

***Fr. Dave's Den:*** Canon 946 of the Code of Canon Law states:

*"The faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, and by that offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities."*

**It has been a long time custom** for the faithful to establish an intention for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This intention, for a living or deceased person, contributes to the good of the Church. In addition, it serves as a powerful act of remembrance. Remembrance counts most at the Altar of God.

**Enclosed within today's bulletin** please find a special insert for Mass intention requests. Please note that only two specific date requests will be taken for any one deceased person. And of those two only one may be scheduled for a weekend Mass. Given the fact that we have well over 100 funerals a year your scheduled intention may be bumped by a funeral. When this occurs, your intention will be sent to the Seminary to be offered by one of the four priests living in residence. Please see the insert for a list of special days in which the intention is for the Parish. Also, even though there are three weekend Masses, every Pastor must offer one of those Masses for the people of the Parish. The suggested offering for a Mass is \$10.00. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Rectory or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. For more information please call Ginny Beck at the Rectory.

**ACTUNG!** Make plans to join us for the Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 16, 2004, from 6:00 to 11:00 PM in Helzlsouer Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person (adults only). The parish will provide bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, cabbage soup, bread, and beverages. People are asked to bring a German side dish (salad, dessert, etc). There will be a DJ. If you plan on attending, you must have a ticket. Tickets are available at the Rectory.

**There is a parent/guardian meeting** for Reconciliation on Monday, October 11, 2004, at 7:00 PM in Church.

**The Fall Anointing Mass** will take place next Sunday, October 17, 2004, at 12:30 PM. We received special permission from the Diocese for this Mass. If you are elderly, chronically ill, or anticipating surgery, you should be anointed.

**The Blood Drive** will take place Sunday, October 24, 2004, from 8:00 AM until 1:15 PM in Helzlsouer Hall. Come and give the gift of life.

**By now** everyone should have received their Harvest Sweepstakes tickets. You just might have the winning ticket! Thanks for your support of St. Bart's Parish.

**Thanks to everyone who participated** in any way with the 2nd Annual St. Bart's School Golf Outing at Alcoma Country Club. The weather was spectacular and the outing was an overwhelming success. A special thanks to Tony Angiulli, Brian Butterfield, and Jeff Tishko for another super job in organizing the event.

**Finally**, in the name of the entire Parish I wish to thank Joe Garland for his seven years of service as maintenance man. Two weeks ago, Joe gave his notice in order to pursue another job opportunity. We wish Joe all the best in his new endeavor.

**Have a wonderful week!**

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Good and gracious God,  
You have called us through  
Baptism to discipleship with  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, and  
Have sent us to bring the Good News  
Of salvation to all peoples.

We pray you grant us more  
Priests and religious to  
Build up your Church.

Inspire young men and  
Women by the example of  
Blessed Junipero Serra to give  
Themselves totally to the work of  
Christ and His Church.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus the Lord.

Amen!

- Cardinal Roger Mahoney



School News with Mrs. Fleet

Please keep our eighth grade boys in prayer as they travel to Central Catholic High School on Monday, October 11, for a visit.

Parents and guardians of our students who are receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this year are invited to attend a meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday evening, October 11, in Church.

On Tuesday evening, October 12, our PTG will meet at 6:30 PM in the library.

We will celebrate Maintenance Appreciation Day on Wednesday, October 13, at 2:30 PM, in the gym. This is not a national holiday but in keeping with our school's 50th Anniversary, we are taking time to honor and show gratitude to all personnel who help to keep our school bright and shiny.

On Thursday, October 14, Sr. Irene Mary, our Educational Consultant, will visit us.

Congratulations to the St. Bart's junior varsity football, who last weekend defeated St. Louise de Merillac with a score of 30-8. The varsity team lost their game, also to St. Louise, 24-8. This Sunday, October 10, both teams are playing against St. Bernard at Seton-LaSalle.

Thank you to all of you who continue to save Campbell's product labels for us, along with Shop N' Save receipts and Box Tops for Education. We appreciate your assistance.

God bless you.

**BINGO**

Join us every Monday night in Helzlsouer Hall at 7:00 PM for Bingo St. Bart's style!

**A Respect Life Meditation**

(Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap. Of Denver - The Denver Catholic Register, August 18, 2004) "If we're going to reject, either intellectually or practically, the teachings of the Church, then we shouldn't go to communion. If you believe that it's alright to kill the unborn or think that it's ok for others to do so, then you're out of communion with the Church.

We pray that all Catholics take seriously their duty to approach the Lord's table in full communion with the Church's moral teachings in all areas of their lives.

**COFFEE & CATECHISM**

Our in-depth study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church will resume Thursday, October 24, 2004, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Pastors Conference Room. For more information, call Bob Wheeler at 412-241-0524.

Religious Education News with Arlene Golden

"Jesus said, 'You have been healed because you believe.'" Luke 17:19. Faith in God has the power to heal us.

Religious Education: We've started this year with 132 students and 90 families. Please note that if your child is to receive a sacrament this year, he or she must have attended religious education classes at least one year prior to receiving the sacrament.

Baptism Class: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are to attend a class prior to scheduling the baptism. The next class is Tuesday, October 12, at 7:00 PM, in room 206 of the school. The next upcoming baptisms will be held Sunday, October 31, after the 10:30 AM Mass, and Saturday, November 6, at 1:00 PM.

First Reconciliation: Parents/guardians of children who are to make their first confession this year are to attend a meeting this Monday, October 11, at 7:00 PM, in the Church. At this time the sacrament will be explained and the workbooks will be presented. At least one adult per family is requested to attend this important meeting. Please contact Arlene Golden at the Religious Education office at 412-242-7207 with any questions or concerns.

CVOL: Catholic Vision of Love is a diocesan program that presents Christ's vision of love and sexuality. Parents/guardians of youth in grades five through eight, both school families and CCD, are to attend a meeting Monday, October 18, at 7:00 PM, in the Church. At least one adult per family is expected to attend. Anyone who has attended this meeting in the last five years is exempt. Rosary: Students in the Religious Education classes, grades three through eight will recite the Rosary on Sunday, October 10, at 9:15 AM, in Church. All are welcome to pray with us.

**Blood Drive**

It is nearing time again for the biannual St. Bartholomew Parish Blood Drive. The Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2004, from 8:00 AM until 1:15 PM. Please contact Marcia Irr at 412-731-0639 to schedule your opportunity to help those in need of one of the most vital gifts we can offer.

**Birthday Card Shower**

Margaret McMahan, secretary for St. Bartholomew parish from the 1960s into the 1990s, is turning 90 next Saturday, October 16, and her family is organizing a card shower for her. If you would like to send Margaret a birthday greeting, please call the rectory for her current address.



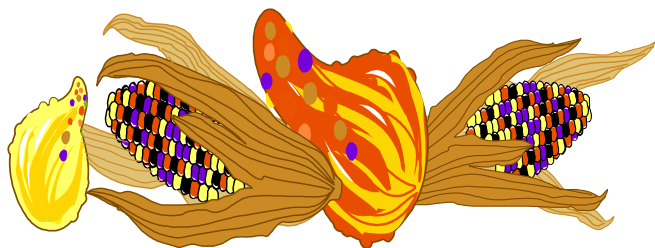
## The Word of God Unchained

There is no chaining the word of God! But how many times do we attempt to do that very thing? Had the followers of Jesus or the teachers of the Law or the Pharisees been asked if the lepers should be cleansed or healed, the answer would most likely have been, "No, they deserve their condition." The lepers would have been, perhaps, a mixed group: Galileans and Samaritans alike, the bond of their awful disease overcoming the pettiness of former religious bickering. Jesus' actions once again illustrate his vocation and ours: to reach out when healing is needed, to challenge when conversion is needed, to console when comfort is needed. He also follows his own advice from last week's Gospel: do what you have been commanded to do. When the cleansed Samaritan has returned to give thanks, Jesus does not take it as an opportunity for self-aggrandizement, but rather offers insight into faith.

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## Treasures from our Tradition

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts—first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtle-doves!



## Mass Intentions



### **MON., October 11 - Weekday**

10:00 A.M. John Vacchiano (Jean Vacchiano)

### **TUES., October 12 - Weekday**

10:00 A.M. Rosa Cutrulla (Brother Vic & Family)

### **WED., October 13 - Weekday**

7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

### **THURS., October 14 - St. Callistus**

10:00 A.M. Clara Myers & George F Myers (George J. Myers)

6:00 P.M. Rehearsal: Boyle/Wagner

### **FRI., October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus**

10:00 A.M. Harydzak Family (Lena Harydzak)

### **SAT., October 16 - St. Hedwig**

10:00 A.M. Giovanna Serrao (Pat & Beverly O'Toole)

11:00 A.M. Confessions heard until 12:00 noon

3:00 P.M. Wedding: Boyle/Wagner

5:00 P.M. Guy Granata (Laura)

### **SUN., October 17 - 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. James M. Gannon (Diana Gannon)

10:30 A.M. Meshanko & Thomas Families (Cindilou Meshanko)

12:30 P.M. Anointing of the Sick Mass - People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the Parish.

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed:

**Warren Kietter and Henry Sciuolo**

Last weekend we welcomed in baptism:

**Riley Kendall Schmidt, Kameryn Nathaniel Trim,**

**Joseph Nathan LaMontagne, Alexa Marie McKee,**

**and Antonio Leo Rauso**

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Weekly Offering: Total: \$8900.50 Env. Dist.: 1753 Env. Used: 620  
Scrip Program Approximate Profit: \$185.87

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## Life Teen - Leading Teens Closer to Christ

The first deadline for discount retreat payment is here! If you want to get the early discount of \$55.00, your money and forms must be turned in this weekend. As of Monday, October 11, the price goes up to \$60.00. If you did not get your forms and want the discount see any core member or call Colleen at 412-242-3277. The next Life Teen is October 23. It's going to be a "burping" good time. See you there!

**GOOD FOOD!!  
GOOD COMPANY!!  
GOOD TIME!!**



**JOIN IN THE FUN AT  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
OKTOBERFEST  
TO BE HELD**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2004  
FROM 6 PM TO 11 PM**

**FOR YOUR LISTENING AND DANCING  
PLEASURE, MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY  
DC SOUND**

**TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE RECTORY**

**MENU INCLUDES:  
BRATWURST WITH SAUERKRAUT  
HOT DOGS  
CABBAGE SOUP  
BREAD AND BEVERAGES**



**THE REST IS UP TO YOU, BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE GERMAN DISH (OR IF YOU ARE NOT  
INTO GERMAN COOKING, ANY APPETIZER, MAIN  
DISH, SIDE DISH, SALAD, OR DESSERT WILL DO)**

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2005

We will begin accepting mass requests for the year 2005 on Monday, October 18, 2004, BY U.S. MAIL, BY DROPPING INTO THE SUNDAY COLLECTION, OR HAND DELIVERY TO THE RECTORY. We **cannot** accept Mass requests by phone. Masses will be accepted on a first come first served basis. We ask that a first, second and third choice for day/date/time be listed with each request. In order to assure good order and fairness to EVERYONE, the following rules will apply:

1. Only two (2) specific date requests will be taken for any one deceased person. Of these two, only one may be scheduled for a weekend Mass. If you wish to request more than two masses for a specified person, the additional masses will be accepted with the understanding that they will be scheduled only if there is an opening, but may be sent to the Seminary or Missions. (Diocesan and Canon Law prohibit our keeping Mass requests in the parish if they cannot be said within one year of the time they were requested.)
2. You may request only TWO Masses per request form.
3. Mass offerings are \$10 each and your check should accompany your request.
4. Please complete the MASS REQUEST FORM on the bottom of this page and mail to the rectory, drop it into the Sunday Collection, or hand deliver to the rectory.
5. Please know that **there are no guarantees that all Mass requests can be honored.** In the event of a funeral, your intention may be bumped and sent to the Seminary. When there is a funeral, we will still mention your deceased loved one's name, but this does not satisfy the intention, as the intention at a funeral is always for the deceased. We regret the inconvenience; however, this is necessary inasmuch as there is only one priest and over 100 funerals each year. Your intention may also be bumped by the illness, retreat and/or vacation of the priest.
6. Please keep in mind that every Pastor is mandated to offer a Mass for the people on Sundays and holy days of obligation. While there are three Sunday Masses, only two can be used to satisfy your intentions.
7. Whenever possible, please combine Mass requests for deceased members in the same family.
8. The following days are not open for individual intentions since they are offered for the intentions of our parishioners: EASTER (March 27), MOTHER'S DAY (May 8), FATHER'S DAY (June 19), ALL SOULS DAY (November 2), THANKSGIVING DAY (November 24), and CHRISTMAS DAY (December 25).

We would like to remind our parishioners who have requested a Mass or are attending a Mass requested by friends for one of your loved ones, that the members of the family are asked to carry the gifts to the altar. Please inform an usher that you will be carrying the gifts to the altar, but if you are unable to do so, please advise the usher so that a replacement can be found for you. This is an opportunity to serve God, as well as honoring your family, so please be generous if you are asked to carry the gifts.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass Requests** should be sent in as soon as possible. If you delay, we may not be able to accommodate your requests.

**NOTE: We will be unable to phone or mail you individually to confirm dates for requested and scheduled Masses. If certain date choices are already scheduled, we will try to schedule your Mass as close to your specific request as possible.**

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**MASS REQUEST FORM - 2005 - LIMIT TWO (2) REQUESTS PER FORM**

Mass Requested For	Mass Requested By
Day/Date – 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Time
Day/Date – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Time
Day/Date – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	Time
Mass Requested For	Mass Requested By
Day/Date – 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Time
Day/Date – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Time
Day/Date – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	Time

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE: Date Received _____ Check # _____ Amt. Pd. _____
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