

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 6, 2009



Each year on this Sunday we hear the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord." Because Scripture is the living Word of God, our understanding of what that call means to us grows and changes as our lives take different twists and turns along the way. If we listen carefully each time we hear the words of John the Baptist, we hear a call we've never heard before. As past, present and future come together in John the Baptist's

call in this particular year of the Lord, Luke's account gives us a sense of place within God's promise of salvation.

John issues his call from the wilderness at a place apart from the centers of power. Our wilderness call is as personal as that of John's. As we remember the twists and turns of our journey with God and place our hope in the future we ask, where is that empty wilderness from which we hear God's call in this year of the Lord?

We pray that God will find a way into our world this new year of grace, so that our love "may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception to discern what is of value, so that we may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ".



We had a wonderful turnout for the information meeting regarding the possible trip to Italy as we celebrate St. Bartholomew's 60th Anniversary. If you were unable to make the meeting, please give me or Bess Biamonte a call at the office. We have a flyer available and will be happy to send it to you.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated here at St. Bart's on Monday evening, December 7th at 6 pm and on Tuesday morning at 10 am. The school children will be joining us for this liturgy.

This Thursday, December 10th we begin our Cluster Advent Reconciliation schedule. We begin with St. Joe's on the 10th, St. Gerard's on the 14th, St. Bart's on the 15th, St. Susanna's on the 16th and St. Irenaeus on the 17th. The services will all begin at 7 PM and you are invited to take part in any of the services that are offered.

We do have Oplatki available for sale in the rectory. We did have some trouble with the Oplatki we had ordered for last year, so we purchased it from a new vendor this year.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 11-22-09 — \$7,123.01

WEEK OF 11-29-09 — \$7,644.65

**Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00**

*Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.*

*Have a Blessed Week.  
Sister Dorothy*

# ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



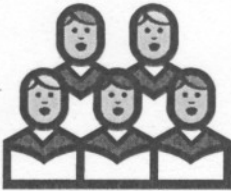
## SCHOOL NEWS

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be distributed on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. All reports must be signed by a parent and returned to the school.

### MASS

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade has put great effort to make this mass special.



### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

St. Bart's students will present their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be two performances, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. If you haven't seen our students perform, this is a must! The concession stand will be open for the 6 pm performance. All are welcome to join us and enjoy this great show!



The Ladies of Charity will hold their Christmas Party at their December meeting on Tuesday December 8, at 6:30 PM in the Rectory dining/living room. The officers of 2010 will be installed at that time. Please bring a snack/appetizer to share.

The following students have achieved Honor Roll status for the first quarter.

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

#### High Honors

Mario Buczkowski Christopher Craver  
Jason Dillon Joseph Macioce  
Anthony Myers

#### Honors

Matthew Casey Jonathan Dawson  
James Maher Nicholas Nejak  
Brian Palermo Richard Pirollo  
Benjamin Punturi Brendan Rick  
Conor Shanley

### OAKLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

#### Highest Honor

Emily Golling

#### High Honor

Claire Giblin Carly Pina  
Alexis Restori

#### Honor

Sarah Butterfield



### GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will hold their Christmas party and meeting on Friday December 11, at 1:30 PM in the cafeteria. New members are always welcome.

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**PITTSBURGH CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC**

The placement test for eighth grade boys, who wish to attend Central Catholic starting in fall of 2010, will be administered on Saturday, December 12th. There is a \$10 fee for this test.

To register, visit [www.centralcatholicchs.com](http://www.centralcatholicchs.com) or contact the Admissions Office at 412-624-7505. All potential applicants must take this test.



**CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF  
PITTSBURGH**

Single, 21 & over—

Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. The group offers parties, picnics, hiking, volleyball, tennis, softball, dinners, trips, scripture study. Community service, bowling, cultural and many other great events. For more information visit our website; [www.cacpittsburgh.org](http://www.cacpittsburgh.org) or call 412-225-5077



**Congratulations to Marilyn Smith the winner of the Steeler Tickets sponsored by the Men's Club . Marilyn's lucky number was 494. Enjoy the Steelers Game!**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy  
*Psalm 126:3*



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, December 7, Advent Weekday**

10:00 AM Dawn McGuire (Ciccotelli & Henley Families)

**MONDAY, December 7, Vigil, Immaculate Conception**

6:00 PM In Thanksgiving To The Immaculate Conception (Maria Fava)

**TUESDAY, December 8, Immaculate Conception**

10:00 AM Ernest Towe (Wife, Bert)

**WEDNESDAY, December 9, San Juan Diego**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
7:00 PM No Holy Hour

**THURSDAY, December 10, Advent Weekday**

10:00 AM Elizabeth Phillips (Don Phillips)  
7:00 PM Confessions @ St. Joe's

**FRIDAY, December 11, Weekday**

10:00 AM Jeanne Doyle (Rose Marie & Bernie Curran)

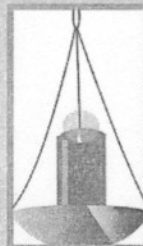
**SATURDAY December, 12, Vigil Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM CONFESSIONS  
5:00 PM Anthony Petrone (Family)

**SUNDAY December 13, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM Don House (Rose House)  
10:30 AM People of the Parish

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



The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Victoria DeCesare from her Daughter, Anita Smokevitch