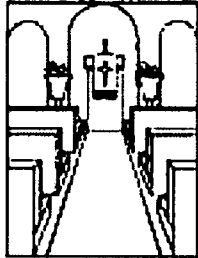


*TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 28, 2008*

**CHURCH PEWS**



When you enter the Church today, you may notice that there is a small alteration. After consultation with our Pastoral Council, key staff, and seeing the difficulty for many of our parishioners with canes, walkers and/or wheelchairs, we made the decision to remove two pews from the center of the Church so as to provide quicker and easier access and still ensure a sense of dignity for all of our parishioners. Because of this change, I encourage those who are not able to walk to communion to utilize the pews in the center of the church body and an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be able to locate you much easier and bring Eucharist to you. If you choose not to sit in these pews, please let the usher know where you are sitting and they will be happy to bring the Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist to you.

I hope that this change doesn't cause any undue hardship for those who traditionally sat in rows 15 and 16.

**DISCERNMENT FOR  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

You will see on the flap page of the bulletin some news as to the process of discernment that we as a parish are entering into for our Parish Pastoral Council. I ask each of you to join with me in prayer that the Holy Spirit will truly be present during this discernment process and that as we spend this time in prayer God's will becomes the motivating force of all we do as a parish.

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**



Next Saturday, October 4th at 12 noon, Fr. Tom will be blessing animals. This blessing will take place by the steps of the Sacred Heart Chapel. I invite you to bring your animals (not just dogs and cats have been spotted previous years). If you have any questions, please call the rectory.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Bishop Zubik has asked all of the parishes in the Diocese to take up a second collection for the victims of Hurricane Ike in the Houston/Galveston and Caribbean areas through Catholic Relief Services. Bishop Zubik asks that we be as generous as possible.

*PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF  
NATURAL DISASTERS*

*Lord, I ask you to help all the victims and their families to survive this disaster. Be with them and comfort them. Help them get food and shelter. You are a loving God and want Your children to be comforted. Let Your will be done. Amen.*

*Have a Blessed Week  
Sister Dorothy*



**PTG**  
**MEETING**

The PTG will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 30th. The PTG meets in the school library at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to participate in these meetings.

**ASSEMBLY**

Students will have an opportunity on Wednesday, October 1st to participate in an assembly. This month's assembly will focus on Reducing and Recycling.

**MASS**

Mrs. Smith and her eighth grade class will be hosting the mass on Thursday, October 2nd. Everyone is encouraged to attend the mass and support our eighth grade students.

**OAKLAND CATHOLIC**

St. Bartholomew's eighth grade girls will travel to Oakland Catholic to have the opportunity to tour the school and facilities in preparation for high school. Please keep these girls and their chaperones in your prayers.



**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 go on sale after all masses beginning this weekend and continuing next weekend, and during the festival.

**GOLDEN AGERS**

The Golden Agers will hold their October meeting on Friday, October 3, 2008. The meeting is at 1:30 PM, and will take place in Helzlsouer Hall. New members are always welcome.



**WHEELING ISLAND**  
**WEST VIRGINIA**

The St. Bartholomew Men's Group is sponsoring a day trip to Wheeling Island, on October 27. Watch the bulletin for further details.

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

A new discernment cycle is beginning for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The purpose of the PPC is to promote the spiritual growth of the parish community and to plan ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church. They should strive to build a Christian community as a response to their baptismal call. Ideally they form a group which serves as a model of prayer, cooperation, celebration and service.

The PPC 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**
- 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. During this time of discernment which will conclude at the beginning of Advent, the seven elements will briefly be explained.

**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.



**MON., September 29, Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels**

**10:00 AM Michael & Helen Andrejko  
60th Wedding Anniversary  
(Son, Michael Andrejko)**

**TUES., September 30, Jerome**

**8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph**

**WED., October 1, Therese of the Child Jesus**

**8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
7:00 PM Holy Hour—Parish**

**THURS., October 2, Guardian Angels**

**10:00 AM Deceased members of the Ciccotelli Family (Family)**

**FRI., October 3, Weekday**

**10:00 AM Calogera Messina (Josephine & John Collins)**

**SAT., October 4, Vigil - Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Samuel F. Bagnato (Wife, Rose Bagnato)**

**SUN., October 5, Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Otha Fink (Wife, Dorothy)**

*Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of our parish; also the departed members of our Parish Family, especially Elizabeth Burns, Theodore Pricer*



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Arthur Mulack from Marie & Family.*