

# Today we celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*What does it mean to be loved unconditionally?*



*How does it feel to be loved unconditionally?*

Our Gospel this weekend is filled with many images and parables of Jesus' unconditional love for all people. As Luke begins, we read the parable of the Good Shepherd, who searches for His one lost sheep, much in the same way that Jesus searches for us when we wander from our faith and/or stumble in our living out of our faith.

*"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep. I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."*

As we continue on in Luke's Gospel we read the parable of the women with ten coins who loosing one works diligently until she finds it. Again Jesus is present in this woman search for what was lost and we hear:

*"Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost. In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the Angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

And then the great parable of the Prodigal Son. Who of us hasn't been able to place ourselves in one of the roles presented to us by Luke? The oldest son who

in his own jealousy has no room in his heart for forgiveness? Or perhaps the younger son who returns to his father fully repentant, but believing he is undeserving of forgiveness? Or have you ever found yourself in the position of the father who is so overjoyed because someone he believed to be lost to him has returned?



*"... rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

I invite you in your prayer this week to place yourself in one or more of these roles and allow yourself to be loved by a God whose love knows no limits and who loves without condition.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today at our 10:30 am mass we will celebrate and commission all of our catechists who teach in our school and CCD program. We are extremely grateful to all of these men and women who so eagerly share their faith and their love of the Church with our young people. Thank you so much.

## CLERGY CONVOCATION

This week from Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> until Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>, all of the priests of our Diocese will join with Bishop Paul Bradley for their annual Clergy Convocation at Oglebay Park. Let us keep our priests in our prayers especially as they join together for this time together of renewal and fellowship. We will remember the priests of our Diocese in a special way during Holy Hour this Wednesday at 7 PM. Please make plans to join us.

Have a blessed week.  
--- Sister Dorothy



# LADIES OF CHAIRTY

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The Ladies of Charity will be holding their meeting on September 18th at 6:30 PM. They will be meeting on the rectory porch for a barbeque and meeting.

## St. Bartholomew Women's Group

### Card Party & Luncheon

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Noon--4 PM

School Cafeteria

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER  
ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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## Marriage

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE—Is**

your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the fall program beginning with a weekend on September 21-23, call 1-800-470-2230, or to send email 3041@retrouvaille.org.

**MON., SEPT. 17 WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M., ROSE & HENRY DITILLO

(WILLIAM & FRANCES LENGYEL)

**TUES., WED., SEPT. 18 & SEPT. 19**

8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS

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

**WED., SEPT. 19 WEEKDAY**

7:00 P.M. HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS &  
TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

**THURS., SEPT. 20 ANDREW KIM TAEGON,  
PAUL CHONG HASANG AND COMPANIONS**

10:00 A.M., MR. & MRS. BEN COHN

(SON, JOHN PASTOR & FAMILY)

**FRI., SEPT. 21 MATTHEW, APOSTLE**

10:00 A.M., NICOLINA & EDWARD

CALLAHAN (ED & PAT CALLAHAN &

FAMILY)

6:00 P.M., REHEARSAL

**SAT., SEPTEMBER 22 WEEKDAY**

3:00 P.M. WEDDING NEIPOINT/MCCAFFERTY

4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. GEORGE DE WITTE (NIECES)

**SUN., SEPTEMBER 23 TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

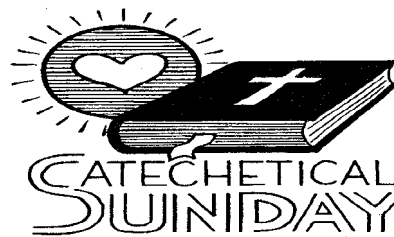
8:00 A.M. JOHN KENDGIA (MARY ELLEN  
KENDGIA & FAMILY)

10:30 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

Please remember in your prayers the departed  
members of our parish family. Especially

**Frank Mazzotta**



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