

*Today we celebrate the
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Did you ever wonder if God ever really answers our prayers? I have often heard a wise spiritual advisor say to me that "God answers, but maybe it isn't what you wanted". Does that seem justification or is it in fact a stance of faith?

Our readings this weekend speak to us of our need to be humble in our prayer. Sirach assures us that it is the prayer of the lowly (humble) that pierces the clouds—that reaches the Most High. In the Gospel of Luke we hear "... for whoever exalts themselves will be humbled and the one who humbles themselves will be exalted."

Humility allows us to trust that God loves us without limits, that God cares for us and that God knows best for us. In our modern world this way of thinking is not always comfortable and at times we wonder if it is possible. We have learned from society that to be self-sufficient is not only a goal to achieve, but without it we appear weak and at the mercy of another.

What I believe God is asking is for us to stand before our loving God in a stance of humility, surrendering ourselves to God's love and to accept all that happens as part of God's plan for us.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today at our 10:30 mass, the Bruins will be present. This afternoon at 1 pm the Bruins will play their last game at**

of the season at Friendship Park. At 3 pm there will be a recognition ceremony for our 8th grade players, cheerleaders and their parents. Congratulations!

- **Also this afternoon at 3pm at Mt. Carmel Cemetery we will celebrate Cemetery Sunday. Fr. Martin Barkin and I will provide the service at Mt. Carmel that will also be prayed in all the Catholic cemeteries in the Diocese at the same time, remembering the deceased buried in the cemetery since this time last year. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord.**
- **This week the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints on Thursday, November 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate the vigil on Wednesday at 6 pm and the feast on Thursday at 10 am. The cluster Holy Day Schedule appears later in the bulletin.**
- **Happy Birthday and Many Blessings to Fr. Al McGinnis, our Priest Director, who celebrates his birthday on November 2nd. May God bless you Fr. Al with abundant blessings.**
- **Mark your calendar for Monday, November 5th. At 7 pm we will celebrate our Annual Memorial Mass to commemorate all those from our parish who journeyed home to God this past year. All are invited to attend.**

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 1st. 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.

SCHOOL  HAPPENINGS

MASS

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and our 5th grade class as they celebrate mass on Thursday, November 1st at 10:00 AM.

ASSEMBLY

Our school students will have a chance to learn about **Internet Safety** on Tuesday October 30. The assembly will allow students to learn how to safely work on the internet and there will be time for their questions to be answered.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MARATHON

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be participating in the annual Children's Hospital Marathon. The marathon allows students to raise money for a truly worthy cause. The marathon will take place on Wednesday October 31 from 9 to 11 AM, on the school grounds.

BRUINS FOOTBALL

This Sunday will mark our final home game of the season. The Bruins will take on the Saints, beginning at 1 PM. All 8th grade players and cheerleaders will be honored during the game.

HALLOWEEN

October 31st our students will be celebrating with an afternoon Halloween party in their homerooms. The students will not be in costume.



In last weeks bulletin, we mistakenly did not mention Bernie Nichols as one of our new full time CCD teachers. We are very grateful to Bernie for her dedication in the ministry to our students during this very important sacramental year of the second grade.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents and guardians are reminded of a very important meeting for those children who will receive First Reconciliation in 2008. *The meeting will be held in the Church on Sunday November 4th at 7 PM.* At least one parent/guardian is required to attend.

CONFIRMATION

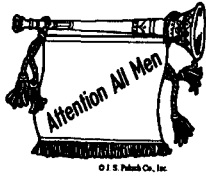
An important meeting for parents, guardians and sponsors of those who plan to be confirmed in 2008 will be held *Sunday November 11th at 7 PM in the church.* At least one parent/guardian of the child to be confirmed is required to attend.



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CENTRAL CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 4th from 11 AM until 2 PM Central Catholic will be hosting an open house for students and their families. All are welcome to come and explore the school first hand. In addition, the PLACEMENT TEST for eighth graders will be administered on Saturday, December 15th. Visit www.pittcentralcatholic.org or call 412-621-7505 for details



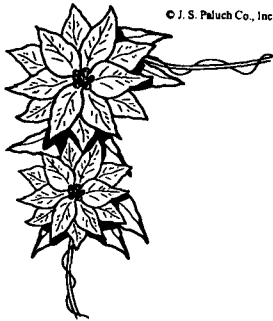
THE MEN'S CLUB INVITES ALL MEN OF THE PARISH TO ENJOY A **FREE EVENING** OF FOOD, DRINK AND FELLOWSHIP THIS EVENING, SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28 AT 6:00 PM ALL ARE WELCOME!



WOMEN'S GROUP LADY PALOOZA

Do you work in a business that hosts home parties? If so, we are looking for you! The St. Bartholomew Women's Group is hosting Lady Palooza, a fun evening of shopping on Tuesday, November 27 from 6-9 PM. If you are a party consultant and would be interested in a table for the evening, please contact MiMi Shento at 412-897-7346. Consultants will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis.



This is the last weekend the Woman's Group will be taking orders for fresh wreaths, roping, crosses, candy canes and poinsettia's. See the ladies in the back of the church or call the

rectory, to place your order. Orders will be ready for pick-up the weekend of November 24 & 25.

GOLDEN AGERS MEETING

The Golden Agers will meet on Friday November 2nd at 1:30 PM in Helzlsouer Hall.



MON., OCT 29 WEEKDAY

10:00 A.M., JOSEPH VACCARELLO, SR.
(WIFE, HELEN)

TUES., WED., OCT. 30 & OCT 31

8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD'S, ST. JOSEPH

WED., OCT. 31 VIGIL ALL SAINTS

4:00 P.M. ST. SUSANNA
6:00 P.M., FRANK BALESTRIERI
(GOD'S HOUSKEEPERS)

7:00 P.M. NO HOLY HOUR

THURS., NOV. 1 ALL SAINTS

10:00 A.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 A.M., & 6 PM ST. GERARD MAJELLA
10:00 A.M., & 7 PM ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M. & 7 PM ST. JOSEPH
9:00 A.M. & ST. SUSANNA

FRI., NOV. 2 ALL SOULS

10:00 A.M. ,DECEASED FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH

**SAT., NOV. 3 VIGIL, 31TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 P.M., MR. & MRS. T. HOOLAHAN
(MR. & MRS. J. HOOLAHAN)

**SUN. NOV. 4 THIRTYFIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 A.M., VENTILIO DICLAUDIO
(CAMILLA TALOTTA & GRANDSONS)
10:30A.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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 PAT MANCUSO & EUGENE HERRMANN