

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**
October 12, 2008

As I sit here writing this bulletin article, it is Tuesday morning and I just came in from a stroll around the parish property, which is currently being transformed into this years Parish Festival. There is real excitement in the air as I see the rides and tents getting ready to greet our parishioners and visitors who will grace us with their presence and support. I can almost smell the food cooking.

I know we have all been through a lot of changes in the last year and a half, but I hope that you agree with me that change is not always bad. I know my own sense of who and what it means to be Church to all of God's people continues to be challenged and stretched. The words of St. Paul this weekend present me and I hope you also with a sense of the care God has for each of us:

"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus".

My brothers and sisters it is so easy for our attitudes to be ones of gloom, negativity and distress amidst all of life's challenges, whether they be

financial, physical, mental, or manufactured in our minds, but if we put our faith in our God, believing the words of St. Paul, how can we wallow in self-doubt and negative attitudes?

I ask you to join with me in living out these words from sacred scripture in all that we do. I challenge all of us to be the positive force in our world that exudes God's promises for each of us.

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| *If we perceive ourselves as cre-* |
| *ated in the divine image,* |
| *whether as individuals or as* |
| *communities, we need to ask our-* |
| *selves what image we are called* |
| *upon to reflect.* |
| *How we perceive our identity.* |
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Have a Blessed Week
Sister Dorothy

**DISCERNMENT FOR
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

You will once again see on the flap page of the bulletin some news as to the process of discernment that we as a parish are entering into for our Parish Pastoral Council. I ask each of you to join with me in prayer that the Holy Spirit will truly be present during this discernment process and that as we spend this time in prayer God's will becomes the motivating force of all we do as a parish.



CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Monday, October 13th, our eighth grade boys will have the opportunity to tour the school and facilities of Central Catholic. Please keep our boys and their chaperones in your prayers as they make this trip.

SBAA

The St. Bart's Athletic Association will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 PM. This meeting is open to our entire school family.

MASS



Please join Mr. Heid and the seventh grade class as they host mass on Thursday, October 16th

at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend and share this special time with our school students.



PHOTOGRAPHS

School pictures will be taken on Friday, October 17th. All students will have the opportunity to have individual and class photos.

Be a Blood Donor

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2008

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

HELZLSOUER HALL

TO SCHEDULE YOUR LIFE SAVING APPOINTMENT PLEASE LOG ON TO WWW.CENTRALBLOODBANK.ORG AND ENTER SPONSOR CODE G0040053 OR CONTACT MARCIA IRR AT 412-731-0639

MYSTERY DINNER



There are still tickets available for the mystery dinner on Saturday, October 25th, at 6:00 PM. Please call the rectory.

WHEELING ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA

The St. Bartholomew Men's Group is sponsoring a day trip to Wheeling Island, on October 27. The total cost for this trip is \$20.00 round trip with a \$15.00 comp given when you arrive at Wheeling Island to spend as you wish. The bus leaves St. Bartholomew parking lot at 10:00 AM and departs Wheeling Island at 6:00 PM to return to St. Bart's. Please call Andy Merola at 412-247-5435 to reserve your space.

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Mass  for the Intentions  Week

- MON., October 13, Weekday
10:00 AM Mary Joyce (Mary Grace Giuliano)
- TUES., October 14, Weekday
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph
- WED., October 15, Teresa of Jesus
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM HOLY HOUR—VOCATIONS
- THURS., October 16, Weekday
10:00 AM Frances, Joseph, & Joseph Jr. Triolo (Family)
- FRI., October 17, Ignatius of Antioch
10:00 AM Guy Granata (Laura)
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
- SAT., October 18, Vigil - Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time
3:00 PM Wedding Valicenti & Treichler
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Tony Giuliano (Mary Grace Giuliano, Daughter)
- SUN., October 19, Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Evelyn Tedesco (Daughters)

(Second Collection: World Mission Sunday)

Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of our parish; also the departed members of our Parish Family, especially Robert Banas, John Schmidt & Frances Rosswog



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Sandy Vilsak from the Vilsak Family

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:
DO YOU HEAR THE CALL?**

How does the Parish Pastoral Council operate or function? The ordinary operative mode for the deliberation of the Parish Pastoral Council is the process of consensus. Consensus is group process for decision making in which all come to a common understanding and agree to support the decision of the whole. It is built on prayer, seeking the will of God, mutual trust and honors the teaching of the scriptures and the Church. Along with consensus, discernment and collaboration are at the heart of deliberation.

The basic elements that are the essence of parish life are:

- Evangelization
- Worship
- Word
- Community
- Service
- Stewardship
- Leadership

This week we will highlight the fourth essential element of parish life.

COMMUNITY draws parishioners together in mutual support, activity, celebration and growth. It is the unity that results when members become involved with one another in all other elements of the pastoral mission. Community is a place where everyone belongs and is embraced.