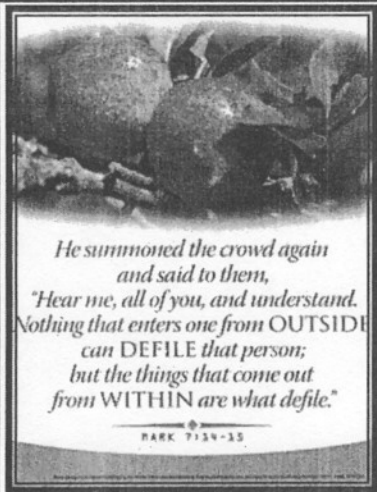


22nd SUNDAY—ORDINARY TIME  
August 30, 2009



*He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from OUTSIDE can DEFILE that person; but the things that come out from WITHIN are what defile."*

MARK 7:14-15

**REFLECTION**

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is a lesson in traditions and how often we lose sight of what is really important in our day-to-day behavior. The Pharisees observe

Jesus' disciples eating their meal with unwashed hands. According to old Jewish laws and traditions, this meant their food was unclean as well, and would in turn give them unclean spirits. Jesus, however, scolded the Pharisees, telling them that it doesn't matter if what goes into their body is a bit dirty; it is only important to pay attention to what comes out of our bodies—our words and actions. These must remain clean and filled with God's love.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that in prayer, we are petitioning the Holy Spirit to come to us in Christ Jesus' name. And in doing so, we are asking for our hearts and souls to be purified and cleansed, enabling us to serve God with love (CCC 2671). While no one is saying that it doesn't matter if you wash your hands before a meal, Jesus is simply asking us to keep in perspective the fact that we must always keep our minds in prayer, and our words and deeds in service to God.

*We welcome to our Parish Family this weekend, Fr. Amalanathan, who is a missionary serving at St. Boniface Church in Sublimity, Oregon. Father will be speaking to us about his native Diocese of Tiruchy in India.*

*Fr. Alalanthan is with us through the Mission Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, that will sponsor a second collection within the next couple of weeks.*

*Bishop Zubic has invited the Lay Ecclesial Ministers from the Diocese to a gathering to celebrate and be recognized for the work they do in the various parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I will accompany, Bess Biamonte, Social Service Minister; Linda Pricer, Principal; Colleen Ford, Youth Minister; Denise Verosky, Program Coordinator for Religious Education and Maryellen Lang, Music Director for Liturgy at St. Paul's Cathedral.*

*Congratulations to our Lay Ecclesial Ministers and we ask God's special blessings on them and their families.*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

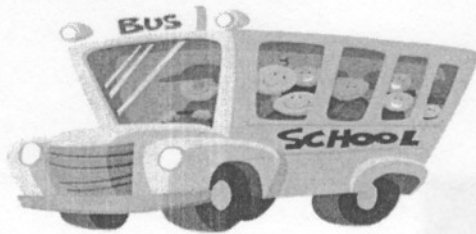
**Weekend of August 23, 2009**

**Offertory Collection — \$7,033.25**

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

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

*Have a Blessed Week.  
Sister Dorothy*



### WELCOME BACK

Our students will have their first full day of school on Monday, August 31st. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Students will be selling Entertainment Books beginning on August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in buying a book, please contact the school office. Entertainment Books cost \$20.00.



### PRAYERS



Please keep our student body, faculty and staff in your prayers during the upcoming school year. Their continued success and achievements are a blessing to us all.

### PLEASE BE CAREFUL

It is that time of the year again. Please be courteous to school buses and children on the roads.

### A WELCOMED ADDITION

It is with great excitement that we announce that St. Bart's now has a full day preschool program. Preschool students will be able to enjoy all of the benefits of a full day Catholic education.

Miss Christina Craver will be their teacher. Miss Craver spent the summer preparing their special classroom. We are so proud of the accomplishments and growth of our school.



### GOLF OUTING

A charity golf outing to benefit our school will be held once again this year on Friday, October 2, 2009 at Churchill Country Club. There will be a 12 pm Shotgun start. This outing is open to both men and women. The cost is \$130.00 per player and will include a buffet lunch and sit down dinner. If you are not a golfer, you can join us for dinner for \$35.00.

If you have any questions or would like a registration form, please call the office.

I invite you to come out and enjoy yourself while supporting our school.

### CYO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Pre-Season parents and player signup meeting will be on September 16th @ 7:00 PM and will be held at St. John the Baptist annex. This year early registration is required by the Diocese. Forms and releases are required. If you are playing another sport (football) forms must still be submitted to reserve a spot on the team.

This year we will have a Girls team. All Girls, grades 9-12 wishing to play from the Penn Hills/Plum parishes are welcome.

For more information please come to the meeting and/or call Steve Bodnar 412-793-8602.

We are also in need of a sports coordinator man or woman over 21—duties will be explained at the meeting.

**AUGUST 30, 2009**

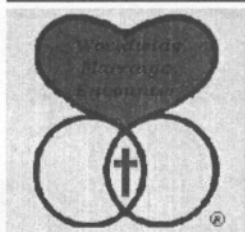
## PARISH SPIRITUAL TRIP

We have scheduled our fall spiritual pilgrimage, at the request of those who made the trip in the spring. September 22, 2009 we will leave from St. Bart's bright and early on a motor coach which will take us to our first destination, boarding Amtrak's Pennsylvanian and traveling by train to Altoona where we will be met by our motor coach to continue our journey to the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens, and various Marian Shrines.

The cost of this trip is \$79 per person and includes all motor coach and rail transportation, group luncheon, all sight-seeing, entrance fees, shrine donations and is fully escorted from St. Bart's.

If you would like additional information, please stop by the rectory for a flier or call Bess Biamonte at 412-242-3374.

## MARRIED COUPLES



Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held September 23-25 at Seven Spring Resort in Champion, PA. An additional weekend is scheduled for Nov. 13-15 at Bishop Connaire Center in Greensburg. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775 or check us out on the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org)

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### MONDAY, August 31, Weekday

10:00 AM Mary Manganello (Helen Blue)

### TUESDAY, September 1, Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

### WEDNESDAY, September 2, Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

7:00 PM **Holy Hour**

### THURSDAY, September 3, Gregory

(first school mass of the year)

10:00 AM Kozusko & Fetch (Joanne Maguire)

### FRIDAY, September 4, Weekday

10:00 AM Rosemary Casey (Pat McCafferty Family)

### SATURDAY September 5, 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **CONFESSIONS**

5:00 PM George DeWitte (Nieces)

### SUNDAY, September 6, 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Francis Pischke (Brashear Family)

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



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of John Cooney from his wife Bea