

*DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA IN
ROME*

November 9, 2008



*Do you not know that
YOU are the temple of God,
and that the SPIRIT of God
DWELLS in you?
If anyone destroys God's temple,
God will DESTROY that person;
for the temple of God,
which YOU are, is holy.*

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17

I have heard the following question asked in a variety of ways this past week and I struggle with the answer. The question is "If you knew today was to be your last, would you be prepared to meet God face to face?" And I like to add, "why or why not?"

Not to seem morbid or anything of the like, but we face death each day of our lives. Perhaps it is not the death of a loved one or a good friend, but the death of other things can be just as difficult to come to grips with and to grieve. These 'things' could include, our eyesight, our ability to drive, changes in our mobility, changes in our Church structure, and the list can go on and on and on.

This past Sunday evening we as a parish celebrated our Annual Memorial Mass—a time where we come together to pray, to remember and gather in communion. This has always been one of the most important parts of ministry for me and I believe it becomes very important to the families who come

together to pray for and remember their loved one. This past year our parish buried 93 people from November 1, 2007 until October 31, 2008. As each name was read, a bell tolled and if a family was present a candle was lit. Such a simple service with such a powerful experience of God's all encompassing love for each of us.

I thank in a special way Fr. Albie Shemp who celebrated our liturgy, Mary Ellen Lang, our Music Director, Bess Biamonte, our Social Service Minister, our ushers and our Ladies of Charity for making the evening run so smoothly.

As I am sure most of you know, we have been mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to partake in the Charter For the Protection of Children and Young People in our Dioceses. During the past couple of months St. Bart's has been part of an internal audit of our Safe Environment Program, by two Diocesan Officials and this past month we underwent an external audit from an outside auditing firm.

This past week I received a letter from Bishop Paul Bradley stating that the initial feedback provided has been very positive and reassuring. Bishop Bradley "commended our staff for their persistence and commitment to this very important and sometimes very difficult safe environment effort." I am very proud of our efforts on behalf of the children entrusted to our care and I thank everyone who has undergone all of the various expectations.

*Have a Blessed Week
Sister Dorothy*



School

News



BOOK FAIR

Our school will participate in the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, November 10th. Students will have the opportunity to purchase age appropriate books. Our book fair is always a huge success.

NORTH CATHOLIC

Representatives from North Catholic will be at school on Monday, November 10th. Students in grades 7th and 8th will have an opportunity to meet with the representatives and ask questions.

RED/WHITE/BLUE DAY

Students may dress down in red/white/blue on Tuesday, November 11th with a \$1.00 donation. All monies collected will be donated to the Chimbote Missions.

MASS

Please join Miss Begley and her second grade class at mass on Thursday, November 13th at 10 am. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this mass.

6th GRADE DRESS DOWN

Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Eggan's 6th grade class. They have earned a dress down day on Friday, November 14th. They collected the most Health and Beauty items during our recent aid drive.



PARISH AND SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

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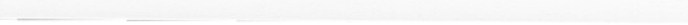
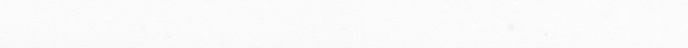
The month of November

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Drop off good in the vestibule of the Church or at the rectory.

FOR WHO

Bess Biamonte, our Social Service Minister will make sure the food is distributed to parishioners and others in need.



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
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL'S
EFFORTS.

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The Woman's Group of St. Bart's is sponsoring a Bake Sale after all masses the weekend of November 22nd & 23rd. They are asking for bakers to donate their favorite goodies to sell at the bake sale. You may drop off bake goods on Friday, November 21st, or before any of the weekend masses. **All proceeds from this event will be used to purchase much needed altar robes for our servers.**

THANK YOU



Marcia Irr and her team members, Lenny, Lucy, Vandy, and Rita would like to thank everyone who donated blood the weekend of October 26th. It was a very successful drive. They collected 22 total blood products. Four lucky people were winners of a \$25 scrip certificate to a vendor of their choice.



High School aged parishioners and their friends are invited to join us at Life Teen on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at St. Bart's. The program starts with the 5 PM mass, and continues with an interesting program of fun, spirituality and refreshments. It will end approximately 7:45 pm. December LifeTeen events will be at Saint Joseph's in Verona on December 6th, and St. Susanna's on December 20th.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL
IMPORTANT DATES**

November 9th, 12 noon—Information Session

November 24th, 6:30 pm—Evening of Discernment

If you have any questions, please call Sister Dorothy at 412-242-3374

*On November 2, 2008
Julia Christine Nardoizzi*

&

*Gabriella Elena Rubbe
were baptized at
St. Bartholomew Parish.
May God bless you and
Your families.*



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MON., November 10, Leo the Great
10:00 AM Roger & Helen Deschamps
(The Angiulli Family)

TUES., November 11, Martin of Tours
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph

WED., November 12, Josaphat
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM HOLY HOUR

THURS., November 13, Frances Cabrini
10:00 AM Otha Fink (Dorothy & Children)

FRI., November 14, Weekday
10:00 AM Rosemary Casey
(St. Bart's PTG)

SAT., November 15, Vigil, Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mary Francine Dugan
(Gloriann Turney)

SUN., November 16, Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Filippo & Mickele Pugliese
(Maria, Sister)

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

John Liotta

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Andrew Lew from Rosemary Lew

