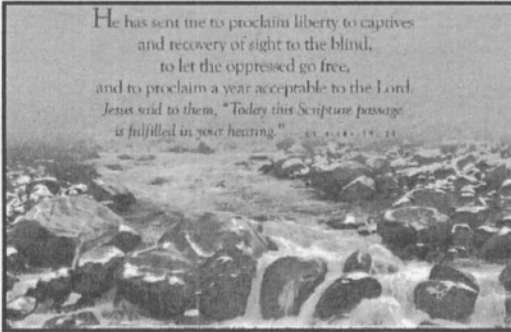


3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY
JANUARY 24, 2010

REFLECTION

Both today's Gospel and the reading from Nehemiah remind us that the word of God found



in the Torah, the prophets and the writings of the Old Testament has been an ongoing source of conversion, wisdom, encouragement, and self-understanding for Israel. Jesus, too, came to understand his mission through the words of Isaiah. This same word speaks to us in our day.

The book of Isaiah has been called the fifth Gospel, so often the Gospel writers use it for proclaiming Jesus as Christ, the long-awaited Messiah and Son of God. In Today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins to move through his home territory of Galilee. He then goes to his hometown of Nazareth and to the synagogue on the Sabbath.

A hush must have fallen on the room as he walked to the place of reading and searched the scroll to find this passage. They had been hearing about his time in Galilee and how all had praised his teaching. What would he say to them? He chose Isaiah's words about one anointed by the Spirit who would preach good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, and at the heart of these lines, exercise a ministry of compassion, a reference to another one of Isaiah's passages.

Does the word of God nourish your prayer, your meditation, your time with God?

Do you believe that you are supposed to be Christ in this world today? You are baptized into Christ's name. You call yourself a Christian. You sign yourself with holy water and make the sign of the cross. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God is upon you?

Sometimes it is hard for us to conceive this. I am not good enough to think that I can be Christ in this world. Only extraordinary holy people can be like Christ.

St. Paul doesn't mince any words this week when he tells the Corinthians: "You are Christ's body." He can say that because we have all been given of the one Spirit.

So, if you are baptized you have the Spirit of God, just like Jesus in today's Gospel. The Spirit of God sends us to be good news to the poor, "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

This is a huge task and for a lot of us it can seem impossible. Alone it is. Together with each other and with God, because of our baptism in the one body of Christ, we can do just about anything.

God's Spirit is given for the common good, and it is in the community of faith that each of us discovers the ways that God wants us to fulfill our baptismal call.

I invite you put yourself--your gifts, your talents, your resources at the service of God's church here at St. Bart's. There is much to be done and there is a place for everyone. I look forward to hearing from you.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 1-17-10 — \$8,063.20
Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00

Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy



SCHOOL NEWS



Market Day orders will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, January 26th from 5:15 pm until 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. If you haven't ordered from Market Day before, it is the most convenient way to do your shopping.

Welcome WTAE

It is with great excitement that we welcome WTAE Weather to our school on Wednesday, January 27th. The WTAE weatherman, along with the Carnegie Science Center will provide an assembly for grades K-8th. Students have been collecting money for project bundle up. Watch Channel 4 to see our students during the evening news.

All students are expected to be in proper uniform attire.

Mass

Please join Mrs. Eggan and the 6th graders for mass on Thursday, January 28th. The 6th grade class has worked very hard to prepare for this mass.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

February 19-21 at the Toffress Resort, State College, PA.
For more information or to register contact (412) 635-7775 or check us out on the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

St. Bart's 60th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy

Air space has been confirmed for our exciting 10 day "Journey to Italy" October 11-20, 2010.

Wendt Touring will guide us through Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Venice & Milan.

Journey includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Motor Coach Throughout Italy
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Eight Nights Lodging
- All Sightseeing, Admissions & Baggage Handling
- Professional Tour Manager

Fare is :

- \$3299 per double occupancy
- \$3799 per single occupancy

Your deposit of \$300 to save your space is due no later than May 15, 2010. We are asking that if you are truly interested that we received your deposit as soon as possible. We want to assure that all interested St. Bart's parishioners and their family and friends have a chance to join us before we open an invitation to the cluster.

If you are interested please call Sister Dorothy or Bess at 412-242-3374.

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Don't forget...Quest Bible Study continues on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 PM and Thursday evening at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to come and pray the scriptures for the upcoming weekend liturgy. If you have any questions, please call Sister Dorothy or Bess at the office.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an uplifting prayer breakfast on Sat., Feb. 20 from 9 AM to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Township. Hear speaker Gail Buckley tell the story of her conversion to the Catholic faith.

She was received into the Catholic Church in 1994 followed by her husband the following year. Gail is the founder and president of Catholic Scripture Study (CSS). CSS is the world's fastest growing Catholic Bible study program with thousands of members in the US and in 40 countries, and has received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI.

Gail has been a guest on many Catholic radio shows and on EWTN'S Journey Home. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is Feb. 12.

To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or download a registration form at

www.magnificatpittsburgh.org

ANNUNAL MEN'S RETREAT **ST. PAULS RETREAT CENTER**

This year's men's retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center, will be March 19 through the 21st. This is great opportunity to do something special for the Lenten season. You will be spiritually enriched and enjoy the experience. For more information please call Sam Manganello at 412-824-2526. Car pooling will be available.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, January 25, **Conversion of St. Paul**

10:00 AM Delphine Nuzzo (St. Bart's Money Counters)

TUESDAY, January 26, **Saints Timothy & Titus**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

WEDNESDAY, January 27, **Saint Agnes Merici**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
1:30 PM Quest Bible Study
7:00 PM Holy Hour

THURSDAY, January 28, **St. Thomas Aquinas**

10:00 PM Armand Vorrasi (Helen Saini)
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study

FRIDAY, January 29, Weekday

10:00 AM Raymond Del Vaglio (Family)

SATURDAY January 30 **VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Ellen Jane Myers/Helen Rupp
(Mary Ellen Craver)

SUNDAY January 31, **FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Jean Boyle (The Boyle Family)

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



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Marcella Maizie from her family.