

*Today we celebrate the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday in Ordinary Time*



There are times in our life when one's sense of perseverance appears to be nothing but stubbornness or even obstinacy. I know there have been people and situations in my own life that I have dreaded because they or it have appeared to never quit—never give up or give in.

All of our readings this weekend speak to us of this stance of perseverance. In the reading from Exodus, Moses stood with his hand stretched up and the staff of God in it and all the while Israel "had the better of the fight" when Moses grew tired and his arm would slide down, Israel began to loose. With the help of his companions, Aaron and Hur, Moses was able to keep his arm steady long enough for Israel to win the fight.

In our second reading Paul encourages Timothy and his followers to remain faithful to God and the scriptures. Timothy command that in proclaiming God's word that they must "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching."

How much easier to be a true follower it is when life is convenient .

In our Gospel, St. Luke reiterates Jesus using yet another parable to speak of the necessity for us to "pray always without becoming weary."



This parable reveals what rewards persistence can yield, especially persistence in prayer.

I am sure that each of us has particular values and beliefs that help us hold fast to our faith as well as our sense of self-esteem. It is in the more difficult moments of life that it becomes easier to let go or ease up on these values and beliefs. God shows us in these readings that there is truly a great reward in persevering and that reward may never be seen until we find ourselves resting in the comfort of God's embrace.

*Have a blessed week.*

*-- Sister Dorothy*

## **ADVENT RETREAT**

If you are interested in finding out more about this day of retreat, please call Regina Premozic at 412-795-0507. It will be held at St. Emma's Retreat House in Greensburg on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>. The speaker is Fr. Angelus Shaugnessy, OFM, Cap. Price for the day is \$25, including lunch. We can carpool from St. Bart's. What a great way to get ready for the Christmas Season.


**CCD NEWS**  
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### MASS

Please join Mrs. Eggan and our 6th grade class as they celebrate mass on Thursday, October 25th at 10:00 AM. Our students have worked very hard to prepare for this special celebration.

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Thursday, October 25th our 8th grade boys will travel to Central Catholic High School to have a chance to tour the facility in preparation for their high school education. Please keep our students in your prayers.



### BRUIN'S FOOTBALL

Join us at Friendship Field as our St. Bart's Bruins take on St. Bonaventure. It is a wonderful way to spend a fall day, and a chance to cheer on our Bruins! Kick-off is at 1:00 PM.

### NO CLASSES

***THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, IT WILL BE A CLERICAL DAY FOR OUR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS.***

### CLASS OF 1978

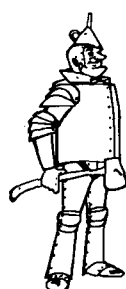
St. Bart's class of 1978 is having a reunion on Friday November 23rd. For information please contact: Lisa Curran 724-941-8557 or Maria Ciocca 412-400-7635

We are off to a wonderful new year in CCD! Our enrollment has now reached 75 students and 60 families. We welcome Diane Steimer and Lynn Nelis who are our newest full time teachers this year. We thank them and all of the catechists for their dedication to this very important ministry.

Many thanks to Rob Lester who is heading up our Children's Liturgy of the Word. Through his dedication and that of many volunteers we are able to offer the ministry at both the 5pm mass on the first Saturday of the month and 10:30 am masses every Sunday.

### RCIA

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S** welcomes two adults who are in the phase of inquiry for the RCIA program: Chad Galbreath and Danielle Werner. As they begin their journey of faith please remember to keep them in your prayers. Anyone who is interested in the faith walk to join the Catholic Church, is asked to call the Religious Education Office, there is still time to enter the program!


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Have  
a  
Heart

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**8:00 AM ————— 1:00 pm**

**HELZSOUR HALL**

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

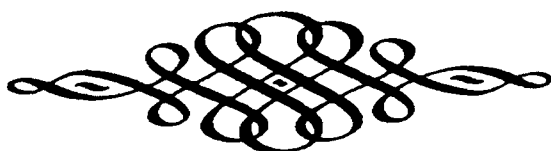
***Anyone who donates blood will be eligible to win a \$25.00 scrip card of your choice. There will be scrip cards prizes awarded to four lucky donors.***



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THE MEN'S CLUB INVITES ALL MEN OF THE PARISH TO ENJOY A **FREE** EVENING OF FOOD, DRINK AND FELLOWSHIP. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28. PLEASE RSVP TO THE RECTORY OR CALL :

ANDY MEROLA @ 412-247-5435 OR 412-793-1190.



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*St. Bart's Women's Group wishes to thank with deep appreciation all those who helped us in any way. Our card party was a huge success with everyone's cooperation.*

*God Bless*

### OPERATION OVERSEAS COUPON COLLECTION

Remember to save your manufactures' coupons for our Operation Overseas Coupon Collection. Please deposit your coupons in the designated boxes in the vestibule of the church.

Holiday Sale



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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

**MON., OCT 22 WEEKDAY**  
10:00 A.M., JAMES F. WAGNER (MARY MARGARET WAGNER)

**TUES., WED., OCT. 23 & OCT 24**  
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS  
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD'S, ST. JOSEPH

**WED., OCT. 24 ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BP**  
7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR

**THURS., OCT. 25 WEEKDAY**  
10:00 A.M., BERNARD FILIPICH (WIFE, JOAN)

**FRI., OCT. 26 WEEKDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ,BLAZE DE SARNO (DAUGHTERS)  
6:00 P.M., REHEARSAL  
AQUILINE/HAMILTON

**SAT., OCT. 27 VIGIL, 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**  
3:00 P.M., WEDDING  
AQUILINE/HAMILTON  
4:00 P.M., CONFESSIONS  
5:00 P.M., TONY GIULIANO (MARY GRACE GIULIANO)

**SUN. OCT. 28 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 A.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:30A.M., ROBERT & BEBE HABINA (FRIENDS)

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  
**James R. Cain,**

*Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who have achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well.*

*St.. Anthony Mary Claret*

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**  
**A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust**  
**Annual Financial Statement**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007**

**Operating Income:**

Offertory Collections	\$508,770
Donations	27,060
* <b>Bequests</b>	<b>177,500</b> *
General Fund Raising	83,771
Investment Income	12,622
Rental Property Income	90,733
Other Operating Income	<u>16,714</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$917,170</b>

**Operating Expenses:**

Liturgical Expense	\$ 58,155
Administration Expense	164,911
Operation and Maintenance	159,783
Rectory Expense	34,299
Property & Liability Insurance	24,659
CCD Program – Net	17,755
Youth Ministry Program	1,018
Adult Education Expense	840
Social Service Program	437
Community Programs/Donations	1,190
Social Activities	4,645
Rental Property Expenses	23,016
Other Parish Programs	<u>8,212</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$498,920</b>

**Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Subsidy** **\$418,250**

School Subsidy Expense (Budgeted)	\$175,000
<b>School Subsidy Expense (Unbudgeted)</b>	<b><u>48,990</u></b>
Total Subsidy	\$223,990

**Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)** **\$194,260**

\* In reserve for parking lot repavement.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOL**  
**Annual Financial Statement**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007**

**Operating Income:**

Tuition and Fees	\$368,597
Donations and Bequests	2,763
General Fund Raising	56,038
Food Service Program	346
Student Activities Program	< 2>
Bookstore Operation	1,539
Preschool Program	18,125
Extended Day Service Program	7,859
Investment Income	321
Other Operating Income (Refunds)	<u>280</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$455,866</b>

**Operating Expenses:**

Instructional Expense	\$530,005
Administration Expense	57,656
Operation and Maintenance	141,803
Property and Liability Insurance	<u>23,970</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$753,434</b>

**Net (Deficit) Before Subsidy** **(\$297,568)**

Parish Subsidy (Budgeted)	\$175,000
* <b>Parish Subsidy (Unbudgeted)</b>	<b>48,990 *</b>
Diocesan Subsidy	<u>70,000</u>

**Net Operating (Deficit) – Uncollected tuition** **(\$ 3,578)**

Tuition: Own Parish Student – 1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$2,800
Own Parish Student – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$1,910
Own Parish Student – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$1,595
Non-Subsidized Student – 1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$4,200
Non-Subsidized Student – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$3,850
Non-Subsidized Student – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$2,800

Cost per Pupil: **\$5,804** (Full Day Kindergarten – Grade 8)

**\*Due to declining student enrollment, this additional subsidy had to be absorbed by the Parish.**