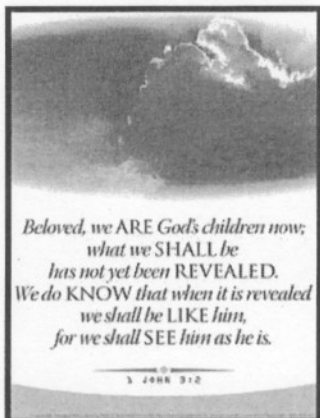


32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY  
NOVEMBER 8, 2009

**REFLECTION**



Of all the people in biblical times, among the most vulnerable were women. Considered little more than property, a woman went from the house of her father to the house of her husband. If her husband died, she was dependent on her

sons; if there were no sons, she was in a very precarious position. We meet two courageous widows today, whose small gifts were great indeed.

What is the point of the Word of God today? Well, it seems to me there is a two-fold lesson for us to embrace. First, in the hustle and bustle and hurts of our lives, we need to be more sensitive of the widows and widowers that surround us. Their vulnerability and deep loss which they live with everyday demands compassion, understanding, and encouragement. None of us, if we are truly Christian, can shut our eyes or close our hearts to their plight.

Second, in the vulnerabilities and losses of life, God's grace can effect miracles of trust and generosity. Both widows clearly lived not selfishly for themselves but with trust and generosity for God. Life, their relationships and belongings, were not a matter of possessions to be had but realities to be lived and shared. In other words, it was all gift. The sad part about this is that sometimes we don't come to know and appreciate this until it is too late. In short, we do not need to be a widow or widower to know the shortness of life, the beauty of it as a gift, and the importance to trust and share.

This past Monday evening, we celebrated the feast of All Souls. As is custom in the Church and here at St. Bart's we celebrated liturgy and included a candle lighting service for those who were buried from St. Bart's this past year. 24 of the deceased were represented by friends and/or family members. Each name was read and all were remembered in our prayers. May God continue to bless all of those who grieve the loss of a loved one.



**WAY TO GO BRUINS....** This past Sunday, the Bruins were successful in winning their playoff game against St. Bonaventure School. Today, November 8th at 7 pm, the Bruin's will play the South Hills Saints for the Diocesan Championship. The game is at 7 pm at Duquesne University. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on our team.



We pray that we might hear the voice of God speaking through others, calling us to be generous. Think of those whom we have ceased to "see". Rather than judging them as lazy, pathetic, or getting what they deserve, consider how Christ might approach them.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Weekend of November 1, 2009

Offertory Collection — \$7,228.21

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

### Food & Clothing Drive

The St. Bart's Student Council is sponsoring a food and clothing drive the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will be collecting gently used clothes and non-perishable food items. All items will be donated to local charities.

### Bruin Football

Please remember our Varsity Boys football team, coaches and cheerleaders in your prayers today. Our boys have earned a place in the Diocesan Championship. Our team will be playing under the lights at Duquesne University on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication. GO BRUINS!



### Book Fair

Children will have the opportunity to purchase books at the Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. More information on exact date and time should be sent home with your student.

### Turkey Day



Our students will be allowed to dress down in red, white and blue on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for \$1.00. All monies collected will be donated to the Turkey Fund. PNC Bank will match our donation, over \$50.

### Mass

Please join Mrs. Conn and her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders for mass on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Her students have worked very hard preparing for this mass.

### Zoo Assembly



All of our students will be attending an assembly on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The assembly is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Zoo.



## Quest Bible Study

St. Bartholomew parish invites you to join our "Quest" to learn more deeply the message of the good news through thislectionary based scripture study.

This program uses and explains the upcoming Sunday readings and enables us to celebrate the liturgy in a more fully conscious and active way.

The Quest program not only explains the scriptures but gives us an opportunity to share our faith and integrate a response in action to the message of the scriptures.

We will meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and on Thursdays evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The first session starts on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is required for materials. Please call Bess at 412-242-3374 to register or for more information.



## SHARING OUR GENEROSITY AT THANKSGIVING

Once again our parish and school will be collecting food for those in need in our community for Thanksgiving.

In order to provide a variety and balanced food box, please select a food product tag(s) from the display easels and return that item to the collection boxes located in the vestibule no later than Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

May God bless you and yours abundantly.



**NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

Blood  
Drive

A special thank you to Marcia Irr and her team Laurie Kelley, Kim Black, Vandy Cudo and Lenny Caruso for their efforts during the blood drive.

There were 19 products collected.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

### **SONG, PRAISE AND PRAYER**

As St. Winifred prepares to celebrate their 50th Anniversary, they will host "An Evening of Song and Praise" on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 7:30PM in the church (550 Sleepy Hollow Road, Mt. Lebanon 15228) Featured liturgical composer and musician David Hass will be joined by Lori True and Tom Franzak. Ticket price: \$10.00 . Music and liturgy workshops will be held on Saturday November 21, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Saturday workshops (includes lunch): \$30. Books and CDs available for purchase. For more info, contact Dianne Falvo, Director of Music at 412-344-5010.

**It's normal for couples to occasionally have arguments and fights. It means you are unique individuals who don't always think alike. Good; but choose your battles carefully. Fighting over every little annoyance can just wear you out. What has been your most productive argument?**

### **Protecting God's Children Class**

There will be a Protecting God's Children Awareness session in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **MONDAY, November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

10:00 AM Mary Manganello (Lena & Lisa DiIanni)

#### **TUESDAY, November 10, Leo the Great**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, November 11, Martin of Tours**

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

#### **THURSDAY, November 12, Josaphat**

10:00 AM John Lowrey, Sr. (Daughter)

#### **FRIDAY, November 13, Frances Xavier Cabrini**

10:00 AM Mary Ann Hutson (Mr. & Mrs. DiTomasso)

#### **SATURDAY November 14, Vigil 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM CONFESSIONS  
5:00 PM Albert Rosso (Rosso Family)

#### **SUNDAY November 15 33rd Sunday 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.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week was in memory of Evelyn Tedesco from her daughters.