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From the Pastor's Desk

She wheeled her walker slowly but with determination, taking direct aim on the font, already wet from a hundred fingers. She dipped her hands into the water, remembering the way Sister had said to do almost 83 years before. As she marked herself with the great Sign, the little boy rushed in front of her, splashing in the water with his 3-year old hands. He too made the Sign, well, after a fashion, and turned proudly to look at his young Papa who did the same. Wet hand grasping wet hand, they both escorted great Grandma down the aisle – a scene repeated all morning long.

We all do it. After a fashion or with great deliberation. Wetting the fingers to mark again the heart with the waters that claimed us. Baptism: the great mystery remembered; after a fashion. Do we know what we do so habitually as we enter and leave this place of sacrifice and Eucharistic meal? It is awesome and it is important.

Within a few short weeks we will enter the season of Lent. The doldrums of February are the wintry road to spring. We will give up many things for a season, and hopefully, Easter will be richer for the giving. Perhaps a pre-Lenten suggestion is in order. This year, add to your fasting a giving up: give up making the Sign of the Cross without thought.

In this sign we state, "I am not my own. I do not belong to me." We take these waters upon ourselves to remember that Someone has laid claim to me, and at great price. I belong to Him. In this one little act, I publicly declare this to be the focus of my very self. I am not my own.

I am not my own especially here in this place of the Eucharistic unity. My tastes, my needs, my agenda give way to that of Christ. Here in this place where I take Him upon myself, I declare my intent to act as one with His Body, in unison with His purpose. Wet fingers making the sign of the Cross say that I will die to myself here, practicing that death in my willingness to sing though uncomfortable in doing so, in my willingness to listen regardless of my feelings about the reader. I will practice standing in unison to pray, so that I can stand together with those who know life is important. Here all division must cease, and all anger be stilled. Saint Paul rejoiced that there was no longer "...Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man...". May we, at least here, rejoice that there is no Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal, black, brown or white; only Jesus. We are not our own, we belong to Him.

Let us practice the fast. Let us bless ourselves by acknowledging that we have been first blessed, and must be blessing to others. Let the wetness of Baptism still the voices in me prone to complaint and cynicism, and water in me the hope that tells me I am never alone. For these waters on my fingers are seen by the One who has infused them with His grace, and Who claims us still. Let us prepare to enter Lent claiming Him.

Staff Birthdays:

February 16th - Father Jan Dolny



Saint Bede Church

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BAPTISMS

November 13, 2010
Foster Joachim Ahrens
Son of Kersten Ahrens and
Jennifer Jon Nadicksbernd

Luke Anthony Lapinski
Son of David A Lapinski and
Ashley Idella Bradley

Charlotte Ann Perseo
Daughter of Tony Perseo and
Crystal Ann Nicholas

Chase Henry Smizik
Son of Scott Smizik and
Beth Anne Lawrence

Morgan McGarrity Walk
Child of Lawrence Walk, Jr. and
Jennifer Cross Cullivan

December 18, 2010
Annalise Winifred Peterson
Daughter of John M. Peterson, III
and Christine Vedovelli

WEDDINGS

November 13, 2010
Phuong Ngoc Minh Hoang
and Jennifer Elizabeth Tjepkema

December 4, 2010
Kelly Ford Swiney
and Julie Ann Zoolkoski

REST IN PEACE

November 25, 2010
Ann G. Wittig

November 30, 2010
Peter J. Sturtevant

December 5, 2010
Bassett Gordon Savarese

December 9, 2010
Carolyn A. O'Quinn

December 12, 2010
Roland James Carr



Vespers and Volunteer Reception

On January 6, over 150 volunteers attended Vespers in blessing for their service, followed by a reception. It was a wonderful celebration with music and prayer to recognize and thank all those who help make Saint Bede Catholic Church the vibrant community that it is. Mary Stutz, cantor Judy Olbrych, and members of both the Chorale and Ensemble added beautiful musical notes to the occasion. After Vespers, we gathered in the Commons for food and fellowship – always a good way to end a day and the 12th night of Christmas! It was a pleasure to see so many who help in so many different ways. Thank you for attending and for all your hard work!

Saint Bede's Orchestra in Residence

The Tidewater Intergenerational Orchestra (TIO) will present a free concert on Saturday, February 19, at 2 PM. The orchestra, now in its 7th season, was founded at Saint Bede by parishioners Tom and Alice Lindsay to perform music for the Glory of God. The membership is comprised of concert artists, members of the community, and accomplished students who study with members of the orchestra. Some players travel as far as 60 miles from Williamsburg to play with the group.



This concert will be conducted by Jim Cole, Music Director of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Whitehouse, New Jersey. Guest artists include Tom Thomas, cantor at Saint Frances Cathedral for the Diocese of Metuchen (NJ), and the Lindsay Family Brass. Concert violinist Tom Lindsay will be soloist with the group.

The *Williamsburg Suite* was written for strings by Dr. Kenneth Sarch while in Williamsburg on a Fulbright Scholarship. His work will be performed along with works by Rheinberger, Saint Saens, and others. A light reception will be hosted by Tom and Alice Lindsay in the Commons after the concert to honor their 50th wedding anniversary. No reservations are necessary to attend, all are invited.

For more information, email: tio@cox.net.

Saint Bede Fc Soccer Team

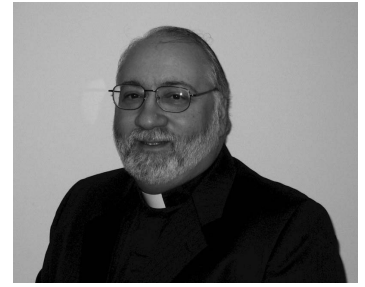


Saint Bede FC soccer team, lead by Fr. John David Ramsey, wins 12 to 7. Come support your parish team on Thursday nights at WISC!

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Ask the Deacon

By Deacon Dominic Cerrato, Ph.D.



Question: What is the difference between being “a doctor in the Church” and “a doctor of the Church?”

Response: By being a “doctor in the Church,” I assume you mean those who have received advanced degrees in theology. So, for example, someone who was granted a Ph.D. or STD. (pontifical degree) might, in common parlance, be called a doctor “in” the Church. That said, there really is no official designation. Many of these with advanced degrees become theologians in a more formal sense by taking an oath of fidelity to the Church before their bishop. This, under canon law, is called the *mandatum*. The *mandatum* is an acknowledgment by Church authority that a person of a theological discipline is teaching within the full communion of the Catholic Church (Ex Corde Ecclesia 4).

Doctors of the Church, on the other hand, are particular men and women who are revered by the Church for the special value of their writings and preaching and the sanctity of their lives. Thirty-three saints have been declared doctors of the Church. The title “Doctor of the Church” has been applied since the Middle Ages to certain saints whose writing or preaching is outstanding for guiding the faithful in every age. This honor is given rarely and only posthumously.

There are three requirements for being named a doctor of the Church: (1) Great Sanctity - Only those who have already been declared to be saints by the Church may receive this title, (2) Eminent Learning - Those who are declared doctors of the Church are known to be great teachers of the Faith, (3) Proclamation by the Church - Typically, such proclamation is made by the Pope, as was the case when Pope John Paul II declared St. Theresa of the Child Jesus a doctor of the Church in 1997.

Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine, Saint Jerome, and Pope Gregory I were the original Doctors of the Church and were named in 1298. They are known collectively as the Great Doctors of the Western Church. The four Great Doctors of the Eastern Church, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Athanasius of Alexandria were recognized in 1568 by Pope St. Pius V. Currently, the Church has named 33 Doctors of the Church.



Let us congratulate all of the children who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this month! This year there are 90 children who will encounter the love of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of God's mercy. We wish them every blessing as they continue on their journey to their First Holy Communion in May!

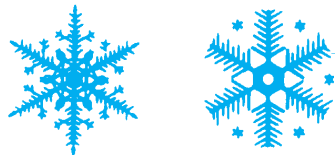
Our School of Religion & Middle School students, in conjunction with Family Ministry, will be hosting a Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 25th. Additionally, this month we will hold our school supply drive for Grove Christian Outreach, an effort that allows us to meet the needs of local residents.

First Reconciliation Candidates

Let us pray for all of the children of Saint Bede preparing to joyfully celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist! May their celebration of these sacraments be a true encounter with the loving Heart of Jesus Christ!

Middle School Events:

- Movie Night (6th-8th graders welcome)
Saturday, March 19th, 7-9 p.m. FREE!
- Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 25th



Dates to Remember!

- **February 5th** - First Reconciliation Retreat, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Church
- **February 12th & 26th** - First Reconciliation Celebrations, 10a.m.-12 p.m. in the Church
- **February 20th** - Family Mass & Fellowship following the 11 a.m. Mass

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist News:

The First Reconciliation Retreat will take place Saturday, February 5, at the Church. At least one parent must accompany his/her child for the duration of the retreat. Parents and children, please arrive no later than 9:45 as we will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The retreat will end at approximately 12 p.m.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on two Saturdays: February 12 & 26 at the Church. The time of the celebrations is approximately 10 a.m.-12 p.m., including a reception. Parents and children, please arrive no later than 9:45 as we will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Parents are needed to assist with the First Reconciliation and First Communion celebrations this year in a variety of areas: retreat registration, set-up and break-down, coordinating First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion receptions and bringing food and drinks to these receptions. All parents of children preparing for these sacraments are asked to sign up for at least one of these areas. Sign-ups will be available at the upcoming parent meetings.



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Youth Ministry

Upcoming Youth Ministry Social and Service Events for February:

Saturday, Feb. 12th - Haiti Teen Talent Night, 7-9 p.m. in the Commons

Wednesday, Feb. 16th - Potluck, Adoration, and Praise & Worship in the Commons beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19th - Adopt a Highway at St. Bede beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Bring work gloves!

Sunday, Feb. 20th - Movie night in the Youth Room following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, Feb. 26th - Ice Skating at Hampton Ice Plex in Newport News, 2-4pm.
Cost: \$9.00 plus food money.

Sunday night High School Class Schedule for February:

Sunday, 13th - "Where Jesus Walked" presentation by Monsignor McCarron

Sunday, 20th - Movie Night (school holiday weekend)

Sunday, 27th - T3 Part VII: Messianic Fulfillment/Small group discussion



Saint Bede Youth Ministry spread Christmas cheer at Patriot's Colony during a "Christmas Caroling" event on December 19th. Residents joined in the singing of traditional Christmas carols such as "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World".

Archbishop Dolan Calls for Prayers, Greater Respect for Human Life in Wake of Arizona Shooting

WASHINGTON -- (January 10, 2011) The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) renewed their call for respect for human life, as the nation mourned for those affected by the shooting that killed six, including John M. Roll, the chief judge for the United States District Court for Arizona, and wounded at least a dozen others, including U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords. The incident occurred on the morning of January 8, when Giffords was meeting with constituents outside a supermarket in Tucson, Arizona.

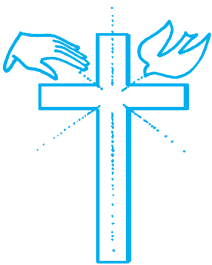
“Our prayers and concern are with those most immediately affected by this violence,” said Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the USCCB. “We commend to God those who have died and we pray for the families who lost loved ones and for those who are suffering from their wounds. We also pray for the person who committed these acts and those who are responsible for his care.”

“While we as bishops are also concerned about the wider implications of the Tucson incident, we caution against drawing any hasty conclusions about the motives of the assailant until we know more from law enforcement authorities.” Archbishop Dolan said. “Violence of any kind must be condemned. When the target of a violent act is a public official, it shakes the confidence of the nation in its ability to protect its leaders and those who want to participate in the democratic process. As bishops we call once more for respect for the life and dignity of every person as we work together for the common good, seeking to address the various social and political issues that face us as a nation.”

USCCB News Release

Parish Nurse Ministry

WARNING ABOUT THE USE INFANT SLEEP POSITIONERS



The FDA and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are warning people NOT to use sleep positioners for their babies as there is an increased risk they could suffocate. In the last 13 years, at least 12 babies between the ages of one and four months have died when they suffocated in positioners, or when they became trapped between a sleep positioner and the side of their crib or bassinet.

Positioners are used to keep babies in certain positions when they sleep. Some positioners are flat pads with side bolsters. Others are inclined like a wedge, or have some other design. These products may be promoted to reduce acid reflux, to minimize “flat head” syndrome, or even to prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). There is NO scientific evidence to support any of these claims.

If babies flip over, turn or scoot around the crib while in a sleep positioner, they can have a hard time freeing their faces from the device, or they can become trapped between the positioner and the side of their crib or bassinet.

Sleep positioners are not necessary and they can be dangerous. Put your baby to sleep on his or her back, and keep the crib free of pillows, comforters, blankets, quilts and toys. In that way your baby has room to safely move or turn while sleeping.

Follow the ABC's of safe sleep--Alone on the Back in a bare Crib. (ABC)

From: FDA MEDWATCH SAFETY ALERT. INFANT SLEEP POSITIONERS: CONSUMER WARNING - Risk of Suffocation. Sept 29,2010.

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Fr. Briefies

Missionaries of the Holy Family

Michael Parlante (D)
 Barbara Coughlin (D)
 Helen Konig (D)
 Peter Sturtevant (D)
 Edith Alimonti (D)
 Eleanore McGrory (D)
 Dorothy Kenny (D)
 Barbara Coughlin (D)
 Jo O'Connor (D)
 Patsy Giacomo (D)
 James Welsh (D)
 Kimberly Baum (D)
 Thanksgiving
 Janet Welsh (L)
 Sister Mary Michael Bayda (L)
 50th Anniversary of Ordination of
 Msgr. Robert. Bucciarelli (L)



Fr. Rodrigo Mingollo St. Peter the Apostle, Onley

Barbara Coughlin (D)
 Jean Kutz (D)
 Peter Sturtevant (D)
 Henri Pelanne (D)
 Roland Carr (D)
 Rose Davis (D)
 Barbara Coughlin (D)
 Sinforoso Mingollo (D)
 Eleanore Blaine (D)
 Dorothy Olsen (D)
 Betty Jones (D)
 Georgia Heath (D)
 Anne Sommers (D)
 Ray Kozlowski (D)
 Anne McGraw (D)
 Jo O'Conner (D)



WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO TAKE A MOMENT
 TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
 THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, WHOSE FUNERALS
 WERE CELEBRATED IN THE MONTH OF
 JANUARY HERE AT SAINT BEDE:

William Edward Dudley Digges
 Date of Birth: October 13, 1934
 Date of Death: January 14, 2011
 Date of Funeral: Friday, January 21, 2011

Maurice (Mo) Martin
 Date of Birth: July 7, 1926
 Date of Death: December 26, 2010
 Date of Funeral: Friday, January 21, 2011

Mary Freese Gavan
 Date of Birth: April 13, 1926
 Date of Death: January 16, 2011
 Date of Funeral: Monday, January 24, 2011

Minnie Mauro
 Date of Birth: March 27, 1919
 Date of Death: January 22, 2011
 Date of Funeral: January 27, 2011

Raymond Kozlowski
 Date of Birth: March 4, 1916
 Date of Death: January 1, 2011
 Date of Funeral: Thursday, January 6, 2011



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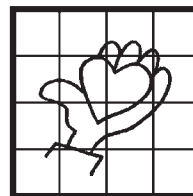
Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| salt | city | shine |
| earth | hill | good |
| light | lamp | praise |

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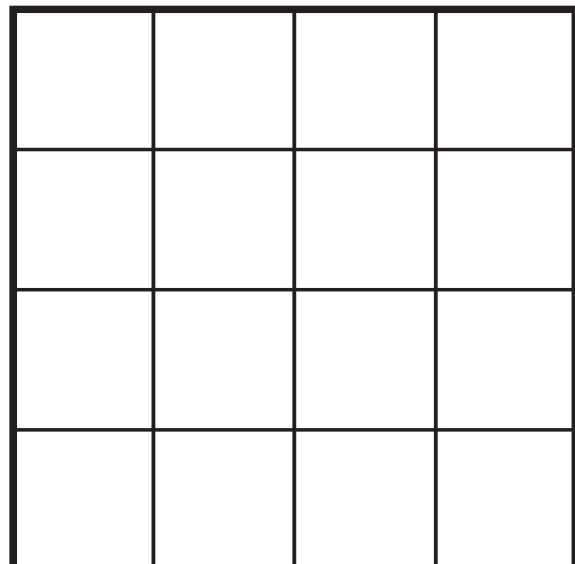


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Finance Council Update

General and Social Outreach Ministry Funds

Monthly Update for Six Months Ending December 31, 2010 and 2009

OPERATING FUND	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Last Year Actual
Contributions:			
Parishioners	1,039,664	1,057,604	1,003,384
Visitors	51,109	59,737	57,331
Cash	79,278	57,228	62,260
Total Contributions	1,170,051	1,174,569	1,122,975
Other Income	29,021	29,599	74,156
Total Income	1,199,072	1,204,168	1,197,131
Expenditures:			
Clergy and Rectory	121,665	115,968	73,957
Buildings	241,355	240,124	212,399
Liturgy and Music	64,168	78,436	74,894
Education	118,963	145,051	168,962
Parish Life	320,534	319,668	321,986
Diocesan Support	108,034	112,639	104,059
Loan Principal and Interest Payment	185,190	185,190	185,190
Total Expenditures	1,159,909	1,197,076	1,141,447
Net Surplus	39,164	7,092	55,684

Monsignor McCarron and the Finance Council appreciate your generosity and invite your comments and questions.

Finance Committee Report is on page 11.

SOCIAL MINISTRY AND HUMAN CONCERNS	Year to Date Actual		Last Year Actual
Assistance Provided as Needed -	Not Budgeted		
Income:			
Collection Contributions	131,376		93,905
Haiti Income	11,434		7,643
Other	22,002		13,894
Total Income	164,812		115,442
Disbursements:			
Financial Assistance	51,336		58,877
Community Monthly Donations	32,600		36,600
Haiti Disbursements	6,550		13,395
Other	6,532		3,334
Administration	17,908		20,770
Total Disbursements	114,926		132,976
Addition to Reserve	49,886		-17,534

Finance Committee Report

The categories shown in the table on the preceding page are described in general below. Not all expenses are listed explicitly.

- **Clergy and Rectory** includes salaries, benefits, food, and rectory operations.
- **Buildings** includes the salaries, benefits, utilities, and site maintenance.
- **Liturgy and Music** includes salaries, benefits, Art & Environment, sound system, and lay minister supplies.
- **Education** includes salaries, benefits and other expenses related to Adult Faith, School of Religion, and Youth Ministry.
- **Parish Life** includes Administration and Finance salaries, benefits, computer support, telephones, and communications.
- **Diocesan Support** includes our direct support of diocesan activities and the Catholic Virginian.
- **Loan Principal and Interest Payments** include payment on outstanding debt.

At the end of the first six months of the Fiscal Year, operating income has exceeded expenses by \$39,164. The Budget anticipated that income would exceed expenses by \$7,092. The actual surplus is currently higher than budgeted due to greater than budgeted generosity during the Christmas Season and several open staff positions during the first six months of the fiscal year. However, all but one of the open staff positions have been filled. In addition, three new staff positions have been added that were not in the budget.

The budget anticipated an increase in parishioner contributions of 6%. However, the increase in Parishioner contributions has been only slightly over 3%. At this time, it appears that there will be a deficit on June 30, 2011. This will necessitate using some of the Contingency Fund to balance income and expenses.

During the first six months of the fiscal Year, the Social Ministry account had income that exceeded disbursements by \$49,886. As of December 31, 2010, our Social Ministry account had a balance of \$118,561 available to help the needy in our community.



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We are a Catholic faith community proclaiming Christ's message in word and action.