MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY VIGIL (4TH Sunday of Lent)
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Galardi Family

SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT) [3]
8:00 For All the People of the Parish
10:00 Daniel Hudak (Family)
12:00 Andy Von Arx (Family)

MONDAY (Lenten Weekday) [4]
7:00 James C. Miller (Parish)
9:00 Jonathan Maddigan (Friends & Classmates)
7:00 p.m. Special Intention

TUESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [5]
7:00 Special Intention
9:00 Christine & John Valitutti (Family)
7:00 p.m. SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

WEDNESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [6]
7:00 Special Intention
9:00 Mary Jo Masterson (Paul & Mary Lydon)
7:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions

THURSDAY (Lenten Weekday) [7]
7:00 Special Intention
9:00 John W. Meagher (Friends)
7:00 p.m. Richard Cullinan (Griffin Family)

FRIDAY (Lenten Weekday) [8]
7:00 Special Intention
9:00 Jerry Handrahan (Family)
7:00 p.m. Sophia Adams (St. Bede Guild)
7:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY (Lenten Weekday) [9]
7:00 Living & Deceased Members of the St. Bede Guild
9:00 Fr. Kuruvilla Cherian (Joseph Cherian Family)

VIGIL (4TH Sunday of Lent)
5:00 p.m. For All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT) [10]
8:00 Joseph & Maureen Vigliotti (Family)
10:00 John Donaher, Sr. (Joseph Goldcamp Family)
12:00 Antonio Cassara & Ciacoma Alesi (Giuseppa Cassara)

SICK LIST
Pray for Mary Podercheck, Regis Griffin, John Ceric, Joanne Schwarz, Kevin O’Brien, Mary Jane Tirk, Mizan Berhe, Al Kiefer, Debra Tenney, Lucy Schoyer, Maureen Budway, John Davis, James Walsh, Julian Zekan, Joann Dzikowski, Fran McCarthy, D. J. Stinelli, Peter McKinney, Bridget Coughenour, Lillian Rice, Agnes Fox, Mary Ann Pfleger, Joseph Hamm, John di Battiste, Gavin Boyle, “Baby Lucy”, Bonnie Richards-Takacs and all those in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

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ST. BEDE SIGNS OF GENEROSITY

Offertory Collection
Fourth Sunday of March 2010 $10,427.00
Fourth Sunday of March 2011 $9,690.00

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FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY hosts a significant Charismatic Conference this Summer. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Bryce

SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)

12:00 Antonio Cassara & Ciacoma Alesi (Giuseppa Cassara)
10:00 John Donaher, Sr. (Joseph Goldcamp Family)

ST. BEDE CHURCH
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April 3, 2011

REFLECTIONS

SEASON OF LENT

THE MAN BORN BLIND - A LENTEN PARABLE

The great Jewish scholar Abraham Joshua Heschel described the Prophet in comparison with the rest of men in this fashion: Man sees what he knows. The Prophet knows what he sees.

Today’s Gospel centers on the man blind from birth. Many inquiries and arguments swirled around him because Jesus performed a miracle. Inquiries: who sinned that he would have to bear this deprivation of sight? How was the deed done? Arguments: violation of the Sabbath; parental involvement in the “unlawful deed”; sinful man can’t teach the teachers.

Outcome: after being expelled by the Pharisees the newly sighted man is looked for and found by Jesus. Then in an exchange of faith-embraced truth: “Do you believe in the Son of Man? He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus reveals his true self to him “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” “I do believe, Lord,” and we are told that he worshiped Jesus.

I find tremendous hope in Jesus response and explanation to his disciples’ question about sin and blindness. “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” In other words, human sin did not prompt the blindness in the child. There is no effort to trivialize the enormity of being bereft of the sense of sight from a human point of view. [We see what we know.] God, however, can prompt us to cooperate with his grace and make visible the works of God.

[ The Prophet - person of faith knows what he sees.]

BISHOP ZUBIK called us to action on behalf of the people of Japan suffering so terribly from the earthquake/tsunami devastation. Our response will be funneled through Catholic Relief Service who is already working in Japan. The weekend of March 19/20 we announced the intended collection at all the Masses. One of our Sunday School of Religion children, Madeleine Denko, took the request to heart. She gathered some friends, baked cookies, made lemonade, book marks and place mats. They then leafleted her neighborhood with a notice of the “sale”. They collected $100. A friend matched the amount. Madeleine donated the two hundred dollars to CRS last Sunday. Thank you to Madeleine and all of her compatriots in the project and all of her “customers”. Thanks, also, to everyone who contributed to the cause last week. A total of $4,874.00 was sent to Bishop Zubik last week!

THE SAGA OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

It truly is a lesson in humility, that I will tell you when I get humble enough. In the meantime, Sister Mary asked me to put up the pictures of the Sorrento Cathedral Stations for the young Sunday School children’s celebration last Sunday. Of course, they were wrinkled and didn’t hang nicely. [My hope was that they would not be needed any more. Thus, the sloppy job of storing!] Anyway this sloppiness on my part prompted a tremendous act of kindness. Mr. Lou Astorino gathered up the pictures and put them Monday morning and John Sysko returned them Monday evening, all properly mounted. Thank you Lou and all your gifted staff for your kindness to our church.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM 2011 BEGINS: Parish Share cards have been mailed to all members of the parish. If you did not receive one please call the Rectory. Remember that whatever funds we collect in this effort above our required share will stay in the parish to advance critical needs which we identify.

SENIOR CITIZENS: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 12:00 Noon in the meeting room. Dessert and coffee will be served.

St. Bede Fine Arts Association Notes: The Pittsburgh Horn Club, founded by members of the Pittsburgh Symphony, is enjoying its second year as "Artists in Residence" at St. Bede! This free club welcomes French horn players of all ages and abilities. The PHC is grateful to St. Bede Parish for opening its doors to their music, and to the St. Bede Choir for their continued support. More information? Contact amberfan@gmail.com or check out pittsburghhornclub.com.

SUPPORT ST. BEDE'S "ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE!" The Pittsburgh Horn Club spring concert will be held on Mother's day, Sunday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Enjoy unique horn arrangements featuring movie music including Moon River, the Theme from Jurassic Park, and Whistle While You Work! Please come enjoy some beautiful music played by members of the Pittsburgh Symphony and area French hornists, and stay for the reception to follow. The concert is free, but a goodwill donation will benefit both St. Bede and the PHC. What a nice way to wrap up Mother's Day.

St. Bede Auction & Dinner: Mark your calendar for an evening of dining, dancing, and fabulous live and silent auction items - Friday, April 29, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Churchill Valley Country Club. We are seeking donations of signed sports memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates, tickets to cultural events/venues, fine bottles of wine, and unique jewelry pieces. To make a donation, please contact Stefanie Bonavita at 412-243-1381 or slkiley@verizon.net.

ST. BEDE 333 CLUB: Congratulations to recent $150 winners: Rachel & Greg Colker (2/26), Jennifer Smouse (3/5), Diane Capezzuto (3/12), Bill Valenta (3/19)

8th Annual Oakland Catholic Eagle Golf Classic Golf Tournament benefitting Oakland Catholic High School will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. For more information, questions and sponsorship opportunities: please contact Karen in the Institutional Advancement Office at Oakland Catholic High School 412-682-6797 E-mail: development@oaklandcatholic.org

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES
On Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter and Bishop-elect William Waltersheid will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 p.m. (Please note earlier start time!)

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

ST. BEDE GOOD DEED WORKFORCE - APRIL PROJECT:
The St. Bede campus needs to get ready for spring. On April 16th, starting right after 9:00 a.m. Mass (rain date - April 17 at 1:30 p.m.), we will be doing various yard work projects such as putting down mulch and compost as well as sweeping the sidewalks and doing some cleaning inside the church. We will be looking to borrow wheelbarrows and shovels. This can be a great family project. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Menard 412-362-7077, vendittiem@upmc.edu or Beth Venditti 412-302-5228, vendittiem@upmc.edu.

Reusable St. Bede Totes will be available for sale from the 6th grade CCD class after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses today and next Sunday at the back of the church. They are sturdy and great for groceries, books, etc. Get an extra for summer beach towels! All proceeds will be used to help beautify the St. Bede grounds.

Summer child care needed: St. Bede family seeks full-time child care for kids. 15 and 11, early June-late August excluding two vacation/camp weeks. Ideal for college student or High School grad headed to college. Must have car available. Duties include caring for two family dogs. References required. Call Christine 412-421-3387.

Celebrate with us the feast day of St. Benedict the Moor on Monday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. Join the parish of St. Benedict the Moor, located at Centre Ave. & Crawford St. above Mellon Arena, for the special observance for the patron saint of African Americans and black missions, and for whom there is a large devotion in Latin America and Sicily.

SANCTUARY VOLUNTEERS
D. Bruecken, J. Kraft, L. Regan

LECTORS
5:00 Dolores Hile
8:00 Christine Stack
10:00 Hudak Family
12:00 Alfred VonArx

Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 Ray Fratto, John Newell, Idolo Zinobile
8:00 George Danko, Margaret Soboslay, Paul Brecht
10:00 Sarah Corcoran, Ron Petnuch, Kathleen Fisher
12:00 Rita Scholle, Clare Cornell, Paul Scholle

Altar Servers
5:00 Katie Walter, Laura Wister
8:00 Mia Fratto, Nicky Fratto
10:00 Garrett Milliner, Melissa Sene
12:00 Carolyn Woll, Jay Boltey

Cantor & Choir Mass - April 3
8:00 Josie Bruce
12:00 St. Bede Choir

Cantor & Choir Mass - April 10
8:00 St. Bede Choir
12:00 John Donaher