are viewing a new
series from YDisciple called
Created and Claimed.*

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

Principal's Corner

Our Scripture Passage for the month of October is:

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Each day we pray that the light of Christ will illuminate our world! We ask our Lord to use us to bring the light, life, and love of Christ to our world. We pray that we are ever mindful that without our Lord we can do nothing, but in the strength and power of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to act as Jesus' hands, Jesus' feet, and Jesus' heart, to those in need. Let your light shine!



Ms. Laura Clark

Ms. Laura Clark, M.S., Ed.
Principal, SKD School
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Cornerstone for Life

Consecration of the Election to the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Composed by Fr. Chad Ripperger)

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men; Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God; Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope.

Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works, and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son.

Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve.

Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

Join Cub Scouts Pack 280 at St. Bede's the Venerable Holland, PA

All boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join Cub Scout Pack 280.

Please join us
October 16, 203 at 7:00 pm
at St. Bede Cafeteria to learn about cub scouting.

Our pack meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the St. Bede Cafeteria. The Cub Scouts enjoy lots of fun activities that include skill games, sports, crafts, special outings, adventures, trips and nature hikes.

For more information about the Cub Scout Pack 280 contact Erin Hamilton
email at erin.r.hamilton@gmail.com or pack280holland@gmail.com
or call/text 609-575-2389



12th Annual SKD Golf Outing



Monsignor Marine, Ms. Clark, and Mrs. Romano were so excited to welcome our alumni from the Class of 2016 to our Annual Golf Outing this past Monday. SKD's Alumni Association is currently being developed and coordinated by Jack O'Malley '16. Events are being planned to bring our former students together! If you are an SKD alum- please reach out to Alicia Figueroa at advancement@skdschool.org.

Pictured left to right- Jack O'Malley '16, Mrs. Romano, Monsignor Marine, Brian Cawley '16, Dan Mallee '16, and Ms. Clark.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL OPEN HOUSE

November 3rd 2024
12-2pm

We live our FAITH
We SERVE others
We are lifelong LEARNERS



BE THE
light
MATTHEW 5:14

Please RSVP to Alicia Figueroa at
Advancement@skdschool.org

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Religious Education

Dear Missionary Disciples,

October is the month of the Holy Rosary! The Church dedicates October to the Holy Rosary because Our Lady saved West Europe from destruction by the Muslims. The origins of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary dates back to 1571 when Pope Pius V established it to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian nations in the Battle of Lepanto October 7, 1571. Right before the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the Rosary for the defeat of the Muslim forces; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons. (From Catholic News Agency-Month of October) Our Lady of the Rosary and Victory, pray for us to live a victorious life as Missionary Disciples of Christ's love and mercy. Consider a weekly family Rosary to grow together as a family and get to know Jesus and Mary better. If you can't pray a whole Rosary, then try one decade together: an Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and a Glory Be.

Annual Blessing of Pets: We had about 20 families come out with pets of all kinds (dogs, cats, chickens) this year to receive a blessing from Father Zehner and receive blessed St. Francis medals from Religious Education.



Mr. Shawn Tobin



CCD: I wanted to thank all the students and Missionary Disciples for their great responses to our fire drills during our CCD Sunday and Monday sessions last week. Also, for the Month of the Holy Rosary, each student was given their own Rosary, thanks to the Legion of Mary's donation of hundreds of Rosaries. I am looking forward to CCD Confession on Monday.

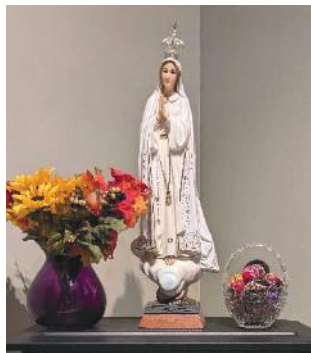
CCD Traveling Our Lady of Fatima Statue: This week Kathleen and I were blessed to have the CCD Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our home. It is always a blessing to start the CCD year off with her. She will go from family to family throughout the year!

Upcoming CCD Important Dates: Oct 14: CCD Confessions; Oct 20 or 22: Confirmation Seminars (one option required per student with one parent also in attendance); Oct 21 or 28: Family Catechesis- Parent Catechesis on the Sacraments, Oct 31: Vigil of All Saints Day-All Hallows Eve-Halloween; Nov 1: All Saints Day

OCIA- Christian Initiation (previously RCIA): Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact me and come out to our OCIA meetings, which started September 19. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 17.

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 St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta bless and pray for you!

Shawn P. Tobin, MAPS
Director of Religious Education



Adult Religious Education

Epic: The Early Church

The Early Church is a 10-session program that begins November 19th. The course presents in exciting and dramatic detail the first 500 years of the Church through the lives and events of the saints, philosophers, theologians, martyrs, and ruthless emperors. Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. St. John Paul II said, "Christ is the foundation and center of history; he is its meaning and ultimate goal." *Epic: The Early Church* encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of his Church. Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. You will learn the stories behind the first ecumenical councils and the Roman persecutions and meet many of the men and women who gave their lives to defend the Faith. The heroic stories of the early leaders and martyrs of the Church will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith.

Registration is \$42 per participant, which covers a workbook, access to the online course videos and workbook and 10 lively in-person sessions with snacks and beverages. The course will meet in the Drexel Center, Room B on Tuesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:15 AM and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 PM. Participants can alternate between the two times as needed since both sessions will be the same each week. **Course Dates:** Nov 19; Dec 3, 10; 2025: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18.

If you are interested in **registering** for this course, use this QR Code:

Once you register, you will be sent a welcome email before the start date of the course with information regarding workbook pick-up and a link for access to the online videos and workbook.

For any questions, contact Kathleen Tobin at ktobin@st-bede.org



TRUNK OR TREAT
October 27th
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
St. Bede Parking Lot

For further information or to register a TRUNK please contact Maritza in the Youth Ministry Office
youthminister@st-bede.org

SEE YOU THERE!

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON

In keeping with its mission, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of September 6th, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The PCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

"Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."

– *Excerpting Conscience for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015*



Vice President
KAMALA HARRIS



Former President
DONALD TRUMP

ABORTION

In a 2023 interview, Harris said, "We need to put into law the protections of Roe v. Wade. And that is about going back to where we were before the Dobbs decision." Harris posted on social media in July 2024, "We who believe in reproductive freedom will stop Donald Trump's extreme abortion bans—because we trust women to make decisions about their bodies." In her address at the Democratic National Convention Harris said, "[W]hen Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom, as president of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law."

As president, Trump nominated three Supreme Court justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade, in an April 2024 video, Trump said, "My view is now that we have abortion where everyone wanted it from a legal standpoint, the states will determine by vote or legislation... Many states will be different." He also said he would not sign a national abortion ban. In August 2024, Trump said he is voting no on Florida's ballot Amendment 4, which would legalize abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy with no protections for the unborn baby.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Harris' 2020 plan included legalizing marijuana, abolishing mandatory minimum sentences, ending the death penalty and solitary confinement, stopping private prisons, getting rid of cash bail, and leveraging the president's clemency powers to reduce the number of people in federal prison. As a Senator, Harris introduced a bail reform bill with Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) in 2017 and voted in favor of the First Step Act in 2018.

In 2018, Trump signed into law the First Step Act, which, according to a Federal Bureau of Prisons overview, "was the culmination of a bi-partisan effort to improve criminal justice outcomes, as well as to reduce the size of the federal prison population while also creating mechanisms to maintain public safety." During an Aug. 2020 White House briefing, Trump stated, "I'll appoint more tough-on-crime prosecutors. ... When you enforce the law, order follows. And we need order."

DEATH PENALTY

During her 2020 Presidential bid, Harris stated she would seek to end the death penalty. In 2024, the Democratic National Committee dropped the call for an end to the death penalty from its platform.

The Trump administration presided over 13 federal executions. Trump has said that he supports expanding the death penalty to include convicted drug smugglers/traffickers.

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

No statements on Harris' position on educational choice were found. The 2024 Democratic Party Platform states, "We oppose the use of private-school vouchers, tuition tax credits, opportunity scholarships, and other schemes that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from public education."

Trump's website states, "Republicans believe families should be empowered to choose the best Education for their children. We support Universal School Choice in every State in America. We will expand 529 Education Savings Accounts and support Homeschooling Families equally."

ENVIRONMENT

At a UN climate summit in 2023, Vice President Harris announced "a new \$3 billion pledge to the Green Climate Fund, which helps developing countries invest in resilience, clean energy, and nature-based solutions."

In 2019, the Trump Administration began the process of withdrawing from the Paris agreement on climate change, an international accord to reduce global green-house gas emissions.

GENDER ISSUES

In social media posts in June/July of 2023, Harris called on Congress to pass the Equality Act, which would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would exempt itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. As a U.S. Senator, Harris also cosponsored the Equality Act in 2017.

In a Jan. 2023 video, Trump said, "I will ask Congress to pass a bill establishing that the only genders recognized by the United States government are male and female and they are assigned at birth. The bill will also make clear that Title IX prohibits men from participating in women's sports and we will protect the rights of parents from being forced to allow their minor child to assume a gender which is new and an identity without the parents' consent."

HEALTH CARE

At a March 2024 event, Harris said the Biden-Harris Administration "strengthened the Affordable Care Act so that, today, more Americans have healthcare coverage than ever before."

In a Nov. 2023 social media post, Trump said, "Getting much better healthcare than Obamacare for the American people will be a priority... It is not a matter of cost, it is a matter of HEALTH. America will have one of the best Healthcare Plans anywhere in the world. Right now it has one of the WORST!"



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON

VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS

FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

In 2021, as vice president, Harris began leading the Biden Administration's efforts to address the root causes of migration from countries in Central America, citing the need for a multilateral approach and encouraging private-sector investment. In her keynote at the Democratic National Convention, Harris pledged to bring back a bipartisan border package that would have dramatically limited the number of people allowed to claim asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border, while increasing resources for local communities receiving migrants.

At the July 2024 Republican National Convention, Trump promised to launch the "largest deportation operation in the history of the United States." In 2018, the Trump Administration implemented a "zero tolerance policy," an escalated effort to prosecute individuals entering the U.S. unlawfully, resulting in the separation of thousands of children from their parents, some of whom remain separated today. As president, Trump implemented policies such as the "Migrant Protection Protocols" and "Title 42," which severely limited access to asylum along the U.S.-Mexico border, and set the lowest refugee admissions ceiling, since the resettlement program was created in 1980.

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)

In a March 2024 social media post, Harris said, "President @JoeBiden and I will always protect access to IVF."

In an August 2024 speech, Trump said, "[U]nder the Trump administration, your government will pay for — or your insurance company will be mandated to pay for — all costs associated with IVF treatment."

POVERTY

In a proposal released in August 2024, Harris pledged to send Congress proposed federal limits on price increases for food producers and grocers. The proposal also called for creating a \$4.0 billion innovation fund for businesses building affordable rental housing units, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for some frontline workers, and reducing taxes on healthcare plans offered on the marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act. Harris also supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15, supports expanding Social Security benefits by \$1,500 annually for those making less than \$16,000 a year, and has pushed for expanding SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) through the SNAP for KIDS Act.

Trump signed the Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility executive order that calls on federal agencies to reevaluate welfare regulations. He favors mandatory work requirements for social welfare programs, and called for \$8.8 billion in affordable housing cuts in his fiscal year 2019 budget request. During his 2016 campaign, Trump suggested raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10 but also expressed belief that the decision should rest with states. He has stated in the past that the federal government should not cut Social Security benefits. The Trump Administration proposed cuts to SNAP (formerly Food Stamps).

RACIAL EQUITY

In an op-ed Harris wrote, "People are protesting because Black people have been treated as less than human in America. ...[O]ur country has never fully addressed the systemic racism that has plagued our country since its earliest days. ...No longer can some wait on the sidelines, hoping for incremental change. In times like this, silence is complicity."

On his website, Trump said, "Joe Biden recently signed a very sinister executive order mandating that almost every federal department and agency establish a Marxist 'equity'... enforcement squad to implement a woke takeover of the entire federal government... Instead of treating everyone equally... 'equity' means that benefits are awarded and policies are enforced based on skin color and sexual identity. We don't think that's a good idea. ... I will revoke this executive order on my first day back in office."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

As Senator, Harris co-introduced the Do No Harm Act that states that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) "should not be interpreted to authorize an exemption from generally applicable law that imposes the religious views, habits, or practices of one party upon another." The measure was first introduced in 2017 in response to the Supreme Court's 2014 Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores decision, which held that applying the HHS contraceptive mandate to closely held corporations violated RFRA.

Trump signed an Executive Order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty to ensure that faith-based organizations would not be forced to compromise their religious beliefs as they serve their communities. This includes defending the rights of religious orders to care for the infirm and elderly without being fined out of existence for refusing to facilitate access to services that violate their faith. In June 2024, Trump said, "When I return to the White House, I will, once again, aggressively defend religious freedom in all of its forms."

UKRAINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

In 2024, Harris said, "Russia's aggression is...an attack on international rules and norms and the principles embodied in the U.N. Charter. ...President Joe Biden and I will continue to support Ukraine and continue to impose costs on Russia." Regarding the Middle East, Harris said, "It is time for this war to end and end in a way where Israel is secure, all the hostages are released, the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can exercise their right to freedom, dignity, and self-determination."

In his 2024 Republican National Convention speech, Trump said, "I will end every single international crisis that the current administration has created, including the horrible war with Russia and Ukraine, which would have never happened if I was president. And the war caused by the attack on Israel, which would never have happened if I was president."

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Hello Everyone

Our Parish 40 Hours Devotion was wonderful! There were many youth of the parish present each night, especially on Tuesday. On Monday night several youth who attended Steubenville met up for a Steubenville Reunion, we spent some time in Eucharistic Adoration and then we went to dinner (and several came to the evening service also). It was a wonderful gathering.



Maritza Carmona-Kelly

Last Saturday the youth had their annual Glow Frisbee Night. Thank God we had beautiful weather! They went to the 5:30 Mass, then fellowshiped for a while (until it got dark) and then the games began. It was an action packed night of fun!! Here are a few photos.

Lastly, its that time of year... we need TRUNKS for our annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 27th. PLEASE contact me if you would like to register a 'TRUNK' or your family wants to join us.

God Bless!
Maritza



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

The Next Middle School Youth Group gathering is Sunday, Oct 20 @ 7pm Meet in the Drexel Center (ALL 6, 7 & 8th graders Welcome!!!)

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

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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 (*Living intentions in italics*)

Monday, Oct. 14

+ 6:30am - Edward Kozarek (Req. by Joe & Lenore Stepenosky)
+ 9:00am - Joey Pieczynski-67th anniversary (Req by Gloria McAvinue)

Tuesday, Oct. 15

+ 6:30am - Francis Xavier Huan Nguyen (Req. by John & Patricia Lutz)
+ 9:00am - Cecilia Kempster (Req. by husband Joe)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

+ 6:30am - Francis Xavier Huan Nguyen (Req. by Eileen & Rob McAdams)
+ 9:00am - William & Vivian Bourcet (Req. by Linda Bourcet)

Thursday, Oct. 17

+ 6:30am - Fr. Peter Slane-31st anniversary (Req. by St. Bede Parish)
+ 9:00pm - Lois Reso (Req. by St. Bede Women's Club)

Friday, Oct. 18

+ 6:30am - Jean Murray (Req. by Thomas Murray)
+ 9:00am - Marilyn Feigle (Req. by Maria Ranieri)

Saturday, Oct. 19

+ 8:30am - Gloria O'Donnell (Req. by Kathy Nachtman)
+ 5:30pm - Special Intentions

Sunday, October 20, 2024

+ 9:30am - Howard Pizzo (Req. by Margaret Pizzo)
9:30am - *For the People of the Parish*
+ 11:00am - Linda Sherlock (Req. by Christine & Gregory Sherlock)
+ 12:30pm - The Robert McAdams family (Req. by Rob & Eileen McAdams)

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

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Pvt. Evan John Barker, USMC
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Weekly Stewardship Report

(Week of Oct. 6, 2024)

FIRST COLLECTION / ENV. AND LOOSE BILLS:	\$18,504.00
FIRST COLLECTION / E-GIVING:	\$11,545.00
TOTAL FIRST COLLECTION:	\$30,049.00
Last year's First Collection Total:	\$27,300.00
FIRST COLLECTION AVG. (includes e-giving):	\$25,181.00
Stewardship, thus far (including e-giving)	\$43,775.00
STEWARDSHIP 2023 FINAL TOTAL	\$129,320.00
2024 Catholic Charities Appeal (as of 10/04/2024):	\$66,730.00
2024 CCA Goal:	\$96,417.00

St. John Neumann Boot Drive

Saint John's Hospice (SJH) is hosting its annual Saint John Neumann Boot Drive to benefit men experiencing homelessness.

SJH, part of the Housing and Homeless Services Division of CSS, provides crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. This annual boot drive enables SJH to purchase basic necessities for men in need.

A donation of just \$25 can provide a new pair of boots, socks, and undergarments to a homeless man in need. A gift of \$100 can provide four men experiencing homelessness with boots, socks, and undergarments. Remaining funds will help SJH's annual appeal and benefit the SJH's Residential Program, Coffee House, and Day Services Programs, as well as its Good Shepherd Program, a residential program offering housing and social services to homeless men who are medically fragile.

Those interested in supporting SJH can make a one-time gift or recurring financial contribution through a dedicated link by visiting <http://saintjohnshospice.org/donate-3/> and designating the specific fund.

Quotable...

"The Cross will not crush you; if its weight makes you stagger, its power will also sustain you."

- St. Padre Pio



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).

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