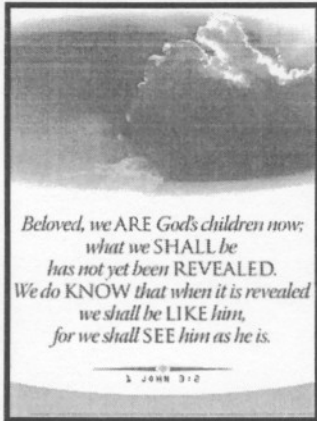


SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

November 1, 2009

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

REFLECTION



As early as the fourth century the saints were remembered during the celebration of the Eucharist. At first it was the martyrs, then the confessors—holy men and women not martyred but who lived a life that imitated Christ. Today we remember all those throughout history who

have allowed the face of God to be seen in them.

Take some time to think about the Saints who have influenced your life~~Saints with a capital S and those with a small s. So many people that have been a part of my life, have taught me about being poor in spirit, to mourn injustices in the world, to be meek and merciful, pure of heart and a peacemaker. There are those who have embodied what it means to hunger and thirst for justice and to be willing to undergo suffering for the sake of our faith. Today is the day we thank God for all the men and women who have been saints for us.

What does it mean to be a saint?

Do you think of yourself as a saint?

Do you think of yourself and those around you as destined for the kingdom of heaven, to be like God because you shall see God as God is?

We pray today thanking God for all the saints—men and women who grew into sanctity—who struggled as we do, who at times were overcome by the power of sin and evil in their own lives, but eventually came to be witnesses to Jesus and profess him Lord and Savior. We pray to the Lord to continue to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify, that is, to make saints of each of us.

ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE

MT. CARMEL CEMETERY—3 PM

Please join Fr. Martin Barkin and myself at Mt. Carmel this afternoon as we remember and celebrate all of those who have been buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery this past year. This service will be held at all Catholic Cemeteries throughout the Diocese today at the same time.



MEMORIAL MASS

On Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm we will have our annual memorial mass to remember and pray for those who were buried from St. Bart's Parish this past year. Letters

have been sent to all the next of kin of those we have buried. If you were missed, please let me know.

Fr. Tom Dansak, our Sacramental Minister will be celebrating our liturgy and the Ladies of Charity will be providing a reception afterwards.

Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our deceased.



St. Bart's *Book of Remembrance* is available beginning this weekend and throughout the rest of the month. Please feel free to include the names of all your loved ones who have preceded you in death. They will be remembered at all of our masses throughout the month of November.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of October 25, 2009

Offertory Collection — \$6,735.00

Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



SCHOOL NEWS

PTG MEETING

The November PTG meeting will be held Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM in the school library.

NO SCHOOL

There will no classes on Tuesday, November 3. There will not be extended care available.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 2, from 12:00PM until 7:00PM. Report cards will be given out to the parents

MASS

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and the fifth grade as they host the 10:00 AM mass on Thursday November 5, at 10:00AM.



OAKLAND CATHOLIC

Oakland Catholic High School invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians to attend Open House this Sunday, November 1, 2009, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Meet the administration, faculty, parents and students as you tour the facilities of this women's college preparatory high school and gather information on the Oakland Catholic experience.

There will be a Scholarship Entrance Exam on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 8:30 AM to 11:45 AM. Scores will be used for placement in classes as well as for eligibility for academic scholarships. Pre-register for the exam at (412) 682-6633 X 221 by Monday, November 9, 2009. A \$10.00 fee is required.



Sunday October 18, 2009 we welcomed into baptism Jordyn Josephine Cienik. May God Bless you and your family.

SBAA CHRISTMAS CASH



Are you looking for a little extra cash for Christmas? Members of the St. Bart's Athletic Association will be in the back of Church after each mass for the next couple of weeks selling tickets for their Christmas Cash Raffle. The raffle will be based on the PA Lottery drawing on December 6, 2009. The daily number will pay \$500 and the evening number will pay \$2,500. Tickets are \$10 each. Please support the SBAA's fundraiser, they do a great deal to help provide athletic opportunities for the children in our school.

THE GOLDEN AGERS WILL HOLD THEIR NEXT MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT 1:30 PM IN HELZLSOUER HALL. NEW MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held November 20-22 at the Bishop William G. Connare Center, Greensburg PA. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check us out on the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org



"A Christmas Formal"

*a free holiday dance for adults
with disabilities*

Sponsored by The Celebration of Life,
Featuring Hosts and Dance Partners of The
St. Louise de Marillac Youth Ministry Group.

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Louise deMarillac, LeGras Parish Center
312 McMurray Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

To register for the Prom, borrow a
ELEGANT GOWN for free, donate a
PROM gown (misses sizes most needed)
and/or to request transportation assistance,
please call Kathy at
724 745-7418 or e-mail at
contact@thecelebrationoflife.net

Protecting God's Children Class

There will be a Protecting God's Children Awareness session in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, November 14th at 9:30 am. This three hour session is required for anyone involved in ministry or as a volunteer in the church and/or school. This session is for adults only. You need to only attend once. Preregistration is a must for program materials. For questions or to register call the Rectory at 412-242-3374.

There is no babysitting available and children under the age of 18 will not be permitted. If you bring a child with you, you will not be able to stay and participate in this session. Thank you for understanding.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, November 2, All Souls

10:00 AM Blasé DeSarno (Daughters)
7:00 PM Memorial Mass

TUESDAY, November 3, Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, November 4 , Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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

THURSDAY, November 5, Weekday

10:00 AM Elizabeth Sparr (Betty King)

FRIDAY, November 6, Weekday

10:00 AM George F. & Clara Myers
(George J. Myers)
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY November , 7, Vigil 32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time

3:00 PM Wedding Shafer/Aglietti
4:00 PM CONFESSIONS
5:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Hoolahan
(Mr. & Mrs. J. Hoolahan)

SUNDAY November 8 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Andrew O'Lear Family (Addie
Albright)

Please remember in your prayers the
sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized
members of our Parish.



The Sanctuary Candle last
week was in memory of
Edward Callahan for his
wife Pat.



Please join us at the

Saint Bartholomew



PASTA DINNER

Our school needs new windows! The frames are rusting through, the glazing is constantly having to be replaced, and, with the price of utilities nowadays, single-paned windows are not an economical choice. Because of this, we are going to start trying to raise money to replace our windows; even if we have to do it one window at a time.

So, on **Saturday, November 14th at 6:00pm**, St. Bart's will be hosting a pasta dinner after Saturday Mass in an attempt to begin the fund-raising needed to replace our windows. The purchase of a ticket includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage.

Ticket prices are as follows:

\$5 each for ages 6 through 63

\$3 each for children 5 and under

\$4 each for seniors 63 and up

Please secure your tickets by filling out the form below and returning it to the School Office. (Walk-ins are welcome and take-out will be available.)

Family name _____

of Regular tickets purchased: _____ x \$5 = _____

of Children tickets purchased: _____ x \$3 = _____

of Senior tickets purchased: _____ x \$4 = _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

____ We would also like to make an additional donation towards the purchase of the new windows in the amount of \$ _____ which is enclosed.

____ We do not wish to make an additional donation at this time.