

**Today we celebrate the
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**



This week we continue to reflect on one of Jesus' many parables. We hear about Lazarus and the rich man. A dichotomy of worlds for these two people is evident in Luke's words. The rich man builds a wall around himself with his house—his wealth—his possessions. Lazarus is surrounded only by the passersby's and the dogs that lick his wounds.

In our world it might be compared to a gated community. Are the gates in place to keep the wealthy separated from the world or are the gates in place to keep the wealthy confined?

This parable speaks of the life we see here on earth and that of heaven. Whatever we may be missing or like Lazarus, suffering from in this world will be rewarded in heaven if we are faithful to God and God's teachings. Luke points out to his readers the harsh reality that the rich man's selfishness was also rewarded—if that is what you want to call it.

How many times in life has someone said to you or perhaps you have said: "they will have to answer to God someday for their actions"? Luke says to us that we will all have to answer for our actions or lack there of.

I invite you to look around and to look within—are there people around you that could use your help and you have chosen to ignore? Is there someone that you could reach out to this day? Are you being challenged to share the wealth of your time? Your talent? Your monetary wealth?

I invite you to stand before God in prayer this week and share with God your heart—are your actions more like the rich man or is your role to be a "Lazarus" in our world. I pray you have the courage to respond to God's grace in your life.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GARDEN



If you are on the Church grounds this week you will see work beginning on the area outside the Sacred Heart Chapel for the Prayer Garden which is part of the Beautification Project that Fr. Dave instituted before he left. The statue has arrived and we met last week to plan the construction of the garden and placement of the statue.

WOMEN'S GROUP CARD PARTY

This coming Saturday, October 6th, the Women's Group will hold their annual Card Party. The proceeds from previous card parties have helped to defray the cost of altar linens, candle stands at Mary's altar and other various church needs. I encourage you to support these ladies and their efforts for our Church.

ST. BART'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Members of the SBAA will be in the back of the Church this weekend and next weekend selling "tiles" for the new gym floor. I encourage you to support this project. Our gym floor has been in desperate need of being replaced and the SBAA has taken on this endeavor with great passion and could surely use your support.

**Have a blessed week.
- - - Sister Dorothy**



School News

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MASS

Please join us for the 10:00 AM mass on Thursday October 4th. Ms. Begley and our second and third graders have prepared this special celebration.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC VISIT

On Friday, October 5, our eighth grade girls will visit Oakland Catholic High School. The students have a chance to meet the teachers and tour the campus, in anticipation of entering high school.

2007-2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Our school students are once again selling the 2007-2008 Entertainment Books. The books are \$20.00. 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



**St. Bartholomew Women's Group
Card Party & Luncheon**
Saturday, October 6, 2007 Noon--4 PM
School Cafeteria
For Tickets call Kathy 412-798-9819
To Donate Door Prizes call
Joan 412-731-2655



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ANY ONE WISHING TO LEARN HOW TO QUILT OR IS AN EXPERIENCED QUILTER ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE PARISH CONFERENCE ROOM ON OCTOBER 3RD AT 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 AT 412-731-9281. WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF COTTON FABRIC.

WINTER HATS, COATS, & GLOVES

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

THE GOLDEN
AGERS

The Golden Agers will not be having an October meeting. The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 2, 2007 at 1:30 PM in Helzlsouer Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house.

Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighborLet no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting

Mother Teresa

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., OCT. 1 THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

10:00 A.M., ROBERT MCCARTHY
(BEBE HABINA)

TUES., WED., OCT. 2 & OCT. 3

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

WED., OCT. 2 WEEKDAY

7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR

THURS., OCT. 4 FRANCIS OF ASSISI

10:00 A.M., FRANK A. TALOTTA (WIFE
LENA & SON)

FRI., OCT. 5 WEEKDAY

10:00 A.M., ARTHUR MULACH (MARIE
& FAMILY)

SAT., OCT. 6 VIGIL, 27TH SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME

4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS
5:00 P.M. EVELYN TEDESCO
(DAUGHTERS)

SUN. OCT. 7 TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 A.M., HENRY & ELVIRA
SUMMERVILLE (FAMILY)

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,

Daniel Lewis , George McKenna

Baptism
in
Christ



*We Welcome into Baptism
Cody Vincent Pizzuti, May God
Bless You and Your Family.*

Become a Part of St. Bartholomew History

The gymnasium floor that our children use, for assemblies, basketball games, and to play on, is in need of some repairs. The St. Bartholomew Athletic Association, in conjunction with the families of the St. Bartholomew Parish, would like to raise money to replace the gymnasium floor with a sports floor. The sports floor is a lower-cost alternative to wood that consists of synthetic, interlocking tiles which actually reduce fatigue injuries to the shins, calves, lower back, and joints.

Please help the St. Bartholomew Athletic Association purchase a new gymnasium floor for the students by making a tax deductible donation of \$10.00 per tile.

We hope to have the new floor installed by Christmas break. Please make checks payable to St. Bartholomew School. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please detach below and include this slip in a sealed envelope and return to the school office.

Saint Bartholomew School 111 CRENSHAW DRIVE PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

(first and last name)

_____ X \$10.00/tile donation = \$ _____ .00
(number of tiles) (total donation)