



“[Those who trust in the Lord] are like a tree planted beside the water...
In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit.” – Jeremiah 17:8

Dear Parishioners of Saint Bede,

May the peace of Christ be with you and your loved ones!

Preparations being put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our Commonwealth present us with both challenges and opportunities. The priority of Saint Bede parish is to care for and minister to our families in every way we can and to serve those in the larger community affected by the virus.

Through all of this, Saint Bede will remain a community of faith that trusts in the Lord and shares His blessings with each other. We are moving forward with new ways to minister to our parish families, including:

- A Livestream Mass every day
- Confessions Monday through Saturday respecting social distancing
- Calls to homebound and those in senior living communities by our JOY Ministers
- Hospital and home visits for those actively dying
- Faith formation online gatherings
- Tools for families through our website
- Support of the House of Mercy

We are committed to making the most of this time and help draw all closer to Christ. In times of crisis, people look to Christ and his Church. Saint Bede is here to serve. If you have any special needs or intentions, call our hotline **any day/any time** at 757-229-3631 ext. 2304

There are three things that I’m asking you to do, *today*:

1. **Pray.** Remember God does not abandon his children. Please join me in praying for the following:
 - All the sick and suffering around the world, and their families affected by the coronavirus
 - Those who are struggling financially because of this crisis
 - Our medical personal, first responders and all government leaders
 - Our parish, bishop and the Holy Father in Rome
2. **Follow us on the Parish website** if you are able. Go to <https://www.bede.org> and use the connection to **Facebook**. You will be connected to posts and information about live Masses online and be able to interact with our community. If you are on Facebook, “Follow” us and “like” our page.

3. **Continue to support our parish - online.** I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the continued financial stewardship of parishioners and friends during this difficult time. With public Masses suspended and a stay home order in effect, I am asking every family that is able to move their financial support online:
- a. You can find giving options online at <https://www.bedevea.org/donate>
 - b. Please consider setting up a recurring gift to help our parish for the future.

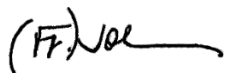
If you need assistance with online giving, please contact Sam Samorian at 757-229-3631 ext. 2315. Your gifts support our ministries that provide for the spiritual and material needs of our parish through phone calls, virtual small groups as well as ZOOM and Skype meetings. God bless you for your generosity!

You can also mail your contributions to: 3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

I will continue to provide weekly updates, primarily on our parish Facebook page, our website and occasionally through email. And be sure to tune in to our Friday "Facebook Live with the Clergy" at 7:00 pm. For those not on Facebook who have a question please call me at the office on Friday before 4:00 pm at 757-229-3631 ext. 2104 and we will be sure to answer them. If we are able, we will send information or call those who are not connected with us through these means. I am including our upcoming schedule so you can join the parish in worship for our upcoming Holy Week Masses and Liturgies. Please share this information with all you know so we don't miss anyone who may want this information.

Please know that you are in my prayers. Have faith! Let us rally together behind what is most important in our lives – God, family, our Saint Bede community and our service to those in need.

Pace e bene,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "(Fr.) Joe" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

(Rev Msgr.) Joseph P. Lehman
Pastor

Saint Bede Catholic Church
3686 Ironbound Road
Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2020

Saturday, April 4

Church is open from 8:00 am - 7:00 pm for personal prayer

9:00 am - 12 noon Main Circle drive at the church - **Palm and worship aid distribution**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 5

Church is open from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm for personal prayer

9:00 am Livestream Mass

11:00 am Livestream Mass

2:00 pm (Spanish) Livestream Mass

Monday and Tuesday April 6 - 7

Church is open from 8:00 am - 7:00 pm for personal prayer

8:00 am - 9:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am Livestream Mass

Wednesday, April 8

Church is open from 8:00 am - 10:00 am for personal prayer, Closed from 10 am - 12 noon, open from 12 noon - 7:00 pm for personal prayer

8:00 am - 9:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am Livestream Mass

Holy Thursday, April 9

Church is open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for personal prayer

8:00 am - 9:30 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Livestream followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (will be livestreamed) until midnight

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), April 10

Church is open 8:00 am - 10:00 am for personal prayer

8:00 am - 9:30 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation

12 noon: The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Livestream

We encourage all families to place a cross/crucifix in an appropriate place in their home as you are united in prayer with the parish. At the time when the cross is venerated, your cross/crucifix may be venerated with a genuflection or profound bow.

Cross will be Livestreamed until 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Via Crucis (Spanish) Recorded - available online

Holy Saturday, April 11

Church is closed

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on this day

9:00 am Blessing of Baskets (Easter Foods) Livestream

8:00 pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Livestream

Please have a candle to light and hold during the Exultet.

Easter Sunday, April 12

Church is closed

9:00 am Mass Livestream

11:00 am Mass Livestream

2:00 pm (Spanish) Livestream Mass

***Livestream available at:**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintBedeCatholicChurch/>

or from our website: <https://www.bede.va.org/>

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