

Today we celebrate the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.



This week the Diocese of Pittsburgh will welcome its 12th bishop, Bishop David Zubik. This Thursday evening at 7 pm in our church we will hold a special Holy Hour and join in praying with and for Bishop Zubik and our entire Diocesan Church. I invite you to join us as we pray here at St. Bart's, joining with Bishop Zubik, who will be praying the exact same prayers with us at St. Paul Cathedral.

Bishop Zubik's motto, which appears on his coat of arms, comes from Luke's Gospel and reads:

"Nothing is Impossible with God"

I believe that this is a great motto for all of us to take time and reflect on especially in light of all that the Church has asked from each of us as we embrace this new model of ministry that is part of the whole thrust of 'Envisioning Ministry' for the future. We know that God is ever present in our lives, in our Church and in each other.

Today's gospel from Luke reminds us that it isn't the great things in life that really matter, but in essence the 'little' things that we do that are building blocks to even greater things.

Have you ever stopped to wonder how much of an affect you could have on another by a kind word? A caring gesture? An act of charity to someone especially when it requires that we go out of our way? Day to day routines in life can become so commonplace, but each day of our lives we have the opportunity to make a difference.

I invite you to consider the many possibilities you have each day to bring a little sunshine – a little love, into someone else's life and to go that extra mile and **JUST DO IT.**

Have a blessed week.

--- Sister Dorothy



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH

God our Father, our eternal shepherd and guide, look with love on the Church of Pittsburgh as we prepare to welcome Bishop-Designate David Zubik, chosen as the twelfth Bishop of Pittsburgh.

For over 160 years, You have inspired the life of this Diocese through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We ask that our hearts be filled with that same Holy Spirit of our journey of faith together.

Bless Bishop-Designate Zubik as he prepares to lead us closer to You. Enlighten our minds, deepen our faith, renew our hope and increase our love for one another and for all.

Through the proclamation of the Word bless the clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and make us all genuine instruments to boldly witness the presence of Christ in the world.

Together may we continue to build up the Body of Christ now and as You lead us into the future.

We ask this as we do all things through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**





**ST. BARTHOLOMEW
SCHOOL**

EARLY DISMISSAL

Wednesday, September 26 there will be an early dismissal at 11:15 AM. Our teachers will attend a faculty meeting in the afternoon.

MASS

Please join us for the 10:00 AM mass on Thursday, September 27. Mrs. Deet and our fourth graders have prepared this celebration. Please plan to attend all are welcome.

MARC AWARDS

On Wednesday, September 12, the Diocese of Pittsburgh presented St. Bartholomew School with two MARC Awards. Our school received a **First Place Award for Printed Materials** and a **Second Place Award for Articles in a Series**. Many thanks to all of the teachers, parents and guardians who helped to achieve this special honor.

Congratulations!!

2007-2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Our school students are once again selling the 2007-2008 Entertainment Books. The books are \$20.00, they have a bonus included this year! The books are good through October 2007 and then all of 2008. They make a great gift for the holidays for that hard to buy for person on your gift list. Please stop by the school to purchase your books.

CYO BASKETBALL



CYO Basketball is about to begin. Our parish joins with St. Johns and plays in a very competitive league with parish's around the diocese. High school boys grades 9-12 can contact Steve Bodnar: sabodnar2@comcast.net or 412-793-8602 or Dennis Donohoe at 412-242-5691

SCHOOL CHOICE DAY

School Choice Day in Pennsylvania is Thursday September 27, 2007. School Choice is public policy, which would allow parents to receive some of their own tax money so their children may attend the school of the parents choice.

This policy is not only fair and just; it will improve education for all children by instilling competition and accountability in to all schools.

On this day, you are also asked to call, write, fax or visit your local state representative and state senator and tell them to vote for increased tax credits and school choice.

SCHOOL CHOICE DAY will hopefully focus attention on this critical issue and provide citizens with enough information to make the right decision to actively support school choice.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday September 23rd marks the beginning of our school year for CCD classes. Classes will be held each Sunday from 9 AM until 10:15 AM. Parents of children in the program are reminded of the importance of regular attendance. In addition there have been some changes to the meeting schedules for sacramental preparation. Please review the schedule closely.

Our RCIA program will once again be approached as a joint ministry among the cluster parishes. Classes begin Monday evening September 24th at 7PM at St. Joseph in Verona. It is not to late to join the journey, please call the religious education office or the rectory for more information.

Thanks again to Rob Lester for coordinating the ministry of the Children's Liturgy offered each Sunday at the 10:30 mass, and monthly at the 5 PM mass. Rob is always eager to have more folks join in the ministry as a leader or as a shepherd. Please pray about it and call the religious education office if you are interested.

Blessings, Denise & Colleen

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



ANYONE WISHING TO LEARN HOW TO QUILT OR IS AN EXPERIENCED QUILTER ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE PARISH CONFERENCE ROOM ON

OCTOBER 3RD AND 6:30 PM. WE WILL BE PLANNING THE RAFFLE QUILT FOR THE 2008 FESTIVAL. IF YOU ARE NEW TO QUILTING, COME AND LEARN HOW BEAUTIFUL QUILTS ARE MADE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT SUZANNE LUXBACHER AT 412-731-9281. WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF COTTON FABRIC.

WOMEN'S GROUP

WOMAN'S GROUP GENERAL MEETING Is September 25th in the school cafeteria. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Laura Locassio, a local chiropractor. Her topics of discussion will be headaches, muscle aches, and lower back pain. Dr. Locassio will be offering mini-chair massages as well as answering your questions.

ANGEL'S CLOSET



The Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh once again will be distributing new winter jackets, hats and gloves to needy children 13 years of age and under. If you have a child in need of any of these items please contact the rectory and we can direct you as to how you may obtain them for your child.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., SEPT. 24 WEEKDAY
 10:00 A.M., SHAWNA COSTA (MARGARET SHAFER)

TUES., WED., SEPT. 25 & SEPT. 26
 8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
 9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD'S, ST. JOSEPH

WED., SEPT. 26 COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS
 7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR

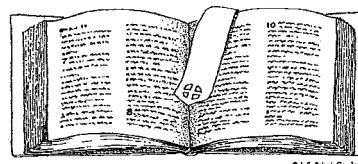
THURS., SEPT. 27 VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST
 10:00 A.M., CALOGERA MESSINA (JOSEPHINE & JOHN COLLINS)

FRI., SEPT. 28 WENCESLAUS, MARTYR
 10:00 A.M. , MIKE & HELEN ANDREJCO 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (SON, MICHAEL P, ANDREJCO)
 6:00 P.M., REHEARSAL (TEPPER/RIVERS)

SAT., SEPT. 29 VIGIL, 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 3:00 P.M. WEDDING TEPPER/RIVERS
 4:00 P.M CONFESIONS
 5:00 P.M GEORGE ADOMSHICK (AMY ADOMSHICK)

SUN., SEPT. 30 TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 A.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:30 A.M., LORRAINE PARRENDO (PARRENDO, CARCIA & SALAC FAMILIES)

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.



GOD...wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
 —Timothy 2:4