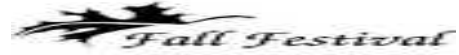


**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
October 5, 2008**



JUST A FEW REMINDERS. . .

“Brothers and sisters; Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- ⇒ **You can drop off bakery items anytime during the week of the festival and anytime during the festival.**
- ⇒ **We are continuing with set up at 11:30 am today.**
- ⇒ **We are still in need of volunteers to work the booths, wish list items, especially 12 ounce cans of Pepsi and Coke products.**
- ⇒ **Festival Hours: 6-10 on Thursday; 6-11 on Friday and Saturday; and 12-5 on Sunday. See you there.**

This excerpt from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians truly spoke to my heart in a special way this week. As you all know the Festival is fast approaching (October 9-12) and whenever an event of this magnitude is about to begin, there are many stresses that happen. Whether it is making sure we have enough of volunteers, gift baskets for the Basket Raffle, meatballs, sausage, raffle tickets, etc., it all brings certain little stressors.

St. Paul reminds me and hopefully each of us that prayer should be at the center of our lives. The experience of prayer reminds us that we are never alone, nor are we in control. I believe that a great deal of our personal anxiety as well as our communal anxiety stems from our need to control situations and people. God asks more from us. God asks us to let go and fall into God’s presence with open hands and open hearts and to let God take control of us personally and of situations communally.

Prayer for Faithful Citizenship

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us today. Hear our prayers, and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus. Help us to draw on the resources of our faith as we use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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*Have a Blessed Week
Sister Dorothy*

8TH GRADE RECOGNITION



Please join our school family at Friendship Park on Sunday, October 5th for our Bruin football games. During the Varsity game our 8th grade football players and cheerleaders will be honored. We are so proud of all of our student athletes.



ST. BART'S SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to prepare for our golf outing on Monday, October 6th. We wish everyone a fun filled day of friendship.

MASS

Miss Begley and our second and third grade classes will be participating in Mass on Thursday, October 9th at 10:00 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



FESTIVAL

Please make sure to stop at our school sponsored booth during the festival. We will have pumpkin decorating and face painting. All proceeds benefit our Parish. The school is grateful for all our Parish does to support us throughout the year.



MYSTERY DINNER

Tickets for the mystery dinner on Saturday, October 25th are available after all masses and at the rectory. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and include a wonderful pasta & meatball dinner, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Seating for this event is limited. Get your tickets early. Parties of 8 may reserve a full table. For additional information please call the rectory.



OKTOBERFEST QUILT

RAFFLE

This year there are three beautiful quilts being raffled at our fall festival. There is one adult/twin size, a toddler themed quilt, and a crib size quilt with a matching changing pad. Tickets will be on sale after all masses, and during the festival.

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 412-793-1190 to reserve your space.

OCTOBER 5, 2008

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: DO YOU HEAR THE CALL?

The council is the pastoral planning body of the parish. It ensures ongoing collaboration in developing and renewing a pastoral plan for the life of the parish. This pastoral plan must promote the full mission of the church: the priestly, prophetic and royal mission of Jesus. The Council discerns what needs are to be supported, changed or developed to make the parish more faithful to the call of God. Specific activities will include:

- ◆ Supporting the parish mission statement
- ◆ Identifying key needs and concerns
- ◆ Synthesizing parish priorities into an ongoing pastoral plan
- ◆ Recommending flexible strategies relating to those priorities
- ◆ Evaluating progress in achieving the parish plan and goals

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

Evangalization
Worship
Word
Community
Service
Stewardship
Leadership

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

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 other means of passing on the message of Jesus are all aspects of "word" within a community.



MASS INTENTIONS

- MON., October 6, Weekday**
10:00 AM FUNERAL ROBERT BANAS
- TUES., October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph
- WED., October 8, Weekday**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM NO HOLY HOUR
- THURS., October 9, Weekday**
10:00 AM Marie Conley (Mrs. Jessie Smith)
- FRI., October 10, Weekday**
10:00 AM Margaret Irvine (St. Bart's Ladies of Charity)
- SAT., October 11, Vigil - Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Charles Hertweck (Family)
11:00 PM People of the Parish
- SUN., October 12, Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM Clara & George F. Myers (George J. Myers)
10:30 AM Kay Deuilis (The Sullivan's)

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

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Elinor Smierciak from Mary Smierciak

MASS REQUEST FORM - 2009 - LIMIT TWO (2) REQUESTS PER FORM

Mass Requested For

Day/Date – 1st Choice

Day/Date – 2nd Choice

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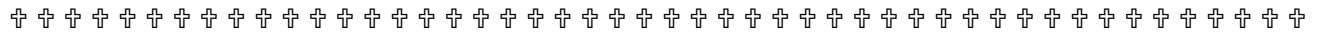
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ALTAR FLOWER AND SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUEST FORM - 2009

TWO MAIN ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS (\$80.00)

BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR (\$40.00)

In Memory Of or In Honor Of (please circle one)

Flowers Donated by

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MARY'S ALTAR ARRANGMENT (\$40.00)

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$10.00)

In Memory Of or In Honor Of (please circle one)

Flowers Donated by

Weekend of – 1st Choice

Weekend of – 2nd Choice

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