

*Second Sunday  
of Easter  
March 30 2008*



If you were able to join us last week for the Triduum and Easter celebrations, I am sure you were touched and overwhelmed by the powerful experience of God's presence. I am so grateful to everyone who helped to make our worship experience so special.

Thank you to those who cleaned the Church, to Mary Ellen and the Choir, Wanda and the Bell Choir, Gary who so tirelessly helped with all the "heavy" stuff, to everyone who worked on the environment, our altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and to Fr. Tom Dansak, our Sacramental Minister who truly went out of his way to bring the spirit of the Risen Lord alive for all of us. Thank you so much to everyone who added to the solemnity of our celebration.



This Sunday our Gospel focuses on "Doubting Thomas". How often I personally have found myself in Thomas' position where I have needed to have something proved to me before I

was able or willing to believe. How about you?

The Thomas of this week's Gospel could not be a believer on his own. He missed the gathering when Jesus appeared. But when Thomas was together with the "others" and Jesus appeared it was then that Thomas was able to believe.

Is it possible to be a believer on your own? Yes it is. Is it easier to be a believer surrounded by others who join you in your belief? I believe it is. I know I find my own sense of faith strengthened and affirmed as I worship together with the parishioners here at St. Bart's each week at our liturgies. This was made more visible to me this past Holy Week and Easter and I am extremely grateful to each of you for continuing to walk this journey of faith with me and with our God.

I also believe your presence and your ability to step out in faith and prayer was also beneficial to Chad Galbraith and Danielle Werner who also stepped out in faith and joined us in our Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Knowing that we as a parish kept them in prayer helped solidify their decision and gave them the strength to stand before us and profess their oneness with us.

#### **BEREAVEMENT**

This Thursday, April 3rd we will once again begin a 7 week Bereavement Program. The group will be meeting at 6:30 PM in the Pastoral Conference Room. If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please call me at 412-242-3374.

*Have a blessed week.  
Sister Dorothy*



### MARKET DAY PICK UP

Market day will be available for pick-up in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, April 1st from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM. Market Day is a great way to shop for delicious and convenient meals for your family, and all proceeds benefit our school.

### PTG MEETING

The PTG will meet on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 PM. In the school library.

### MASS

Mrs. Pricer and the sixth graders will be hosting the mass on Thursday, April 3rd at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend.

### BOOK FAIR

St. Bartholomew School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday and Friday April 3rd and 4th. Students will be able to buy books and other fun items. Our participation in the book fair rewards us with many new books for our library.

### WRITING SKILLS

Our students will be assessed this week on their writing skills. The teachers have well prepared the students for this assessment. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated teachers at St. Bartholomew School.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To Emily Golling, Aaron Horne and Marisa Paredes for each winning a \$1000.00 2008 Carson Scholar Award, which will be invested for their college education. In addition, each student will receive a medal and certificate, with the school receiving a trophy.

Elizabeth Mahoney won a \$1000.00 US Savings Bond, and Jeffery Socash won a \$75.00 US Savings Bond for their posters on Drug Free Zone for Oakmont, Elks, grade 4, 5, and 6 participated in the contest.

Mrs. Pricer was the recipient of a grant award from Spectroscopy Society in the amount of \$600.00 which was used to obtain both science equipment and supplies.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

On April Fool's eve think of a way to be playful with your honey tomorrow. It may sound silly but a little prank my husband's been doing lately is to move a rubber ducky around to different spots in the house and wait for me to notice it. Bringing a smile to your beloved's face doesn't take diamonds, just a little creativity.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend



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MARRIAGE is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey.

Whether you're married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 18-20 at the Four Points Sheraton, Findlay Twp. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check them out on the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org).

### GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will hold their next meeting, Friday April 3rd, at 1:30 PM in Helzlsouer Hall.

### EXPLORE !!!

*Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a nun?* The Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting an EXPLORE! Gathering for eighth grade and high school girls who would like to learn more about the life of a Sister. EXPLORE ! will be held on Sunday, April 13 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM at St. Joseph Convent in Baden PA. The program will include Liturgy in the Motherhouse Chapel, brunch with the Sisters, tour of the Motherhouse, sharing stories of the lives, ministries, prayer and community life of the Sisters, practical questions about the formation of a Sister, and time for questions and sharing. Parents and teachers are also welcome to visit the Convent on this day. There is no fee for this program. For more information or to register, contact Sister Marguerite Kropinak, CSJ, at 724-869-6585 or [www.stjosephbaden.org](http://www.stjosephbaden.org)

**MARCH 31, ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
10:00 A.M., EDWARD J. CALLAHAN, JR.  
(JOE & DONNA LANZA)

**APRIL 1, EASTER WEEKDAY**  
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS  
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA  
ST. JOSEPH

**APRIL 2, EASTER WEEKDAY**  
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS  
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA  
ST. SUSANNA  
7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR

**APRIL 3., EASTER WEEKDAY**  
10:00 P.M., ANTHONY ANTONUCCI  
(PAUL ANTONUCCI)

**APRIL 4., EASTER WEEKDAY**  
10:00 A.M., MARY MANGANELLO  
(MR. & MRS. SAM MANGANELLO)  
6:00 P.M., WEDDING REHEARSAL

**APRIL 5., VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
3:00 P.M., WEDDING MORELLI/SQUIRE  
4:00 P.M., CONFESSIONS  
5:00 P.M., JOHN & ELIZABETH KOSTILNIK  
(FAMILY)

**APRIL 6., THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00 A.M., HERBERT G. MORAN, JR.  
(COLETTA MORAN, WIFE)

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,  
FLORENCE SPURRIER, RONALD KIM,  
JENNIE FIORINA



*Sunday March 23, 2008 we welcomed  
into baptism Maegan Rae Berkey.  
May God continue to bless Maegan  
and her family.*