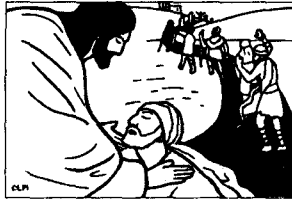


*Today we celebrate the 28th
Sunday in Ordinary Time.*



What does it feel like inside your heart to stand before another in a stance of gratefulness to them?

On the other hand, what does it feel like to have a friend, a family member, or even someone you may dislike stand before you in a stance of gratefulness?

Does it make you feel superior? Humbled? Uneasy? Proud?

How do you think Jesus felt when he went out of his way to offer the gift of healing to ten individuals and only one returned to offer thanks? My first thought when I read this gospel was "how ungrateful were the nine who didn't return." But as I spent time reflecting, I couldn't help but go inwards and ask myself how many times I have taken the stance of ungratefulness when someone went out of their way to bless my life. How often am I guilty of the same sin as the nine who ignored their responsibility to offer thanks to the giver of the gift they received?

Thankfulness is not a one-in-a-while response for having received a gift, I believe it to be an attitude of the heart—a readiness to always give thanks. Gratitude is an attitude that comes from a heart that truly believes that everything in life is a gift.



What would our lives be like without the love and support we receive from our families and our friends?

I encourage you this week to take some time and reflect on all of the people in your life that have taught you, inspired you, offered you opportunities, forgiven you, gone out of their way to be there for you, and/or have offered you forgiveness and healing and take the time to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for them and how they have enriched your life with God's presence. You might want to go one step further and drop these people a note of gratitude for all they mean to you.

Know that I pray in thanksgiving each day for all of you and the many ways that my life is enriched because of your presence in it.

Have a blessed week.

- Sister Dorothy



Even though it is only October, plans are underway for a day of retreat that will be sponsored by our Women's Group. Saturday, December 1st -- St. Emma's Retreat House in Greensburg is the location and Fr. Angelus Shaugnessy, OFM, Cap is the director. This retreat is open to men and women. For more information, please contact Regina Premozic at 412-795-0507. This is in anticipation for the season of Advent. What a great way to begin the season.



MASS

Please join Mrs. Smith and our 7th graders as we celebrate mass on Thursday, October 18th at 10:00 AM. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this special celebration.

MARKET DAY PICK-UP

Market day will be available for pick-up in the school gym from 5:15 PM until 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 16. If you haven't ordered market day before, you are truly missing a convenient and delicious way to bring great meals to your dining table.



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**BRUINS
FOOTBALL
FEVER**

Looking for something to do this weekend? The Steelers

do not have a game this week, so why not come out and root on the St. Bart's Bruins! Join us at Friendship Park where the Bruins will take on St. Bernard's. The first game starts at 1:00 PM. See you at the game!!

WE COUNT PEDOMETER PROGRAM

St. Bartholomew and 32 other schools throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh will participate in the WE COUNT PEDOMETER PROGRAM. This is a pilot program funded by a \$30,000 grant from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Through the WE COUNT PEDOMETER PROGRAM, every student at St. Bartholomew School will receive a pedometer and WE COUNT curriculum materials to reinforce the lessons being taught in school, and help the students set a tangible goal. The students will learn about childhood obesity, physical activity and good nutrition while recording their average steps walked each week throughout an 18 week period. Nearly 6,500 students throughout the Diocese will be impacted by this program during the 2007-2008 school year.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Please remember our kindergarten and first grade students in your prayers, as they travel to the Pumpkin Patch on Tuesday, October 16th. Mrs. McGreal and Mrs. Sicilia have planned a fun filled day for our students.

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Our students will be allowed to dress down on Friday, October 19th. The students are asked to donate one dollar. All monies collected will be donated to the Chimbote Missions.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

8:00 AM ————— 1:00 pm

**HELZSOUR HALL
PLEASE DONATE**

**Holiday
Sale**



The Woman's Group will be taking orders for fresh wreaths, roping, crosses, candy canes and poinsettia's, after all masses thru the end of October. Orders will

be ready for pick-up the weekend of November 24, & 25...just in time for holiday decorating or cemetery placement. You may pick-up additional order forms for friends, family and co-workers after all masses or at the rectory. For information call Denise at 412-251-1651



We Welcome in Baptism

**Caden Nicholas Yost
and
Tiziana Longo**

**May God Bless you and your
families**



MON., OCT 15 TERESA OF JESUS
10:00 A.M., HERBERT MORAN (FAMILY)

TUES., WED., OCT. 16 & OCT 17
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD'S, ST. JOSEPH

WED., OCT. 17 IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR

THURS., OCT. 18 LUKE EVANGELIST
10:00 A.M., RUTH RUPPEL (HUSBAND
JOHN)

FRI., OCT. 19 WEEKDAY
10:00 A.M. ,MARY ANN WERNER
(FAMILY)
6:00 P.M., REHEARSAL
JEFFCOAT/WEIDENHOF

**SAT., OCT. 20 VIGIL, 29TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**
3:00 P.M., WEDDING
JEFFCOAT/ WEIDENHOF
4:00 P.M., CONFESSIONS
5:00 P.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**SUN. OCT. 21 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 A.M., HUGH, HELEN, BILL LAVERY
(LEO & ANNE RINDT)
10:30 A.M., BILL DESANTIS,SR.
(WIFE, HELEN DESANTIS)

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

Please remember in your prayers the departed
members of our parish family, especially,
OTHA FINK

ENERGY

**AS SOIL CAN PRODUCE NOTHING FOR
US UNLESS ENERGIZED BY THE POWER OF
THE SUN, SO WE CAN PRODUCE NOTHING
FOR GOD UNLESS ENERGIZED BY THE
POWER OF THE SPIRIT**