

*SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 8, 2009*



This past week we welcomed Bishop Paul Bradley to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the students from St. Bart's, St. Gerard Majella's, St. Joseph's, and St. Susanna's. It was a blessing for us to once again provide the venue for the Cluster celebration. I wish to thank everyone who made the evening such a success. Thank you to Colleen Ford, Assistant Program Director for Religious Education who organizes and keeps everyone (including me) in line and organized; our school and CCD teachers; Mrs. Linda Pricer, our Principal; Maryellen Lang and our choir; Wanda Weber and our Bell Choir; God's Housekeepers for making sure everything was beautiful for all of us and our guests; our PTG who offered such welcoming hospitality to all the families after Confirmation in the cafeteria; all of the parents/guardians of our students; and all of those who worked behind the scenes to make this a truly special celebration.

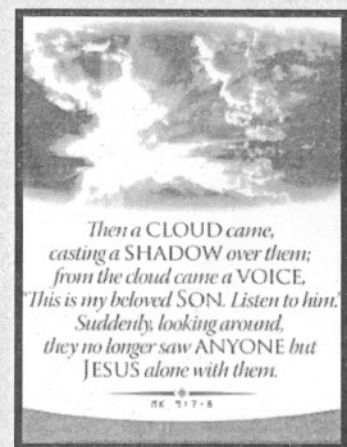
On Tuesday, March 10th, I will attend the Spring Deanery Meeting with Bishop Zubik and the Priests from our Deanery. We will be discussing the Vicariate structure that is scheduled to begin in our Diocese in October of this year. After the meeting, the priests that are present and Bishop Zubik will be holding a penance service with individual rite of reconciliation. This will be held at 7 PM at Our Lady of Joy Parish in Holiday Park and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this evening with our Bishop and Clergy.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Friday, 3-13-09  
St. Bart's — 2 PM  
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St. Gerard's  
7 pm



Please join us for our Annual Fish Fry, sponsored by St. Bart's School PTG, each Friday of Lent in the Cafeteria 4:30 until 7:30 PM. Let's make this a successful fundraiser for our PTG!



*Then a CLOUD came,  
casting a SHADOW over them;  
from the cloud came a VOICE.  
"This is my beloved SON. Listen to him."  
Suddenly, looking around,  
they no longer saw ANYONE but  
JESUS alone with them.*

**REFLECTION**  
*Mountains usually offer a good view. We find both Abraham and Jesus up on a mountain today. Each sees something about himself. Lent is a time for seeing, for looking beyond the surface into the mystery of life and seeing the traces of our loving God there.*

*Have a blessed week.  
Sister Dorothy*



**First Holy Communion**

All parents and guardians of students making their First Communion at St.

Bart's are required to attend a meeting on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will take place in the church at 7pm.

**Terra Nova**

Please keep our students in grades 2 thru 8 in your prayers this week.



Our students will be taking the annual Terra Nova tests. St. Bart's students consistently score above the National level in every category. Terra Nova tests confirm the excellent education our students receive everyday.

**Mass**

Please join Mrs. Sicilia and our 1st graders for Mass on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Our students have worked very hard to prepare for this mass.



Please support our school by attending our Annual PTG Fish Fry, every Friday during lent, except Good Friday. The Fish Fry is held in the school cafeteria from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm. All proceeds from the Fish Fry benefit the students of the school.

St. Bart's School is in need of copy paper. If you have paper that is blank on one side it would be greatly appreciated. Just drop paper off at the school office.



**UPCOMING RETREAT**

March 13-15, 2009

Call Colleen Ford @ 412-242-7207

**St. Bartholomew Annual Retreat  
March 20—March 22**

All men of the parish age 18 and over are invited to attend. Call Sam at 412-824-2526 for additional information.

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**Lenten Pilgrimage**

**Sacred Shrines of Ohio - Tuesday March 24**

All parishioners and guests are welcome to join this spiritual tour. Call the rectory for reservations.

**PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER**

**Saturday March 28, 2009**



**Anyone who volunteers at St. Bartholomew Parish and School throughout the year is invited to our Annual Appreciation Dinner. You will be treated to a delicious dinner, beverages, door prizes and an evening of fun and gratitude for all that you do for our parish. Watch the bulletin for more details. Save the date!! All adult volunteers are welcome.**

*VOCATION CORNER*

In Talking With Your Children, have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

Often children talk about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister, or brother? You are the hand of God - encourage your children to consider Church ministry.



**SPRING** is just around the corner, and the St. Bart's Men's Softball players are gearing up for another great softball season!!

St. Bart's is part of the Eastern Suburban Church Men's Softball League which is comprised of 21 teams representing 20 churches of all denominations. These men play competitive softball while displaying good sportsmanship and team camaraderie.

Throughout the past sixteen years we have been very fortunate to have two sponsors who have supported our team year after year they are **Gross Funeral Home and Chiappinelli Insurance.** We would like to thank them and all of our other sponsors for the 2008 season:

**Dr. William Garver, Fedele Insurance, Bill Aglietti Landscaping, Benson Plumbing, Joseph Garland Coins**

We especially want to thank Sister Dorothy for the genuine support and interest she has shown towards the softball program. We still say that her team prayer before the tournament games last year "somehow or other" made the entire team play at their **best ever** to capture the first place title.

If you are member of St. Bart's and enjoy playing softball and would like to join the team, please call Rege, 412-889-1013 or Ron, 412-855-8317 for more information.

The team welcomes everyone to come to a game. Home games are played at Universal Park every Friday beginning at 9:30 PM under the lights.

Have you been thinking about life as a Priest, Sister or Religious Brother? The Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council and the Serra Clubs of the Pittsburgh Diocese are sponsoring a Vocation Awareness Weekend at the Martina Spirituality Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View. The event will begin Friday, March 27, 2009 at 6:30 PM and end Sunday, March 29 at 12:30 PM. The weekend is open to Catholic men and women, ages 18 to 55. There is no cost to the attendees. For information about registration call the Department for Consecrated Life at 412-456-3068.



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**MON., March 9, Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM Herbert G. Moran, Jr. (Wife, Coletta)

**TUES., March 10, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
 9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph  
 7:00 PM Lenten Penance Service  
 Our Lady of Joy, Holiday Park

**WED., March 11, Lenten Weekday**

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

**THURS., March 12, Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM John DeLuca (Wife, Elsa)

**FRI., March 13, Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM Anthony Antonucci (Paul Antonucci)  
 2:00 PM Stations—St. Bartholomew  
 7:00 PM Stations—St. Gerard Majella

**SAT., March 14, Vigil Third Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM Confessions  
 5:00 PM Jack Conley (Jessie Smith)

**SUN., March 15, Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 10:30 AM James F. Wagner (Mary Margaret Wagner)

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

Please remember in your prayers the departed members of our parish family, especially,

**Fred Phillip, Charles E. Smith  
 John Ruppel, Patricia Gallagher**



**The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of  
 Jerry McCaffrey  
 From his wife  
 Bonnie**