

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 24, 2008



WELCOME BISHOP ZUBIK

It is with much appreciation that we welcome you to St. Bartholomew Parish today to celebrate liturgy and to visit with us. What a blessing it is for our whole parish to have you visit. Know that you and your intentions are in our continual prayers and we trust that we are in yours.

In our Gospel reading today from St. John, we are presented with the story of Jesus speaking to a Samaritan woman and asking her for a drink. On the surface this action of Jesus doesn't appear to be wrong, but if you look at the times Jesus was living in, it was counter-cultural to not only speak to a woman, but to a Samaritan.

As Christians we are often called to speak and/or to act counter-culturally. How is this enfolded in our day to day living? During this Lenten Season this can be made manifest in our commitment to fasting, prayer and almsgiving. To fast—to deny ourselves goes against the "norms" of our society; a society that encourages 'an on-demand' attitude. I encourage you to look and to pray how you may be being called to be 'counter-cultural' in your family, with your friends, in your work/school situation, and perhaps even in your Church.

Lent can be a time to know ourselves better, to understand who and what we are. Lent can also be an opportunity to know and appreciate others in a deeper way. Are we up to the challenge?



I invite everyone to join us again this Wednesday for **Holy Hour at 7 PM.** We will continue to offer reflections, exposition and optional faith sharing.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Irenaeus, Friday, February 29th at 7 PM.



We will also have Stations at 2 pm with our school children.

Have a blessed week.
- - *Sister Dorothy*

A LENTEN REFLECTION

Give up complaining...focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism...become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments...think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry...trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement...be full of hope.
Give up bitterness...turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred...return good for evil.
Give up negativism...be positive.
Give up anger...be more patient.
Give up gloom...enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up jealousy...pray for trust.
Give up gossiping...control your tongue.
Give up sin...turn to virtue.
Give up giving up...hang in there!!!



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep our second grade children in your prayers. They will be participating in their First Reconciliation on February 25th at 7:00 PM. All children are to meet in the church.

OPEN HOUSE

Our school is planning an open house on Monday February 25th from 6:00—7:30 PM. This is a perfect time to showcase our wonderful achievements. We are so proud of our faculty, staff and students. If you know of anyone interested in visiting our school this is the perfect opportunity.

MASS

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and Mrs. Sicilia and our first and fifth graders for mass on Thursday, February 28th at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FISH FRY

Looking for a great meal on Fridays during lent? Why not stop by our cafeteria and enjoy a delicious fish dinner. We serve breaded, baked, and battered fish and crab cakes, along with many ala carte items. The fish fry is served from 4:30-7:30 PM. Senior citizens discounts are available. All proceeds benefit our school students.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

We share our faith with our children so that one day they will say; "We no longer believe because of your word; we have heard for ourselves and worship what we understand." But first, children must hear "your word."

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MEN'S RETREAT

will be held March 14, 15 & 16, at St. Paul's Retreat Center on Pittsburgh's Southside. All men of the parish are invited to attend. The retreat will be held Palm Sunday weekend. For additional information or to make a reservation please call: Sam Mangello at 412-824-2526 or Tom Kmonk at 412-241-6286.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

CATHOLICS AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

As Catholics we are both obligated and privileged to participate in shaping a moral society. How does our Faith—and our understanding of the dignity of all human life—infuse our participation in political life?

Fr. James Wehner and Megan Vargo of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will offer a presentation on the US Bishops' document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. The presentation will examine our obligations as Catholics to be active in the political process and to vote with an informed conscience.

Tuesday, March 4, 7-9 PM

St. John Fisher, Churchill

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP to 412-456-3156/ jglover@diopitt.org so that we may prepare sufficient seating and materials. A \$5 donation per person would be appreciated to help offset the cost of materials (collected at the event).



MEETING WITH WEDDING COUPLES

Marriage

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We have scheduled our annual meeting with all couples who are planning weddings here at St. Bart's for 2008, on March 9th at 6:00 PM in our church. All couples who have scheduled a wedding are invited to attend. Our Wedding Coordinators, Mary Ellen Lang our Music Director and Sister Dorothy our Parish Life Collaborator will be available to walk everyone through our procedures and answer any questions.



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THE SCRUTINIES

[By means of the three scrutinies], first of all, the elect are instructed gradually

about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water, . . . the light of the world, . . . [and] the resurrection and the life. . . . From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

—*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,*

RCIA

Please keep in your daily prayers our RCIA candidates Danielle Werner and Chad Galbraith.

MON., FEB 25 LENTEN WEEKDAY
10:00 A.M., HERBERT G. MORAN, JR.
(MRS. HERBERT G. MORAN, JR.)

TUES., FEB 26 LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA
ST. JOSEPH

WED., FEB 27 LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA
ST. SUSANNA
7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR-
"THE CUP OF OUR LIFE"

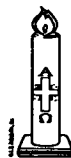
THURS., FEB 28 LENTEN WEEKDAY
10:00 A.M., ANNE HERMANN (ROSE MAY
HERMANN)

FRI., FEB 29 LENTEN WEEKDAY
10:00 A.M., CARMEN NOBILE, SR. (FAMILY)
2:00 P.M., STATIONS—ST. BART'S
7:00 P.M., STATIONS—ST. IRENAEUS

**SAT., MARCH 1 VIGIL, FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
4:00 P.M., CONFESSIONS
5:00 P.M., ROSE & HENRY DITILLO (SON,
RONNIE)

**SUN., MARCH 2 FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
8:00 A.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 A.M., BETTY & BOB KLAUS (FAMILY)

Please remember in you prayers the sick, shut-ins,
and hospitalized members of the Parish.
Please remember in your prayers the departed
members of our parish family. Especially
PAUL SOISSON & MARY HOLLEIN



*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of
March 2nd is in memory of
EARL SCHOMBURGER
from his wife, *Fran Schomburger**