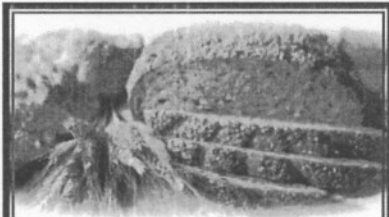


17th SUNDAY—ORDINARY TIME  
 JULY 26, 2009



*So they collected them,  
 and filled TWELVE wicker baskets  
 with fragments  
 from the FIVE barley loaves  
 that had been  
 MORE than they could eat.*

JOHN 6:13

**REFLECTION**

There is a certain fast-food company that sells hamburgers. In their advertising, they claim that their product has the ability to satisfy our cravings. In fact, several television ads depict their hamburger calling people up on the phone, ostensibly getting them to stop whatever it is they are doing to satisfy their craving. Nothing can resist them! Is this company creative? Perhaps; but a better question might be, is their product fulfilling? For a brief period our hunger is satisfied, but as with all urges and cravings, they soon return.

Today's Gospel reading is the only miracle story told in all four Gospels, the feeding of the five thousand. It is theorized by some that one aspect of the miracle was Jesus' belief in our ability to share. As the baskets of fish and bread were passed, the people took what they needed but shared some of what they had, as well. But the greater symbolism to take away from today's reading is that Jesus Christ, the bread of life, removes all hunger and all needs and continues to nourish us forever. All that we crave truly resides in the loving arms of the Son of God.

This past week "I heard" a rumor. This rumor was very hurtful and could eventually cause much damage to all of us here at St. Bart's.

We had a Blessing Service on Saturday, the 18th, in fact we had two of them. A Blessing Service is a funeral service that is performed outside of the mass. This is done ONLY at the request of the family. The rumor that I heard stated that "My family member would have had a mass, but Sister Dorothy was unable to find a priest."

I want to let you and anyone who has any concerns because of this untrue statement know that we have never not been able to secure the services of a priest for a funeral or for any other request that had been made. I and my staff work very diligently at making sure everyone's needs are taken care of to the best of our ability and to their satisfaction.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Weekend of July 19, 2009

Offertory Collection — \$6,037.00

Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

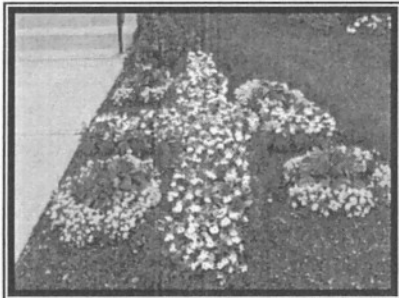
Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

*Have a Blessed Week.  
 Sister Dorothy*

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



**RACHELS VINEYARD**, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held August 21-23, 2009 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness and compassion to women and men struggling with abortions aftermath. Sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance at 412-456-6999, or Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 before August 14, 2009. Registration information also available at [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org)



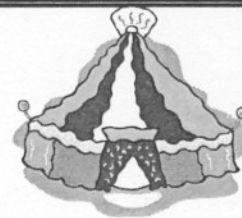
Eileen George of "Meet the Father Ministry" will hold her annual retreat and healing service at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on August 28-30. Please call the retreat center at 412-381-7676 for reservations. Pre-registration is requested.

### Beginning Experience: A Retreat for Grieving Singles

The loss of a spouse through death, separation or divorce is one of life's most traumatic experiences leading to nearly unbearable feelings of loneliness and grief. This weekend helps grieving single-again people journey through the darkness of grief toward the future with renewed hope. It offers an opportunity for growth through God.

The *Beginning Experience* program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a spouse and are willing to share their own experience to help others. A sense of community develops in an atmosphere of care and concern that is a hallmark of each *Beginning Experience Weekend*.

The next weekend will be held October 2-4, 2009 at the Gilmary Center in Moon Twp, PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 412-456-3160, or [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org) or make a confidential call to Susan Ackerman at 724-334-0118.



### **ST. IRENAEUS PARISH FESTIVAL**

387 Maryland Avenue  
Oakmont

**August 13th, 14th, and 15th  
6-10 PM**

Sit-down Dinners 4-7 PM

\*Large Indoor 7 Room Flea Market\*

**JULY 26, 2009**

As much as married couples need to devote themselves wholeheartedly to their marriage, "Nothing - not even divorce or death - can place limits upon God's gracious love." (*Follow the Way of Love*). Strive to love your spouse as God does.

Technology makes our lives easier - most of the time. If your teen is on a social network like Facebook, require that you be a friend. You don't have to ever post anything (in fact it's often better if you don't). It's just another way to keep abreast of what teens and their peers are thinking.

### **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on;

**Sunday, November 8, 2009**

with mass at 3:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall of the Cathedral.

If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary any time during 2009 and would be interested in attending this joyous event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket no later than September 6, 2009. Invitations will be sent out by the Diocese after responses have been received.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY July 27, Weekday**

10:00 AM John Lowrey, Jr. (Sister)

**TUESDAY July 28, Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

**WEDNESDAY July 29, Martha**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

7:00 PM **No Holy Hour**

**THURSDAY July 30, Weekday**

10:00 AM Herbert Moran (Women's Group)

**FRIDAY July 31, Weekday**

10:00 AM Irene Rataic (Anna Vaporetti)

**SATURDAY August 1, Vigil, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mary Lou Vogel (Family)

**SUNDAY August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Mildred Verorsky & Dorothy Brite (Family)



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

The Sanctuary Candle lit  
Week of July 19th in Memory of  
Mary Lou Vogel from her family.

Week of July 26th in Memory of Mike  
DeDuca from Joanne Maguire.