

14th SUNDAY—ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2009



REFLECTION

Jesus' power worked in the face of chaos, sickness, and death. It could not work in the face of unbelief. For two weeks we have heard Jesus call for faith rather than fear. When faith was present, things happened. Today we see a glimpse of what happens when faith is not present.

We pray that when we gather on Sundays we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of June 28, 2009

Offertory Collection — \$7,191.07

Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00

Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

WHERE HAS TIME GONE?

This Thursday, July 9th, I celebrate my second year as your Parish Life Collaborator. I must tell you that these last two years have been such a blessing in my life as I live out this role. One thing for sure is that it has never been boring!!

As I spent some time reflecting back over the two years the one thing that sticks out most for me is the support I have received from so many of you. I know that "thank you" seems so inadequate, but know that I carry each of you to God each day in prayer.

This coming week I will be joining my religious community for four days of meetings and celebration in Plymouth, Michigan. Sisters from across the United States, as well as our General Superior, Sister Janice Fulmer, will be joining us from Rome. This is the first opportunity our newly formed Province in the United States has had the opportunity to come together since we merged our five USA Provinces almost three years ago.

I ask you to remember us in your prayers as we come together to pray, plan and even play! Bess Biamonte our Social Service Minister will be available for your needs while I am away.



DATE CORRECTION

Last weeks bulletin had incorrect dates for this years festival. The correct festival dates are:

OCTOBER 8 - 11, 2009

I AM SORRY IF THIS CAUSED ANY UNDUE CONCERN FOR ANYONE.

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

SPONSOR LETTERS

I get quite a few requests for sponsor letters from people who have been asked to assume a most important role as godparent for a new baby being Baptized or to stand as a sponsor for Confirmation. This might seem like a very mundane task to many, but for me it has become a very complex and at times emotionally filled undertaking. I am beginning to believe that we as a church have done an injustice in educating the faithful as to what the requirements for this important role are.

When we receive a request, the first thing we ask is if the person is a registered parishioner. **If the person is not registered here at St. Bart's I have no right to provide this form.**

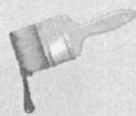
The following are the questions that a person requesting this sponsor form needs to be able to answer **YES** to:

- ⇒ **I am a registered member of St. Bartholomew Parish.** (When a person becomes of age, which is 18 in our country, they are asked to register under their own name and no longer under their parents.) **Having gone to school or CCD at St. Bart's or having received your sacraments here does not constitute membership.**
- ⇒ **I am at least 16 years of age.**
- ⇒ **I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Communion (Sacraments of Initiation).**
- ⇒ **I presently practice my Catholic Faith by attending Mass each Sunday and Holyday, receive Holy Communion, contribute to the support of this Church and are living a good and moral life.**
- ⇒ **If married, I have been validly married in the Catholic church and am raising my children as Catholics.**

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please call and I will be willing to try and answer or find the answer for you.



JUST A REMINDER!!!



St. Bartholomew School can use your help in getting ready for the 2009-2010

school year. If you can spare some time over the summer, they can use your help. Please contact the school if you are available. 412-242-2511

As you have probably seen from the previous bulletins, we have not been reaching our offertory collection budget goal.

After a lengthy discussion with our finance council, making special note that the financial situation of not only the parish but of our parishioners is very tenuous at this time. It is with this in mind that we have decided to initiate a

\$1.00 Campaign.

We are asking all of our parishioners at this time, if you are able, to increase your weekly donation by \$1.00. This might not sound like a lot of money, and individually it is not. Collectively as a parish community, a \$1.00 increase in your envelopes could potentially increase our weekly collection total by at least \$600 to \$700, which is the total number of envelopes received each week. If we look even further, this could potentially yield \$2,400.00 a month and \$28,800.00 a year.

I know this is a lot to ask at this time, but if you are able, I ask you to search your hearts and make your decision. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW
CLASS OF 1985**



St. Bartholomew's School, Class of 1985 is planning a reunion. They are in the process of locating fellow classmates. If you are an alum, or have contact information for someone who graduated in 1985, please email [Laura McCarthy at LauraAnnMcCarthy@aol.com](mailto:LauraMcCarthy@aol.com), or call her at 412-241-9156.

Rachel's 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 abortion's 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 call Toni Jester at 412 352-5348 before 8/14/09. Registration information also available at www.ccpgh.org



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

MONDAY July 6, Maria Goretti, Martyr

10:00 AM John Liotta (Patricia Pitulski)

TUESDAY July 7, Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

WEDNESDAY July 8, Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

7:00 PM **No Holy Hour**

THURSDAY July 9, Weekday

10:00 AM Sean McCoy (Family)

FRIDAY July 10, Weekday

10:00 AM Jamie Abbott (Mildred Regan)

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY July 11, Vigil, 15th
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00PM Wedding Conwell & Delmont

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mike & Grace Birmingham
(Nichols Family)

**SUNDAY July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM John & Susan Gerdino &

Frances Walsh (Daughter & Sister)

10:30 AM People of the Parish

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

