

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME  
October 26, 2008**

Most of us live with a hole in our heart, and on rare moments we sense that it might be filled. The exhilaration of falling in love, the satisfaction of overcoming a daunting challenge, the feeling that one has truly made a difference in someone's life—they all seem able to fill the hole in our heart. Still, such moments are all too fragile. They seem to evaporate much too quickly.

**MEMORIAL MASS**



**Our Annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday evening, November 2nd, at 6 pm.**

**We will remember and pray for all those who were buried from St. Bart's during this past year. All parishioners are invited to attend and pray for and with families who have lost and are grieving for their loved one. Since All Soul's Day falls on Sunday this year, this mass will count as your Sunday obligation.**

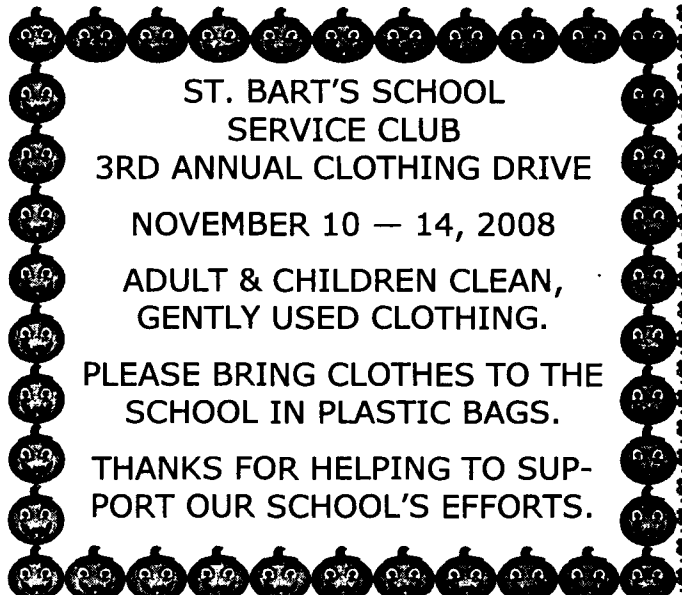
**There will be a reception after mass in the vestibule provided by our Ladies of Charity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

You will find in this week's bulletin an insert that contains the annual financial reports of both the parish and the school. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

**PRAYERS OF  
REMEMBRANCE**

Please join with me in prayers of remembrance on Sunday, November 2nd at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at 3pm. This service is sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries Association. Everyone is invited. Prayers take place in the Chapel. Come join with all who will be remembering those who have gone before us.



**ST. BART'S SCHOOL  
SERVICE CLUB  
3RD ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE**

**NOVEMBER 10 — 14, 2008**

**ADULT & CHILDREN CLEAN,  
GENTLY USED CLOTHING.**

**PLEASE BRING CLOTHES TO THE  
SCHOOL IN PLASTIC BAGS.**

**THANKS FOR HELPING TO SUP-  
PORT OUR SCHOOL'S EFFORTS.**

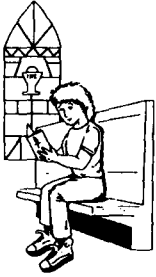
**CONGRATULATIONS 2008 FESTIVAL  
SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**

**\$4,500 — James Cunningham  
Jim is a long time parishioner and usher  
at 5 pm mass.**

**1 Week Condo in Ocean City —  
Michael Sparano (also a long time  
parishioner)**

*Have a Blessed Week  
Sister Dorothy*

**MASS**



Please join Mrs. Jedinak and the fifth grade class on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this mass. If you haven't been to a student mass it is so inspirational.

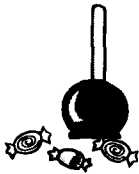


**WALK-A-THON**

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the annual Children's Hospital Walk-a-thon on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will be raising money for this sponsored event. Children's Hospital is such a rewarding cause, please consider giving.

**HALLOWEEN**

Students will enjoy Halloween parties in their classroom on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be no costumes parties. Students are not permitted to wear costumes in school. This is a scheduled Dress Down Day for all of our students.



**TRICK & TREATING SAFETY**



We enjoy every smiling face we see in school on a daily basis. Please follow all safety guidelines when trick or treating. Stay with a buddy and don't eat any treats without an adult examining them first. Always be practical, wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** 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](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org).

**OPERATION OVERSEAS COUPONS**

Our overseas military personnel are on a tight budget just as we all are. They say our coupon donations area a big help and are deeply appreciated. Please continue to place your coupons in the box provided in the vestibule of the church.



**OAKLAND CATHOLIC**



Oakland Catholic High School invites 6th, 7th, and 8th, grade girls and their parents/guardians to attend an Open House from Noon to 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 2, 2008. Meet the administration, faculty, and parents of present students as you tour the facilities of this women's college preparatory high school and gather information on the Oakland Catholic experience.



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

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

**Evangelization, Worship, Word, Community, Service, Stewardship and Leadership.**

This week we will highlight the last two essential elements of parish life.

**Stewardship** can be defined simply as making the most responsible use of one's gifts and resources. Stewardship involves time, talent and treasure as well as the commitment of communal resources in service to the community of faith.

**Leadership.** Effective pastoral councils require a shared leadership among clergy and laity which calls forth the gifts of visioning, planning, empowering and evaluating. These gifts are placed at the service of the community for the fulfillment of the parish mission. While the Parish Life Collaborator bears the ultimate responsibility and authority within this parish, the gifts of the laity are needed and welcomed in the service of the parish. This ministry of leadership is not one of "doing it yourself" but rather identifying ways of empowering all the baptized to share in their call to serve the church.

The primary responsibilities of the PPC are prayer, study & pastoral planning. Through prayer and study pastoral planning occurs. Pastoral planning is an ongoing, cyclical process which is always mission-motivated and involves discernment, consensus, goal setting, developing objectives, implementation and evaluation.

**Eucharist at the Center.** The communal celebration of Sunday Eucharist is both the source and summit of the seven essential elements of parish life. The goal of every parish's activity is that those who share faith and baptism be united in the Eucharistic table of the Lord. While many other parish activities enhance the essence of what takes place there, there is no substitute for the Eucharist. Without the Eucharist as the center of parish life, it is devoid of meaning.

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**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**MON., October 27, Weekday**

**10:00 AM** Marcella Maizie (Husband)

**TUES., October 28, Simon & Jude**

**8:00 AM** St. Irenaeus

**9:00 AM** St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph

**WED., October 29, Weekday**

**8:00 AM** St. Irenaeus

**9:00 AM** St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

**7:00 PM** HOLY HOUR

**THURS., October 30, John Capistrano**

**10:00 AM** Blasé DeSarno (Daughters)

**FRI., October 31, Weekday**

**10:00 AM** Pelegrin J. Baver (Gino & Mary Jean DeIuliis)

**SAT., November 1, All Saints**

**4:00 PM** Confessions

**5:00 PM** Paul Shafer (Family)

**SUN., November 2, All Souls Day**

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**10:30 AM** Nordis Coonley (Al & Lesa Pugliese)



**6:00 PM** Memorial Mass



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



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

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
**Annual Financial Statement**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008**

**Operating Income:**

Offertory Collections	\$450,149
Donations & Bequests	29,596
General Fund Raising	21,481
Investment Income	6,664
Rental Property Income	99,957
Catholic Institute Savings	143,429 **
Other Operating Income	<u>16,829</u>

**Total Operating Income** **\$768,105**

**Operating Expenses:**

Liturgical Expense	\$ 69,345
Administration Expense	133,598
Operation and Maintenance	145,169
Rectory Expense	24,981
Property & Liability Insurance	22,253
CCD Program	21,677
Youth Ministry Program	2,321
Adult Education Expense	30
Social Service Program	9,032
Community Programs/Donations	250
Social Activities	6,233
Rental Property Expenses	23,974
Extra-Ordinary Maintenance Expense	<u>143,429**</u>

**Total Operating Expenses** **\$602,292**

**Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Subsidy** **\$165,813**

School Subsidy Expense **\$153,000**

**Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)** **\$ 12,813**

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MAINTENANCE EXPENSES\*\***

Parking Lot Paving	\$127,200
Organ Repairs	6,800
Church/Rectory Security System Update	<u>9,429</u>
	<b>\$143,429</b>

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOL**  
**Annual Financial Statement**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008**

**Operating Income:**

Tuition and Fees	\$392,544
Donations and Bequests	5,300
General Fund Raising	44,985
Bookstore Operation	600
Preschool Program	12,860
Extended Day Service Program	9,883
Investment Income	135
Other Operating Income (Refunds)	<u>1,099</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$467,406</b>

**Operating Expenses:**

Instructional Expense	\$486,683
Administration Expense	58,870
Food Service Program	239
Student Activities Program	911
Operation and Maintenance	126,955
Property and Liability Insurance	<u>21,662</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$695,320</b>

**Net (Deficit) Before Subsidy** **(\$227,914)**

Parish Subsidy	\$153,000
Diocesan Subsidy	<u>75,000</u>
<b>Total Subsidy</b>	<b>\$228,000</b>

**Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** **\$ 86**

Tuition: Own Parish Student – 1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$3,150
Own Parish Student – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$2,260
Own Parish Student – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$1,945
Non-Subsidized Student – 1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$4,550
Non-Subsidized Student – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$4,200
Non-Subsidized Student – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$3,150

Cost per Pupil: **\$5,743** (Full Day Kindergarten – Grade 8)

## The Parish Pastoral Council: Do you hear the call?

In the popular Hymn, *Here I Am Lord*, we sing and meditate on the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah when he hears the call to be a prophet for the Lord. God calls us each day to follow Him, but not nearly in such a dramatic way. By virtue of our baptism, we the laity are called and empowered to participate in the mission of the Church and in the "pastoral activity" of the parish. One of the ways in which the laity can exercise that call is through the ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council above all is rooted in prayer. Through this common bond they help to develop a plan to examine the basic elements of parish life so as to bring the entire parish closer to Jesus. The basic elements that are the essence of parish life are:

### **Evangelization, Worship, Word, Community, Service, Stewardship and Leadership.**

The foundation of these seven elements are discovered in the Code of Canon Law. Every pastor, or person entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish, is responsible for seeing that these activities are carried out in the parish. Through collaboration with the Pastor, Administrator or Parish Life Collaborator, the council too shares responsibility for these activities.

**Evangelization** encompasses any way in which a parish continues to spread the Good News of Jesus, especially through personal and communal sharing of faith.

**Worship** gives expression to the faith of the community and its degree of commitment to furthering the Kingdom of God. For it is the liturgy through which, especially in the Eucharist, the work of our redemption is accomplished, and in the liturgy that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the Church.

**Word.** The deepening of faith results from echoing God's word. By preaching and teaching the word, we build communities of faith. The spreading of the word takes place in many ways within the parish: adult, youth and children's education, RCIA, sacramental preparation, family formation, renewal efforts and Sunday homilies. These and other means of passing on the message of Jesus are all aspects of "Word" within a community.

**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.

**Service.** The mission that Christ calls the Church to clearly includes works 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.

**Stewardship** can be defined simply as making the most responsible use of one's gifts and resources. Stewardship involves time, talent and treasure as well as the commitment of communal resources in service to the community of faith.

**Leadership.** Effective pastoral councils require a shared leadership among clergy and laity which calls forth the gifts of visioning, planning, empowering and evaluating. These gifts are placed at the service of the community for the fulfillment of the parish mission.

Pray as a community of faith that we are quiet enough to hear the gentle call of the Shepherd and in faith answer, "Here I am Lord, I have heard you calling, I will answer YES!"

# Parish Pastoral Council Identification Form

## St. Bartholomew Parish, Penn Hills

Our Parish needs Christian leadership to help make decisions about our pastoral life and growth. Please help identify persons in this faith community who could enable us to develop our sense of **Evangelization, Worship, Word, Service, Community, Stewardship, and Leadership.**

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 and 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.

Since this is not a council of representatives, there is no need to consider representation of age groups. Nevertheless, we do need individuals whose maturity level allows them to be secure, confident, and comfortable in dealing with consensus and conflict. This type of maturity often, but not always, comes with experience and age.

Please list the names of parishioners whom you identify as having the gifts for Parish Pastoral Council leadership. These people will receive a call to inform them that they have been named and to ask them to participate in an information session to be held on **Sunday November 9 at noon** in the Pastoral Conference Room. They will have the option to remain in the selection process or not.

### IDENTIFICATION FORM FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

I suggest that the following individuals be invited to consider leadership ministry through service on our Parish Pastoral Council. I will continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the selection process. **Return by November 6<sup>th</sup>**

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*Thank You for your suggestions. Please pray for the selection of Pastoral Council Leadership in our parish.*