

**Welcome to
St. Bede the Venerable Parish**

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***Directory of Parish
Ministries and Organizations***

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ST. BEDE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of the Catholic community of St. Bede's parish are bonded together by a common set of values that are derived from our call to continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, as He directed, through faith, the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Sacraments, and prayer. We submit ourselves to the leadership of our Holy Father the Pope, the successor of St. Peter, our Archbishop, and our Pastor, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the love we are called to share with our fellow human beings.

Together we share a **Vision** for the future where with God's help we will become a vibrant parish where all feel welcome; all are involved in the Liturgy and the life of the parish; all feel a sense of community, caring, and love; all can be served as we strive to meet the needs of one another; and all are living the teachings of Jesus Christ.

We, therefore, as a people and as a parish set forth as our Mission:

- To **Worship** God through Eucharistic Liturgy, the Sacraments, Prayer, Scripture, and living as a loving Christian Community.
- To **Teach** the message of Christ by the way we live, by proclaiming the Word, by educating our members through our Catholic School, our CCD, our adult programs, by following the teachings of the Church and the Holy Father.
- To **Build Community** by our loving concern, mutual love, respect, and support, by open communications, by fostering in all our parishioners a feeling of ownership and belonging, and by gathering together, spiritually, educationally, and socially.
- To **Serve those in Need** by our prayers, our presence, our service, our financial support, our participation in parish activities, our outreach to our parish population, and by using all the facilities of our Catholic Church to help those who are in need.
- To **Proclaim the Good News** by our preaching and our belief in the joyful news of our salvation through Jesus Christ which should be visible in our demeanor in the Liturgy, and should always be paramount in all of our activities whether they be spiritual, service related, athletic, or social.

We pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Mary our Mother and through Saint Bede the Venerable, our patron. May the Lord of Light guide us and bless us in our earthly journey to our heavenly home.

SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE PARISH

OUR PARISH AT A GLANCE

“We come together as a community to minister the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

We are served by:

Reverend Monsignor John C. Marine - Pastor
Reverend Joseph Bordonaro – Parochial Vicar
Reverend Monsignor Robert Grudowski – Retired Priest in Residence
Reverend John Wilz – Weekend Assistant

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| Parish office: | 1071 Holland Road | 215-357-5720 |
| School: | 1053 Holland Road | 215-357-4720 |
| Religious Education: | 1053 Holland Road | 215-357-2130 |

Who invite you to celebrate:

THE EUCHARIST:

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| <u>Saturday Vigil</u> | - | 5:30 p.m. |
| <u>Sunday</u> | - | 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. |
| <u>Weekday</u> | - | 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. (Monday to Friday) |
| <u>Saturday Mass and</u> | | 8:30 a.m. |
| <u>Miraculous Medal Novena</u> | - | Immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass (Saturday) |

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Priests at St. Bede’s are also available to hear confessions on a private basis by making an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Please call the Parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP:

For letters of eligibility, please contact the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Diocesan regulations state that arrangements for marriages must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date in order to give the couple suitable time for preparations.

A variety of marriage preparation courses are available. The priests will be able to advise you of these.

Please contact one of the priests to make the plans for your wedding. A booklet, "Celebrating Your Marriage" is available to guide you through the parish traditions in preparation for this sacrament.

Weddings can be celebrated Friday evenings and on Saturdays at 12 Noon, or 2:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the priests.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED:

Please call the rectory if you wish prayers to be offered at the Sunday Masses for someone who may be sick or deceased.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Should anyone in your home be ill and unable to attend Mass, please call the Rectory. The priests visit the homes of shut-ins at least once a month. The Extraordinary Ministers also visit the shut-ins after Mass on Sunday.

The Eucharist is celebrated monthly at Twining Village for Catholic residents. The Extraordinary Ministers also visit Twining Manor and Twining Village every Sunday.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

The priests regularly visit parishioners who are hospitalized. If a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the rectory to notify the priests.

REGISTRATION: CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN THE PARISH, OR MOVING AWAY:

New parishioners are asked to register by appointment at the rectory office during the week or if more convenient they can request registration with a priest after Sunday Mass. Please notify the rectory if you will be moving or changing your address, or if a member of your household is no longer living at home so our records can be kept up to date.

USE OF COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

We ask all to use their weekly collection envelopes. Wherever possible we ask you to use checks as this provides an extra record for income tax purposes, etc.... From experience we have found that the use of collection envelopes insures steady church support.

The spirit of generosity is a gift from God, and if the gift is recognized and used it becomes an acquired habit.

Since parents are the first and foremost teachers, they are prayerfully reminded to train their children in the Church-like spirit of generosity by encouraging them to use their Sunday envelopes in their grade and high school years.

HISTORY OF THE PARISH:

On May 26, 1965, His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, announced the founding of St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, Pennsylvania. This marked the first Catholic Church in Northampton Township. The parish was named in honor of St. Bede, an eighth century English priest. It is coincidental that the founding date of the parish is the anniversary of St. Bede's death in 735 and both days were the same in the ecclesiastic calendar – the eve of the Ascension of Our Lord.

The Reverend James P. Martin, an assistant pastor at St. Richard Parish in Philadelphia, was chosen as founding pastor on June 9, 1965. The Decree of establishment was read at all Masses at St. Andrew's Parish in Newtown on Sunday, June 13, 1965.

The first general meeting of the newly formed parish was held on June 17, 1965. A lay steering committee served by several subcommittees was formed to aid in the formation of the parish. Permission was obtained from Mother M. Josepha of the Sisters of Saint Casimir, Superior of Villa Joseph Marie, for use of the school auditorium for Sunday Masses and of the school chapel for weekday masses. The first Mass in the parish was celebrated there on Sunday, June 20, 1965.

Father Martin initially resided at Our Lady of Grace in Pennel, at the invitation of Pastor Father Thomas Corrigan. After six weeks, Father Martin accepted an offer from Mr. Martin Feeney to use the house at Holland and Lower Holland Roads, now 963 Lower Holland Road. Father Albert DeCrits, CICM, professor at Archbishop Wood High School, was assigned to reside at St. Bede's in September 1965. The rectory at 1054 Holland Road, built by Mr. John McCowan, was completed and residence established on December 11, 1965.

The paramount planning during this period was the selection of plans for the new church and school buildings. The original plan of Father Martin was that the church would be a temporary structure to be later converted to a gymnasium. Mr. Edwin Fleming was chosen as architect and the Feasterville Construction Company,

operated by Mr. William Gaul, was selected as general contractor. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on April 24, 1966. The guests of honor included presider Monsignor John J. Sefton and Mother M. Adorata, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Casimir. Work on the new buildings started on June 10, 1966.

St. Bede the Venerable School began in September 1966, with four classrooms rented from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Southampton, consisting of grades 1, 2, 4, and 6. Mother M. Josepha agreed to have the Sisters of St. Casimir staff the school. Sister M. Corinthia was assigned as first principal. The faculty consisted of Sister Infanta, Sister M. Clare, and Mrs. Dorothea Dress. Children in the remaining grades continued at St. Andrew's.

The first Mass celebrated in the newly completed church building was on August 5, 1967, the feast of Our Lady of Snows. In September 1967, the grade school was opened for grades 1 through 7. The school was staffed by a faculty of four religious and three lay teachers.

On Sunday May 28, 1968, His Eminence John Cardinal Krol presided at the blessing of the new buildings as well as presiding at the first Confirmation ceremonies at St. Bede's. Also on this occasion, the Cardinal granted permission to construct a convent for the Sisters.

In June 1968, Reverend Philip A. Scully was assigned as the first assistant. Work on the convent progressed rapidly, and on Christmas Day 1969 Mass was celebrated for the first time in the convent chapel.

Father Martin served as pastor for 13 years. He passed away in August 1978. Reverend William C. Faunce succeeded him and served as pastor for 8 years until his retirement in June 1986. Father Faunce passed away in September 1993.

Father Peter Slane was appointed pastor in June 1986. Father Slane's significant accomplishments during his tenure included the establishment of the Parish Pastoral Council and initiating the Catholic Life 2000 program. Father Slane served as pastor for 7 years. He passed away in October 1993.

Father Eugene Gordon Cusick was appointed pastor of St. Bede the Venerable in June 1993. Under Father Cusick's tenure, the parish built new parish offices, new meeting areas, a Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and gymnasium.

Monsignor John C. Marine was appointed the current pastor in June, 2005 by Cardinal Justin Rigali. Prior to his appointment, Monsignor Marine, a priest for thirty years, served in various parishes, as Dean of Saint Charles Seminary, and as the Vicar for Montgomery County.

BIOGRAPHY OF SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE:

The eighth century in English history is better known to us because of the writing of the Venerable St. Bede. If only for the worth of his history of Saxon England, St. Bede's contribution to the world of knowledge would be formidable. He was esteemed as the most valuable contemporary historian of his time. However, his contributions extended to many other fields of knowledge -- to mathematics, philosophy, music, Hagiography and Scriptures. Thus, in his own time, he was acclaimed as the most learned man, not only in England, but in all of Europe. This same acclaim was accorded him by the Church when he was proclaimed Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This was but the culmination of the honor and respect given him during the intervening thousand years.

St. Bede entered the monastery in Wearmouth at the age of seven. He remained at Wearmouth for about a year until the founding of a second monastery. St. Bede transferred to the monastery at Jarrow where he spent the rest of his life.

At the age of nineteen, St. Bede was ordained to the diaconate, extraordinary since the canonical age was twenty-five. By this time, he was already showing something of his ability as a teacher and was put in charge of the education of the oblate boys and the younger monks. By the time of his ordination to the priesthood in 703, he was already occupied with what was to be his main interest -- the history of the conversion of his own people and the lives of the saints of the early English Church.

St. Bede's title to sanctity lay not in any extraordinary deeds but in a life hidden in the cloister and devoted totally to the search for truth and the knowledge of God, the source of all truth and all knowledge. This search was to him not an end in itself, but a means whereby he would approach more nearly to God and bring others to God with him.

St. Bede was 62 years old when he died. The statue of St. Bede found in our parish center lobby represents him in the prime of his life. St. Bede's right hand is raised in blessing -- he was a priest. The scroll represents his literary activity. The glove represents his historical scholarship.

As members of the Christian community of Saint Bede the Venerable, through the Communion of Saints, we should recognize Bede's intercessory power. Bede, called Venerable by his contemporaries, is most interested in how we walk the path with God. As he made the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, and his daily personal prayer, the heart of his daily life, he will help us to do likewise, and to live the way we worship.

Let us make Bede's prayer our own!!!

"I have a favor to ask you, Good Jesus.
You have been kind enough to let me
Partake of your words of wisdom and knowledge.
Please help me someday to come to you.
You are the source of all wisdom. Let me stand before you."

PRAYER TO ST. BEDE

O, Eternal Father, Infinite Love, You gave us Saint Bede the Venerable to
proclaim the riches of Christ.
By the help of his prayers may we grow in knowledge of you by the truth
of the Gospel.

D. Altar Servers Fr. Bordonaro (215-357-5720)

Altar Servers is an organization of boys and girls from 5th to 12th grade. They assist at the altar by serving at Mass and other devotions. Sign-ups and practices are normally held each year in May. There is an Altar Server Committee made up of parents who make up the schedules, coordinate any changes, and take care of the maintenance of the garments. Anyone interested or having any questions may contact Fr. Joseph Bordonaro (Altar Server Moderator).

E. Music Ministry Susan DiFlorio (215-891-0869)

The Music Ministry assists the assembly in expressing their faith at Mass and other liturgical celebrations through sung prayer. The adult choir, cantors, organists, and several guitar ensembles are the backbone of the Music Ministry.

The cantors, organists and guitar ensembles provide a wonderful service to the parish as leaders of song at Mass and other liturgical celebrations on a weekly to monthly basis.

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| Adult Choir practices Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Ann Orth | (215-702-0566) |
| Teen Choir practices Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. | Susan DiFlorio | (215-891-0869) |
| High School Youth Group Band | Maritza Carmona-Kelly | (215-357-5113) |
| | Susan DiFlorio | (215-891-0869) |
| | John Chaykin | (215-953-1610) |
| Sunday Guitar Group Sings two times a month | John Chaykin | (215-953-1610) |

F. Extraordinary Ministers Maureen Finley (215-357-7944)

The Extraordinary Ministers are selected by the priests to assist in distribution of Holy Communion at all Masses. Additionally, the Extraordinary Ministers serve in the parish outreach program bringing Holy Communion to those parishioners and residents of the Twining Village Retirement/Nursing Home unable to attend Mass due to illness, injury, or disability. Please contact the rectory at 215-357-5720 to arrange for distribution of Holy Communion to the homebound.

Appointment of Extraordinary Ministers is by recommendation of the priests of the Parish with approval of the Cardinal Archbishop.

G. Lectors Brian Stedman (215-968-0121)

Proclaim the “Word of the Lord” by reading appropriate Scripture passages during liturgical celebrations.

Sessions are held in Scripture interpretation and delivery.

Open to men, women, and high school students. This is a key liturgical function, and a special way to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

H. Ushers Bob Colavita (215-968-5260)

Men and Women of the Parish are needed to serve during Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Call the Usher Coordinator or ask one of the Ushers after Mass if you are interested.

I. Greeters Ann Robbins (215-364-2503)

Greeters are Ministers of Hospitality at the Eucharistic Celebration. Men and Women are needed to serve during Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Call the Greeter Coordinator or ask one of the Greeters after Mass if you are interested.

J. Offertory Procession See Ushers

Families are encouraged to present the Offertory gifts at Sunday Mass by sitting in the pew which is labeled "Offertory Gifts" in the center of the Church.

K. Rosary Society Harriet Saracino (215-357-0437)

Recitation of the Rosary by the congregation before the start of the daily 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Society also gathers for Rosary on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Church.

L. Miraculous Medal Novena Priests of St. Bede (215-357-5720)

The Medal of the Immaculate Conception, or Miraculous Medal, was manifested to Sister Catherine Labore, Sisters of Charity, and was originally cast in 1832. The Central Association, based in Philadelphia, PA, was established in 1915 to spread devotion to Mary Immaculate through her Miraculous Medal. Its secondary purpose is to help young men become priests, to support infirmed priests, and assist the poor.

M. Prayer Chain Marie Drobile (215-364-1118)

A ministry that exists to pray for those individuals who request to be remembered for their intention. The team consists of parishioners who are willing to set aside time each day to pray for those in need. All requests are confidential.

N. Altar Society Barbara Cullen (215-953-0385)

The Altar Society volunteers assist the parish in maintaining our beloved Church neat and clean for Mass. There are six groups of four to six volunteers who spend two hours in church performing light cleaning duties every six weeks. If you are interested in meeting new people and making a contribution to the parish, please call the coordinator of the Altar Society.

O. Children's Liturgy of the Word Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

Realizing that young minds need a simpler Liturgy of the Word during Mass, we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Mass. The children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, are "dismissed" prior to the Liturgy of the Word and brought down to the stage area of the cafeteria and greeted by a volunteer from the parish. The children are led through the Liturgy using the Lectionary for Masses with Children. With an interactive Homily and the opportunity to offer their own General Intercessions, the children learn about the Word of God. They conclude with an abbreviated version of the Creed. The children proceed back upstairs during the Presentation of the Gifts.

P. Eucharistic Adoration Chris Perkowski (215-357-7644)
Lorraine Hoenisch (215-702-7653)

Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Members of the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration ministry adore Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance, and members come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day and night. Christ's great love for us was shown when He was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit and offers Himself to us in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?

Perpetual Adoration began in December, 1996. Adorers commit to one hour a week before Jesus in the Eucharist for a personal, quiet time for praise, thanksgiving, and adoration.

PART II – OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

A. Help for those less Fortunate

1. Aid for Friends Michelle Bachman (215-860-0298)

Provide frozen dinners to the elderly and/or handicapped. Dinners are packaged in trays supplied by Aid for Friends and delivered to the Church freezer during school hours or on Sundays.

Cooks are always needed to prepare the meals. Meals can simply be an extra serving from one of your weekly meals. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the meals to the clients weekly or bimonthly. Assistance is always needed.

2. Food for the Needy Kris Ingle (215-357-4113)

Distribute non-perishable food items to the needy in our Parish community and deliver food to the Diocesan Emergency Food Centers.

Food is collected the last Sunday of every month and occasionally during seasonal holidays.

Help is needed on the days of the food collection and occasionally to deliver the food to a designated Emergency Food Center. Assistance is needed.

3. Casserole Program Barbara McKeever (215-364-2733)

This program benefits St. John Hospice which serves up to 450 men daily and survives solely on donations. Casseroles are made by parishioners and it really makes a difference.

4. One Can at a Time

"One Can at a Time" is to support those in need of food. The food is distributed within our parish, our local pantry and Mary's Cupboard. Containers at the entrances of the church and in the script hallway. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin.

5. St. Vincent DePaul
Clothing Drive Nancy Bernhardt (215-357-5720)

The clothing drive is held at St. Bede's in early November. Details are publicized in the Parish Bulletin.

6. Nurse Ministry Kris Ingle (215-357-4113)

The Parish Nurse Ministry is a group of nurses and caring volunteers in the parish who give their time and expertise to provide a healthcare

ministry that assists the parish members in their physical, emotional, and spiritual well being. The Parish Nurse acts as a health counselor, educator, advocate/resource person, and liaison to community services. Educational, health screenings, referrals and spiritual support are offered.

7. Bereavement Ministry Lynne O'Brien (215-504-4718)

The Bereavement Ministry exists as an outreach to provide comfort and support to fellow parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The members of the bereavement care team are parishioners who have received training in grief support and share a willingness to be present with those who are grieving. Team members contact the bereaved soon after the loss and remain in contact to be of help throughout the first year of bereavement.

8. Bereavement Support Lynne O'Brien (215-504-4718)

Grief Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Nurse Ministry trailer.

9. Women's Share Group Kris Ingle (215-357-4113)

This is a place where women can gather and share life experiences, pray and knit prayer shawls for those who are ill. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

10. Transportation Ministry Kris Ingle (215-357-4113)

Provides rides to those in our parish that need transportation to church and local appointments. When a ride is needed, please make requests as soon as possible and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

11. St. Vincent de Paul Society Priests of Parish (215-357-5720)

Money collected through the Poor Boxes located in the church is used to assist parishioners and friends in need in our own area. Fuel oil, food and clothing, and mortgage payments are but a few ways to help those temporarily beset by difficulties.

B. Pastoral Council Msgr. Marine (215-357-5720)

In 1992, based upon the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Advisory Committee on Renewal, Cardinal Bevilacqua asked every parish to establish a Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, which fosters full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church. The Pastoral

- H. Hospitality Committee Nancy Carberry (215-322-9951)
 Helen Smith (215-942-9599)

The Hospitality team hosts the friendly “Sunday Coffees” complete with delicious doughnuts, cookies, soft pretzels, tea and coffee, juice for the children, and huge helpings of warm, friendly conversation.

- I. St. Bede Parish Picnic Cas Iienda (215-357-5720)

St. Bede’s annual Parish Picnic is held in September every year. There are rides for the children, children shows, pony rides, music, games, bingo, food and much more fun for the entire family.

If you are interested in helping on the committee please call the parish office.

- J. Evangelization Committee Msgr. Marine (215-357-5720)

The Evangelization Committee is composed of parishioners charged with reflecting on how our parish can be a more welcoming community which proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The committee finds ways to spread the good news both among ourselves and our inactive Catholics and to our broader community. The Committee conducted speaker nights, a parish table at Northampton Days, prepare care packages for college students and planned our parish Open House. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

- K. Building and Grounds Committee Kevin Flynn (215 -355-4997)

Members of this committee consist of parishioners who have various expertise regarding engineering, architecture, plumbing, heating, etc., in order to advise the pastor regarding the proper care, maintenance, and needs for future construction for our entire parish plant.

- L. Legion of Mary Jerry Riley (215-860-9965)

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

Membership in Girl Scouts here at St. Bede's, with an emphasis on encouraging spiritual growth, entitles girls of the parish to participate in service, learning, and fun activities.

PART III – CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A. School

1. St. Bede Grade School (215-357-4720)

1053 Holland Road, Holland, PA 18966

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Administrator/Pastor: Monsignor John C. Marine
Principal: Mrs. H. Margaret Slomiany

Saint Bede the Venerable School exists in order to provide a high quality Catholic elementary education for all the children in our community, recognizing that each child is a unique individual. Our school fosters the maximum growth of each student as a whole person spiritually, intellectually, morally, and physically.

Our school is staffed by committed Catholic lay men and women. There are two classes each for grades K through 8. Included in the regular curriculum are classes in Lab Learner Program, computer science, music, art, Spanish, and library science.

2. St. Bede's Home and School Association Mary Kopnicky (215-364-2616)

The goal of the St. Bede the Venerable Home and School Association is to advance the Catholic education and welfare of all the children of the parish, to enhance the parents' and the teachers' role in the education of the children by increasing their knowledge of education and its processes, and increase their mutual understanding of children and to promote parent-school activities and to increase among its members, interest in educational and civic affairs.

The Association is a team of parent volunteers who utilize their time and talent to assist the faculty, administration, and pastor in the daily functions of the school. It also provides opportunities for family centered activities that enhance the children's educational and social experiences.

The administrative body of the Association is known as the Executive Board. The Board consists of the pastor, the school principal, two members of the Faculty, the (4) officers of the board, and all Standing Committees chairpersons. The terms of office for the officers and chairpersons are for two years. Board members are nominated from the current Executive Board and the general membership of the St. Bede the Venerable Home and School Association.

Membership to the Association is granted to the parents and guardians of the pupils of St. Bede's school.

3 Saint Bede Alumni Parish Office (215-357-5720)

St Bede the Venerable School invites all past graduates to join our Alumni Association.

The St. Bede the Venerable Alumni Association develops relationships and establishes lifelong connections between St. Bede the Venerable School and its alumni, increasing the sense of fellowship and community among the alumni. The Alumni Association seeks to represent all alumni and strengthen their commitment to the school through cultivation of alumni as leaders, volunteers and advocates for St. Bede's, leading to increased support for the school's mission and goals.

The Alumni Association achieves the connections with alumni of St. Bede's through communications, programs, and services. Our mission is to foster alliances among alumni, students, friends and the school and parish, and to insure that every alumna and alumnus is informed, involved and committed to the success of St. Bede's.

4. CARES Program Adrienne Barlow (215-357-4720 / 215-355-9691)

The aim of CARES is to create an atmosphere where Christian values are instilled through modeling and meaningful interaction. CARES (Children Are Receiving Extended Services) is a Before and After School Program where children are in a comfortable, loving climate. Daily afternoon activities include outside playtime (weather permitting), crafts, homework time, and story reading. Children may bring their own snacks and drinks. There are occasional parties for the holidays.

5. Religious Education/CCD Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), also known as CCD, catechizes those children who attend non-Catholic school. Under the guidance of the Director of Religious Education, Peg McGinley, and her assistant, Colleen Oriente, the Religious Education Program fosters a community where learning about Catholicism is both academic and spiritual. It is important that we lead by example and that we not only have the knowledge but that we offer the tools necessary to live our faith every day of our lives.

With approximately 700 students, Religious Education is offered Sunday morning (9:30 – 10:45), Monday afternoon (4:30 – 5:45), and Monday evening (6:30 – 7:45). A volunteer staff of catechists and aides share their faith with the children from age 4 (pre-K) through the

8th grade. All grades are offered on Sunday, Monday Afternoon, and Monday evening. Pre- School is held on Sunday morning only.

Nurturing these young disciples is important to the faith formation of the entire parish. Because we are ALL on a journey seeking a closer relationship with God, it is imperative that families support by word and action the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Religious Education Program only can be as strong as the faith of the family, the domestic Church.

6. Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

R.C.I.A. is the communal process by which non-Catholics can become full members of the Catholic Church. It is for people who were never baptized or who were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition. Also, by participating in this process, those baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed or who have not received the sacrament of the Eucharist can be prepared to receive these sacraments.

7. Adult Faith Enrichment Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

Learning about the Catholic faith is an on-going experience. With our growth in age and additional responsibility we need to grow in our role as disciples to depend our relationship with God. Several opportunities are provided throughout the year for adults to continue on their own faith journey and to help them, as parents and primary educators, to guide their children in their religious formation.

8. CCD Advisory Board Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

The Advisory Board is comprised of parents and catechists willing to share their time and talents to assist the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education in planning and evaluating all phases of the Parish Religious Education Program. The Advisory Board will function as a forum for parents, teachers, and administrators of our CCD program to express their ideas and concerns for the religious education of our parish children.

9. Vacation Bible School Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

A summertime program for children ages K – 5th grade held at the end of June at St. Bede’s School. The program is a delightful combination of Bible stories, singing, arts and crafts, refreshments, and fun.

Teens and adults eager to teach the Good News are needed as teachers, aids, kitchen help, and in program development. This is an excellent opportunity for confirmation classes to obtain service hours. Training and materials are provided.

- B. Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Michael Spadaro (215-816-4382)
Fr. Bordonaro (215-357-5720)
(Priest Moderator)

St. Bede's *Catholic Youth Organization* is the athletic ministry of the Parish's Youth Ministry program. Along with the pastor, the CYO program is under the guidance of the Archdiocesan Parish Youth Ministry Office.

Mission Statement (from the Archdiocesan Parish Youth Office)
CYO Sports is one component of a parish's comprehensive youth ministry program which enables the partnership of parents, coaches, priests, religious, teachers, and adult leaders to manage and support a sports program that allows youth to grow in their relationship with God and come to better understand themselves and the Catholic Faith.

Programs:

- Soccer – Fall Season (Kindergarten to High School)
- Cross Country – Late Summer/Fall Season (1st to 8th graders)
- Basketball – Late Fall/Winter Season (Kindergarten to High School)
- Track and Field – Late Winter/Early Spring Season (1st to 8th graders)
- Baseball – Early Spring Season (currently just 7th and 8th graders)
- Softball – Early Spring Season (5th to 8th graders)

Registration for each sport usually occurs two to three months prior to their respective season. Please refer to the CYO website www.cyo.st-bede.org for forms and additional information concerning the CYO program at St. Bede the Venerable. Announcements and upcoming events are also regularly posted in the weekly parish bulletin. The rectory is always available to provide contact information concerning the CYO program at St. Bede the Venerable.

- C. St. Bede Youth Ministry Maritza Carmona-Kelly
(215-357-5113)

Our youth are a vital part of parish life. Our Youth Ministry program is designed to support and nurture the growth and development of our young people in various areas.

1. High School Youth Group
High School aged Youth in grades 9 through 12.
2. Junior High School Youth Group
Middle School aged Youth in grades 7th and 8th.

PART IV – ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

A. Pre-Baptismal Instruction Priests of St. Bede (215-357-5720)

The Rite of Infant Baptism directs all parishes to provide a program that prepares parents to fulfill the responsibilities that are theirs when their children are baptized.

A personal interview is held with one of the parish priest by appointment. Pertinent information regarding the parents is acquired along with an understanding of their faith, life, and their readiness to share this both with their child and with the community.

B. Pre-Jordan Classes Peg McGinley (215-357-2130)

Parents who are planning to have a child baptized at St. Bede's Church are required to attend a Pre-Jordan class. These classes are offered on the second Sunday of every month.

C. Marriage

1. Pre-Cana Darrel and Natalie Linder
(215-860-8108)

Assists engaged couples in their preparations for marriage. Couples are given the option of attending one of the various Archdiocesan sessions or attending the one-day session given by couples and priest from St. Bede's. St. Bede's sessions are a full day program that allows the couple concentrated time to focus on each other and some of the important areas in marriage. The Pre Cana Days are in the fall and spring. The day consists of 5 or 6 presentations by married couples from the Parish, each followed by time for the couple to reflect on and discuss topics from the presentation.

The Pre Cana Team is made up of married couples from the Parish who are interested in ministering to engaged couples in a variety of ways, including hospitality, general administration and presentations. The Pre Cana team meets once monthly from September thru May. The rewards of this ministry are many, including sharing your experiences of marriage, experiencing God's love thru the love and excitement of the engaged couples.

D. Natural Family Planning Family Life Bureau
Rectory (215-587-3995)
(215-357-5720)

Promotes the awareness of Natural Family Planning and provides support for participating couples. Directs interested couples to qualified teachers, plans information series on Natural Family Planning, and provides literature and books about the subject.

PART VI – OTHER

A. **Gift Certificate Program** Kim Urban (215-357-5720)

The Certificate Program is a fundraising program for the benefit of the parish and helping families apply money towards their tuition. The parish buys gift certificates from selected grocery and retail stores and then sells them to parishioners.

2-1/2% is given back to parishioners to be redeemed as credit towards tuition in Catholic schooling institutions and 2.5% goes to the general operating fund of the parish. Some gift cards could generate a higher percentage.

Certificates are sold in the Church lobby on Sunday's from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and are also sold at the rectory Monday to through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS

PART I – LITURGY

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| A. Liturgy Committee | Monsignor Marine (215-357-5720) |
| B. Capital Campaign | Chairs: Tim Swift (215-497-9630) Mike Keim (215-364-6577) |
| C. Sanctuary Decorators/Flowers | Sharon Weidner (215-598-8584) Ed Rogowski (215-364-8574) |
| D. Altar Servers | Fr. Bordonaro (215-357-5720) |
| E. Music Ministry | Susan DiFlorio (215-891-0869) |
| Adult Choir | Ann Orth (215-702-0566) |
| Children's Choir | Susan DiFlorio (215-891-0869) |
| High School Youth Group Band | Maritza Carmona-Kelly (215-357-5113) |
| Sunday Guitar Group | John Chaykin (215-953-1610) John Chaykin (215-953-1610) |
| F. Extraordinary Ministers | Maureen Finley (215-357-7944). |
| G. Lectors | Brian Stedman (968-0121) |
| H. Ushers | Bob Colavita (215-968-5260) |
| I. Greeters | Ann Robbins (215-364-2503) |
| J. Offertory Procession | See Ushers |
| K. Rosary Society | Harriett Saracino (215-357-0437) |
| L. Miraculous Medal Novena | Priests of St. Bede (215-357-5720) |
| M. Prayer Chain | Marie Drobile (215-364-1118) |
| N. Altar Society | Barbara Cullen (215-953-0385) |
| O. Children's Liturgy of the Word | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| P. Eucharistic Adoration | Chris Perkowski (215-357-7644) Lorraine Hoenisch (215-702-7653) |

PART II - OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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| A. Help for those less fortunate | |
| 1. Aid for Friends | Michelle Bachman (215-860-0298) |
| 2. Food for the Needy | Kris Ingle (215-357-4113) |
| 3. Casserole Program | Barbara McKeever (215-364-2733) |
| 4. One Can At A Time | See Bulletin |
| 5. St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive | Nancy Bernhardt (215-357-5720) |
| 6. Nurse Ministry | Kris Ingle (25-357-4113) |
| 7. Bereavement Ministry | Lynne O'Brien (215-504-4718) |
| 8. Bereavement Support | Lynne O'Brien (215-504-4718) |
| 9. Woman's Share Group | Kris Ingle (215-357-4113) |
| 10. Transportation Ministry | Kris Ingle (215-357-4113) |
| 11. St. Vincent de Paul Society | Priests of Parish (215-357-5720) |
| B. Pastoral Council | Monsignor Marine (215-357-5720) |
| C. Finance Committee | Monsignor Marine (215-357-5720) |
| D. Young at Heart | Skip Geist (215-355-6182) |
| E. Respect Life Community | Father Bordonaro (215-357-5720) |
| F. Blood Bank | Kris Ingle (215-357-4113) |
| G. Our Lady Traveling Statue | St. Bede School (215-357-4720) Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| H. Hospitality Committee | Nancy Carberry (215-322-9951) Helen Smith (215-942-9599) |

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| I. St. Bede Parish Picnic | Cas Ilenda (215-357-5720) |
| J. Evangelization Committee | Monsignor Marine (215-357-5720) |
| K. Building and Grounds | Kevin Flynn (215-355-4997) |
| L. Legion of Mary | Jerry Riley (215-860-9965) |
| M. Cub Scouts | Joseph Cawley (215-355-1008) |
| N. Boy Scouts of America | Rowland Smith (215-757-0482) |
| | Bruce Barlow (215-322-2518) |
| O. Girl Scouts | Maureen Menarde (215-355-4044) |

PART III – CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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| A. School | |
| 1. St. Bede Grade School | H. Margaret Slomiany (215-357-4720) |
| | Monsignor Marine (215-357-5720) |
| 2. Home and School Association | Mary Kopnicky (364-2616) |
| 3. St. Bede Alumni | Parish Office (215-357-5720) |
| 4. CARES Program | Adrienne Barloe (215-357-4720) |
| | (215-355-9691) |
| 5. Religious Education/CCD | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| 6. Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| 7. Adult Faith Enrichment | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| 8. CCD Advisory Board | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| 9. Vacation Bible School | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| B. Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) | Mike Spadaro (215-816-4382) |
| C. St. Bede Youth Ministry | Maritza Carmona-Kelly (215-357-5113) |
| D. St. Bede's Kids Club | Estella Lynch (215-396-8089) |
| E. St. Bede's Children Rosary | Estella Lynch (215-396-8089) |

C. PART IV – ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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| A. Pre-Baptismal Instruction | Priests of St. Bede (215-357-5720) |
| B. Pre Jordan Classes | Peg McGinley (215-357-2130) |
| C. Marriage | |
| Pre-Cana | Darrel and Natalie Linder (215-860-8108) |
| D. Natural Family Planning | Family Life Bureau |
| St. Bede Youth Ministry | Maritza Carmona-Kelly (215-357-5113) |
| E. Divorce and Beyond | Helen Love (215-579-2799) |
| F. Bible Studies | Kris Ingle (215-357-4113) |
| G. Faith Enrichment | Jean Damico (215-357-5720) |

PART V – ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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| A. Men's Basketball | Mike Spadaro (215-816-4382) |
| B. Woman's Basketball | Joanne Corless (215-598-8237) |

PART VI - OTHER

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| A. Gift Certificate Program | Kim Urban (215-357-5720) |
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