

23rd SUNDAY—ORDINARY TIME
September 6, 2009

REFLECTION

A person who is deaf and has a speech impediment is at the heart of today's Gospel. A person is brought to Jesus, who leads them to a quiet place and there is healed. Being able to hear and speak is crucial to being in communion with others. Jesus continues to touch ears and tongues so that we might hear his voice and sing his praise.

We need to bring to Jesus in our prayer those who cannot hear what God is saying to them or respond to what God is calling them to be—and this always includes the possibility of ourselves. Sometimes God speaks to us through the scriptures, at other times through the events of our lives and the happenings in our world. Lord we pray that you will help us to hear, and help us to speak clearly a word of thanksgiving and praise.

Have you known times when fear has prevented you from saying what needed to be said or from hearing what God was telling you?

Is there someone you know who needs the healing touch of Jesus?



CLUSTER LABOR DAY
MASS CELEBRATED
AT
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
MONDAY, 9-7-09 @ 9 AM

FESTIVAL UPDATES

- ⇒ Raffle tickets are slowly coming in. If we missed you and you did not receive a book of tickets, please let us know and we will get them to you.
- ⇒ If you need additional books, please stop by the rectory or the scrip room.
- ⇒ We are in need of large wicker baskets to use for our basket auction items. If you have any "laying around" please drop them off at the rectory.
- ⇒ Also, if you have new/unused items that we can use for our basket auction, please drop off at rectory.
- ⇒ Items from our wish list are coming in slowly. Thank you to those who have brought some much needed items. We are still collecting items. If you have any questions, please let us know.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of August 30, 2009

Offertory Collection — \$7,996.72

Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

Back to School Prayer

God of all wisdom, you formed humankind in your own likeness and gave us an intellect to help us know you, our Creator, and the world you made. As we begin this new academic year, enlighten the minds of students with the inquisitiveness that seeks ever greater knowledge and understanding.



Give teachers and professors the wisdom needed to guide the intellectual endeavors of those entrusted to them. Help all who fund and support education to recognize the value of discovering more about the world you have created and so draw ever closer to you, our Maker. Amen.

NO SCHOOL

Students will not have classes on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. There will be no extended care offered on this day

MASS

Please join Mrs. Smith and the 7th graders for mass on Thursday, September 10th at 10 am.

ASSEMBLY

Officer Phil will be at our school on Friday, September 11th at 2 pm for students in grades K-3. Officer Phil will be explaining the importance of safety.

WELCOME BACK DINNER

School families are encouraged to join the PTG for a welcome back dinner on Saturday, September 12th after mass.

Come, eat and mingle with other school families. It should be a wonderful time for all.

FALL SOCCER

Our St. Bart's fall soccer team will open their season on Saturday, September 12th at 3:30 pm in Friendship Park. Please come out and support our school team. Go Bruins!

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.

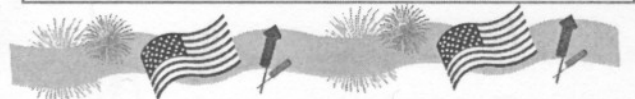
If you have any questions or would like a registration form, please call the office.

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



THE GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will not have a meeting in September, mark your calendar for the next meeting which will be on October 2nd at 1:30 in Helzlsouer Hall. New members are always welcome



Sunday

August 30th

*we welcomed
into Baptism*

*Nicholas Andrew Penkrot.
May God continue to bless you
and your family.*



SEPTEMBER 6, 2009



How Labor Day Began

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, and planned by the Central Labor Union. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and hold a "workingmen's holiday."

The idea spread, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. In 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a federal holiday.

Labor Day was to be observed with a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.



"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN"

St. Bartholomew will be hosting a "Protecting God's Children" awareness session on Thursday September 24th in the school cafeteria at 6:30 PM. This is a child abuse prevention class required for all those in ministry and school volunteering, but is open to all adults who want to learn more on how they can recognize the warning signs. Pre-registration is a must for class materials. Call 412-242-3374 to register by phone or on the web at www.diopitt.org

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, September 7, Labor Day

9:00 AM John Stack (Winifred Slatery)

TUESDAY, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

WEDNESDAY, September 9, Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

7:00 PM **No Holy Hour**

THURSDAY, September 10, Weekday

10:00 AM Andrew Evans (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY, September 11, Weekday

10:00 AM Richard Freiland (Pam McMullen)

SATURDAY September 12, Vigil 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **CONFESSIONS**

5:00 PM Victor Ludovici (Family)

SUNDAY, September 13, 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Robert Harris (Frank, Donna, & Stacey Lamanna)

Second collection next week for the Bishop's Education Fund.

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