

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

October 19, 2008



Can you even believe that another Parish Festival has become only a memory?

I wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the very successful four day endeavor. In a special way, I thank Brian Butterfield, Chairperson of this years events and all who worked with Brian to make everything such a success. It takes a lot of work, planning and cooperation to put together such a major event. So, please know that I as your Parish Life Collaborator thank you all in the name of the Parish for everything. The family atmosphere that was part of this year's festival is something to treasure and to grow upon. And how about that weather? God's blessings were sure upon us.



On a sad note, I find it necessary to share with you the loss we experienced this past week. On Sunday, October 12th Larry Craver, a long time parishioner was called home to God. Larry was in charge of our kitchen for this years festival

and on Sunday morning on his way to pick up more provisions for the festival he experienced a massive heart attack. Larry was a good friend and a huge supporter of our parish and in a special way of this years festival and all of the changes and improvements. Larry will be missed dearly and I ask you to keep his family and dear friends in your prayers as they mourn his loss and live life without his presence. Our comfort can be found in the faith that Larry rests today in the embrace of God's arms.

Sorting out the pluses and minuses of life can seem like an impossible task. What will lead to goodness and what will bring disaster? What makes us holy and what does not? In the end, just which aspects of life are Godly? Sometimes the dilemma can paralyze us.

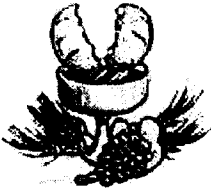
*Have a Blessed Week
Sister Dorothy*

**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.



Mass



Please join Mrs. Eggan and the 6th graders as they lead our participation in Mass on Thursday, October 23rd at

10 am. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this mass.

Early Dismissal

Students will have an early dismissal on Thursday, October 23rd at 11:15 am. There will be extended care available for students. Students staying for extended care are reminded to pack a lunch and snack.



Halloween Dance



Students in grades five (5) thru eight (8) will have their first dance of the school year on Thursday, October 23rd.

The dance will be held in the school gym from 7 pm-10 pm. The dance is sponsored by the Student Council.

Clerical Day — No School

The school will be closed on Friday, October 24th, for a clerical day. There will be no extended care offered on this day.



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



HOLY HOUR FOR MEN WITH BISHOP ZUBIK "THE CHURCH ALIVE"

Bishop David Zubik is inviting all men (married and single men of all ages) to join him for holy hour on October 25th, 8 am at St. Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road. The day will begin with refreshments at 8 am and include Adoration and Benediction, personal testimonies from Rich Dovi and Mark Joseph. RSVP is requested by emailing pat@cmfpitt.org.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEK-END: November 14-16, 2008 at Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, PA. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check us out on the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

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

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

Members should have the following leadership characteristics:

- A desire for spiritual growth in themselves and in the parish.
- Enthusiasm about the future direction of our parish.
- Willingness to listen, to speak honestly, and to work toward consensus.
- Ability to inspire and empower others to delegate.
- Flexibility and openness with people and ideas.

In order to be considered for the ministry of parish leadership, a parishioner must:

- Be a fully initiated Roman Catholic
- Have been a registered member of our parish for at least one year.
- Be an active participant in the ongoing worship life of our parish, especially Sunday Eucharist.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Sign a Code of Pastoral Conduct, register on the Diocesan data base & attend a Protecting God's children awareness session.

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.

SERVICE: The mission that Christ calls the Church to, clearly includes words of charity and justice. We cannot be truly "Catholic" unless we hear and heed the Church's call to serve those in need and to work for peace and justice.

Mass Intentions for the Week



- MON., October 20, Paul of the Cross**
10:00 AM Roger Maher (Teri Romani)
- TUES., October 21, Weekday**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph
- WED., October 22, Weekday**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM HOLY HOUR
- THURS., October 23, John Capistrano**
10:00 AM Bernie Filipich (Joan, Wife)
- FRI., October 24, Anthony Mary Claret**
10:00 AM Anne Hermann (Rose May)
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
- SAT., October 25, Vigil - Thirtieth Sunday**
Ordinary Time
3:00 PM Wedding Valicenti & Treichler
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Bill DeSantis, Sr. (Helen, Wife)
- SUN., October 26, Twenty-Ninth Sunday**
of Ordinary Time
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Adelia & Amico Gasbarro (Lina Fratangelo & Family)

*Please remember in your prayers
the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized
members of our parish; also the
departed members of our Parish
Family,
Especially Larry Craver*

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory of Bernie
Filipich from Joan Filipich*



CLUSTER BULLETIN

FALL 2008-2009

St. Bartholomew

Sister Dorothy M. Pawlus, Csfm

Parish Life Collaborator

Rev. Albin McGinnis, Priest Director

Rev. Tom Dansak, Sacramental Minister

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Mass Schedule: Daily: M, Th, F, - 10 AM

Sunday: 5 PM Vigil, 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 6 PM Vigil & 10 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM -4:45 PM or
by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing: 2nd Sunday of
Month after Masses & Annually

Holy Hour: Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 PM.

St. Gerard Majella

Rev. Martin F. Barkin, Pastor

121 Dawn Drive, Verona, PA 15147

412-793-3333

E-Mail: Saintgerardmajella@comcast.net

Mass Schedule: Daily: T, W, Th, - 9 AM

Sunday: 5 PM Vigil, 8 AM and 10 AM

Holy Days: 10 AM & 7 PM

Reconciliation: After the 5 PM Mass

Sacrament of Anointing: Every First Sunday
after the 8 AM Mass.

Bingo: Wednesday evenings at 7 PM

St. Irenaeus

Rev. Frank Kurimsky, Pastor

387 Maryland Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139

412-828-3065

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Mass Schedule: Daily: T, W, F - 8 AM

Sunday: 4:30 PM Vigil, 8 AM and 11 AM

Holy Days: 10 AM & 7 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 11 AM - 12 Noon

Holy Hour: 1st Thursday of Month, 7-8 PM

St. Joseph

Rev. Philip J. Przybyla, Pastor

825 Second Avenue, Verona, PA 15147

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Mass Schedule:

Daily: M, T, TH - 9 AM

Sunday: 5 PM Vigil. 7:45 AM, 9:15 AM
and 10:45

Holy Days: 9 AM & 7 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 11 AM - Noon
and after the 5 PM Mass

Bingo: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month
at 6:30 PM

St. Susanna

Rev. Martin F. Barkin, Pastor

200 Stotler Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235

412-798-5596

E-Mail: stsusanna@verizon.net

Mass Schedule:

Daily: M, W, F - 9 AM

Sunday: 4 PM Vigil, 9 AM and 11 AM

Holy Days: 4 PM Vigil & 9 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM

Sacrament of Anointing,
3rd Sunday following 9 AM Liturgy

YEAR OF ST. PAUL EUCCHARIST ADORATION CLUSTER SCHEDULE

St. Bartholomew

February 19, 2009 - 10:30 am—8 pm

St. Gerard Majella

March 26, 2009 - 9:30 am—10:30 am

St. Irenaeus

April 23, 2009 - 7 pm—7 am

St. Joseph

October 23, 2008 - 9 am--7 pm

March 19, 2009 - 9 am—7 pm

Memorial Day 2009

Saint Susanna at 9 AM
 Saint Joseph at 9 AM

Independence Day 2009

St. Irenaeus at 9 AM
 St. Gerard Majella at 9 AM

Labor Day 2009

Saint Bartholomew at 9 AM

The **Baptism Seminar** schedule for the remainder of **2008** and for **2009** follows. Call the assigned parish to register. Also following are the **Advent Communal Penance Service**, the **Lenten Communal Penance Service**, and the **Stations of the Cross** schedules.

Baptism Seminars 2008/2009	LIFETEEN SESSIONS--2008	Advent Penance 2008	Lenten Penance 2009	Stations 2009
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 Tuesday, Apr. 14, 2009 Tues., Nov. 8, 2009 St. Joseph 7 PM	St. Bartholomew Sept. 6 th and Nov. 1 st 5 PM	Thursday, Dec. 11 St. Joseph 1 pm School Children 7 pm Church Fr. Frank will preach	Thurs, March 26 St. Joseph 1 pm School Children 7 pm Church Fr. Martin will preach	Friday, Feb. 27 Each parish will have stations in their own churches
Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 Monday, May 4, 2009 Monday, Dec. 7, 2009 St. Susanna 7 PM	St. Joseph Sept. 20 th and Dec. 6 th 5 PM	Monday, Dec. 15 St. Gerard Majella 4:30 pm CCD 7 pm Church Fr. Tom will preach	Mon., March 30 St. Gerard 4:30 pm CCD 7 pm Church Fr. Martin will preach	Friday, March 6 St. Bartholomew-7 PM
Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 Mon., June 15, 2009 St. Bartholomew 7 PM	St. Susanna Oct. 4 th and Dec. 20 th 4 PM	Tuesday, Dec. 16 St. Bartholomew 7 pm Church Fr. Martin will preach	Tues., March 31 St. Bartholomew 7 pm Church Fr. Frank will preach	Friday, March 13 St. Gerard – 7 PM
Monday, Feb. 2, 2009 Mon., Sept. 7, 2009 St. Irenaeus 7 PM	St. Gerard Majella Oct. 18 th and Nov. 15 th 5 PM	Wednesday, Dec. 17, St. Bart's School 1pm ----- St. Susanna 7 pm Church Fr. Phil will preach	Wed, April 1 St. Bart's School 1 pm ----- St. Susanna 7 pm Church Fr. Tom will preach	Friday, March 20 St. Irenaeus – 7 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 Tues., Mar. 10, 2009 Tues., Oct. 13, 2009 St. Gerard 7 PM		Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 St. Irenaeus 7 pm Church Fr. Martin will preach	Thurs., April 2 St. Irenaeus 7 pm Church Fr. Phil will preach	Friday, March 27 St. Joseph – 7 PM
				Friday, April 3 St. Susanna – 7 PM

CLUSTER SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✘ A new **Bereavement Group** will begin on Thursday, September 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at **St. Bartholomew Parish**. Contact Sister Dorothy at 412-242-3374.
- ✘ **St. Susanna Parish** has a **Bible Study Group** that meets every Tuesday from 10-11 AM and a **Contemplative Prayer Group** that meets every Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM.
- ✘ **St. Susanna Parish** —“An Afternoon with Paul, The Apostle” – October 12, 2-4 PM. An ecumenical presentation with ministers of the Penn Hills Association of Christian Clergy. All are invited.
- ✘ **The Synoptic Gospels, St. Joseph Parish, February 5 through March 12th, 2009, 7-9:30 PM—Fr. Phil Przybyla to teach.**