

*THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2009*



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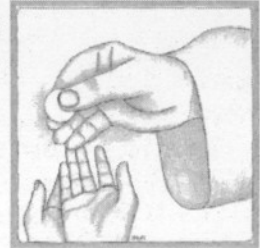
What does it take to recognize Jesus? In the Easter stories, the followers of Jesus are too caught up in the past to see the present and what it brings. What Jesus Christ does in these Resurrection stories to make himself known continues to happen in our lives today – if we are attentive.

Let us pray to the Lord to open our eyes that we may see with Easter eyes, to open our ears to hear with Easter ears, and to open our minds to be receptive to the joy of the presence of the Risen Lord.

**FIRST COMMUNION
May 3, 2009—10:30 AM**

This year the celebration of First communion will occur during the 10:30 am Mass on May 3rd. I know that this might necessitate some shift in where everyone normally sits, but with the small number of children in this year's class and the fact that Fr. Tom needs to leave after 10:30 mass to go to his next

assignment, it was decided that we would celebrate with the whole community. I am sorry if this arrangement causes any undue hardship. Let us enjoy celebrating such a beautiful sacrament with our children.



**LETTER CARRIERS
COLLECT FOOD**

On Saturday, May 9th, letter carriers will be collecting non-perishable food donations along their routes for delivery to the local food banks and pantries. It is the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers – the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Please place a food donation by your mailbox on Saturday before your mail is delivered. Your letter carrier will deliver it to the local food bank. Please be as generous as you are able.

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*



SCHOOL NEWS

Mass

Please join Mrs. Pricer and the 8th graders for mass on Thursday, April 30th at 10 am.

Our students make mass a special experience.



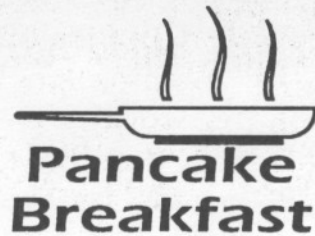
Great News

If you haven't heard the great news, our registration is growing. At this time our enrollment for the 2009/2010 year is at a 5 year high. If it wasn't with the continued support of our principal Mrs. Pricer and Sr.

Dorothy, our Parish Life Collaborator, we could not achieve these numbers. We are so proud of our school, teachers, students and staff; their continued dedication and efforts have made us even stronger. Our PTG, Athletic Association and Advisory Board are constantly working to promote the school and all of its achievements.



Please keep in your prayers this week our class of First Holy Communicants as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.



St. Bartholomew's Lifeteen will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Mother's Day May 10th, 2009 after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. This is a special way to help support the youth of our parish and to give Mom a special treat on Mother's Day. Everyone is

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will have their May meeting on Friday, May 1st at 1:30, in Helzlsouer Hall. New members are encouraged to attend.

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CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY

MAY 16, 2009

SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

SOCIAL HALL

COST PER TABLE

\$15.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE

CALL ROSE GRAZIANO

412-795-0085



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

are in need of volunteers to assist them two days a month in the cleaning of our church. If you are interested in helping please call the rectory.



The Women's Group of St. Bartholomew's cordially invites all adult parishioners to their annual Communion Breakfast. This year's event will take place on Sunday, May 17th, beginning with Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by a buffet breakfast served at the Edgewood Country Club.

Special guest speaker for this event will be Reverend David Bonnar. Tickets will be sold after all masses beginning next weekend.

Tickets are \$20.00



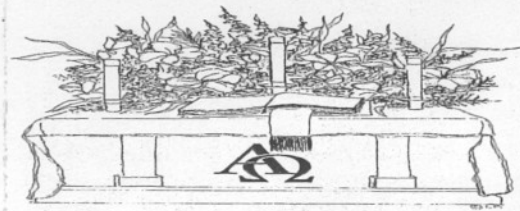
**MEN'S GROUP BUS TRIP
WHEELING ISLAND**



There are still a few seats available for the May 18, bus trip to Wheeling Island. If you are interested or would like more information please call Andy Merola at 412-247-5435 or Pat McCafferty at 412-795-2593.

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." — Lk 24:45-46

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



- MON., April 27, Easter Weekday**
10:00 AM Anna Ingagliato (Ingagliato Family)
- TUES., April 28, Easter Weekday**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph
- WED., April 29, Easter Weekday**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM Holy Hour
- THURS., April 30, Easter Weekday**
10:00 AM Michael Sedlak (Patti Diamond)
- FRI., May 1, Easter Weekday**
10:00 AM Andrew & Mary Lipp (Daughter & Family)
- SAT., May 2, Vigil Fourth Saturday of Easter**
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM James Rosso (Family)
- SUN., May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 AM Jennie Strickler (George & Ginny Beck)
10:30 AM First Holy Communion

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.