

Fr. Dave's Den: **It is that time of year** when with the warmer temperatures we encounter heavy storms with torrential rains, crashing thunder, and fierce lightning. These acts of nature interrupt our plans and cause us to run for cover. Some of these storms are devastating in as much as they are so destructive. And these storms always have a way of humbling us for there is very little we can do but wait for them to pass.

The Gospel for today recounts a stormy moment for the disciples. And, interestingly enough, the disciples find themselves in one of the most dangerous spots—the sea. In biblical literature the sea is often viewed as a place of evil forces. The disciples are so shaken by the storm that they awaken Jesus. Jesus calms the storm but also questions his followers. He says, “Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?” Jesus’ point is that storms should not conjure up fear but rather call forth faith.

In today's Church we face many storms that in our humanness evoke more fear than faith. One of the intensifying storms in front of us is the lack of vocations to the priesthood. God still calls, but our contemporary culture often precludes one from hearing and responding to the call. As a church we need to pray every day for an increase of vocations. And as faithful of the Church with fewer priests we all need to assume a greater participative sense in the Church. In short, we all need to do our part.

As a parish family we identify ourselves as a “Eucharistic community.” Recently, the Parish Pastoral Council met and recommitted itself to the Eucharist as well as the role of the laity in the Church. Essentially, the council developed a three-fold strategy. First, during the next few months the council seeks to highlight vari-

ous parish ministries by having certain parishioners write in the bulletin about their particular role. This process will formerly begin next week. Second, the council seeks to support the existing ministers by developing and hosting educational programs for the various ministries sometime in the fall. Finally, the council desires to extend a greater outreach to the entire parish by planning a retreat and increasing the awareness and participation in weekly Holy Hour.

Someone once said, “Storms make trees take deeper roots.” As we face this vocational storm let us strive to take deeper roots with our faith and parish family. It is imperative that we all do what we can. It is never too late to sign up for a ministry. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up for a new ministry. **Next Saturday**, following a 3:00 PM wedding, I will be leaving for vacation. The Masses will be covered in large part by Fr. Matt Cirilli. There will be Mass on Tuesday, July 4, at 9:00 AM. Sister Dorothy Pawlus, CSFN, our Pastoral Associate, will be staying at the rectory while I am away to meet your pastoral needs. Sister can be reached at 412-657-5515.

Do not forget to return your sweepstakes tickets so as to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing.

A special word of thanks to all who assisted with Operation Move. May God reward you for your kindness.

Just a reminder, next weekend, July 1 and 2, the second collection will be for the St. Paul Cathedral Renovation Fund. In the last collection taken for this purpose we received \$1772.44. We need to raise a total of \$11,000.00.

Have a calm week!

School News

Remember that though the school year has ended, you can still register your children for preschool through eighth grade at St. Bart's school. Also, please continue to save Campbell's product labels, Shop N Save receipts, Box Tops for Education, and school-friendly copy paper.

God's Call

On behalf of the entire parish family, please accept our heartfelt thanks to the following parishioners who listened and responded to God's call to the following ministries here at St. Bartholomew's. If your name was inadvertently missed on the following lists, please contact Sister Dorothy at 412-242-7357. For those whose names appear on the following lists, you will be contacted soon.

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

Cindy Cerniga
Barb Cowell
Dan Cowell
Rose Curran
Alicia DePastino
Joan Filipich
Barbara Fratangelo
Jane Leach
Gloria Marano
The Merola Family
Jan Reddinger
Cindi Valenti
Lindsey Valenti

BINGO WORKERS

Sarah Butterfield
Ginger Fey

CCD TEACHER

Michelle Ritenbaugh

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Colleen Byrnes

CHOIR/CANTOR

Barb Cowell
Bettina Longo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Aric Bush
Dorothy Fink
Jacki Golightly
Denise Ludovici
Jan Reddinger
Jesse Talotta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO HOMEBOUND

Michelle Pearson
Jan Reddinger
Jean Vacciano

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Frank Schiller

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Colleen Kulikowski

Vicki Leacock

Mary Tedesco

GREEN THUMBS

Cindy Cerniga

Barb Cowell

Rose Curran

Barbara Fratangelo

Denise Ludovici

Gloria Marano

Rege McManus

Karen Regan

The Rick Family

Cheryl Strom

LADIES OF CHARITY

No one signed up, but if you are interested, please contact Sr. Dorothy.

LECTOR

Frank DeIuliis

Regis Donnelly

Joe Fameli

Jeff Hudale

Sue Kernick

Ann Kim

Marcy Marpes

Vickey Pfauth

Lesia Pugliese

Michelle Ritenbaugh

Joanne Rosol

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY (USHER)

Sue Kernick

Marcy Marpes

Michael Rosor

Frank Schiller

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Jonelle Barbati

Lynn Nelis

Jan Reddinger

Frank Schiller

SCRIP SELLERS

Alicia DePastino

Sue Kernick

Marcy Marpes

RECTORY OFFICE AID

Jonelle Barbati

Kathy Brickett

Cindy Cerniga

Marianna Fiore

Bob McCarthy

Rege McManus

Tilda Merola

Anastasia Schiller

Theresa Stanton

Jean Vacciano

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN

Richard Crowley

Dorothy Fink

The Wind and the Sea

Living along the shores of Lake Superior—the “big lake,” as the locals call it—you can often hear the advice, “Respect the lake; don’t take it for granted.” People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today’s Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor, the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from our Tradition

In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent, which was otherwise devoted to liturgical uniformity, was very tolerant of age-old marriage customs. The Council singled out “praiseworthy” customs and hoped they would be retained. The Second Vatican Council likewise asked for a careful evaluation of customs, admitting that not everything about wedding practice is “praiseworthy.” In our revised liturgy, all of the prayers consistently stress the equality of the partners. Some familiar customs do not match this insight. Often, the groom remains hidden in a sacristy while the bride, accompanied only by her father, enters with her attendants. This is hardly equality, especially if it appears that her father is “giving her away” to her husband. This is a familiar enough scene, but increasingly couples are called to a different practice. Symbols and signs carry and communicate meaning. The challenge for couples today is to match the meaning to the symbol, and for the couple to be authentic in all they do and say on the day of their wedding. Having bride and groom both take part fully and equally in the entrance procession is exactly the kind of “praiseworthy” practice we’ve been looking for! —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Intentions



MON., June 26 - Weekday

10:00 A.M. Maria & Jozef Petriga & Anna & Michael Andrejco (Helen & Michael Andrejco)

TUES., June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria

10:00 A.M. Tillie & Joe Corpora (Daughter)

WED., June 28 - St. Irenaeus

7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

THURS., June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul

10:00 A.M. Argentino & Sabia Sciulli (Nino & Ida Sciulli)

FRI., June 30 - First Martyrs of the Church

10:00 A.M. Gregory Sheasley (Family)

6:00 P.M. Rehearsal: Retzer-McCafferty

SAT., July 1 - Blessed Junipero Serra

10:00 A.M. Frank DeCarolis (Family)

11:00 A.M. Confessions

3:00 P.M. Eric Retzer-Michelle McCafferty

5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

SUN., July 2 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Bernadine Nedz (Nedz Family)

10:30 A.M. Jim W. Rihn (Wife, Carmela)

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

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed.

Ladies of Charity

The St. Bartholomew Ladies of Charity will hold a Communion Breakfast at Alcoma Country Club on Sunday, July 9, 2006. Dr. Joann Andiorio will be our speaker. The cost is \$15.00 per person. If you wish to attend, please contact the rectory to sign up. Thank you!

