

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 7, 2010

*"That the dead will RISE
even MOSES made known
in the passage about the BUSH,
when he CALLED out 'Lord,
the God of ABRAHAM,
the God of ISAAC, and the God of JACOB,
and he is NOT God of the dead,
but of the LIVING,
for to him ALL are alive.'"*

LUKE 20:37-38

This past week we celebrated both the feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. These two celebrations together remind us of our own destiny, the promise of eternity, and the hope of enjoying the blessed vision of God's presence forever in heaven. During November, as the earth itself seems to be dying

all around us, we take time to remember those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith." Our parish has a Book of Remembrance that is displayed during this month in which the faithful can inscribe the names of loved ones who have departed in the past. Special Masses or prayers are also offered in these days for the faithful departed, and some families have the custom of erecting small memorial shrines in their homes this time of year.

All of these devotions and customs point to our belief in the Resurrection. Our faith proclaims that death is not the final end for us. We live, even if we die, because we have eternal life in Christ. In the Gospel the resurrection-denying Sadducees tried to trip up Jesus with a question about a tenet of the faith that they did not even adhere to. Jesus would not fall into their trap, proclaiming instead that the life of resurrection is different from existence as we know it on this earth. It is similar enough that we can describe it as "life." But what its exact form and nature is, lies beyond our knowledge at this point in our existence.

In these November days we may occasionally find our own practice of prayers for the dead challenged or called into question. We believe in a communion that goes beyond the limits of our earthly existence, which we acknowledge every time we profess our belief in the communion of saints. In that communion we are united with our loved ones and with all who believe in Christ.

This being a month of remembering, Nevada our Music Director and I will lead the All Souls Prayer Service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at 3 PM. We will gather to pray for all the faithful departed who have been buried during this past year. Bess our Pastoral Associate will be leading a similar service at All Saints Cemetery.

Our festival bills have all been paid and I am happy to announce that we have cleared \$18,985.75.

Thank you to all who contributed items from our wish list, made homemade specialties for our kitchen and bake sale, those who contributed either financially or with in-kind donations for our basket raffle, all of the volunteers, our festival committee under the direction of Brian and Eileen Butterfield. I am always amazed at the level of commitment that is shown as the festival is erected and run with such precision.

Our School did exceptional last week as they went through their recertification through Middle States Accreditation. Congratulations!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 10-31-10 —\$7,307.70
Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00

No Matter Who You Are or what you do--no matter how meaningless you consider your life's work--you can achieve greatness in the eyes of God by doing your work to the best of your ability and offering it up to him.

Life is something God has given us to take care of. Everything comes from God. We may use our talent or ability to achieve material goods, but these are gifts from God to begin with.

It is clear that we must give of what we are, as well as what we have. This means cultivating an attitude of generous giving and getting into the habit of thinking of others.

Have a Blessed Week.

- - Sister Dorothy



SCHOOL NEWS

Oakland Catholic

Families of students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are encouraged to attend the Oakland Catholic Open House on Sunday, November 7th from noon to 3 pm.



Clothing and Can Good Drive

Our school will be conducting our Annual Clothing and Canned Goods Drive from Monday, November 8th thru Friday, November 12th. Donations will be accepted in the school office.

PTG

The PTG will meet on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 pm in the school library. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.



Veteran's Day

Students will have class on Veteran's Day.

Mass

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and our 5th graders for mass on Thursday, November 11th at 10 am. Our students always do a wonderful job leading our prayers.

Entrance Exam

Please keep our 8th grade girls in your prayers as they take the entrance exam for Oakland Catholic High School. The test will be held on Saturday, November 13th at 8:30 am.

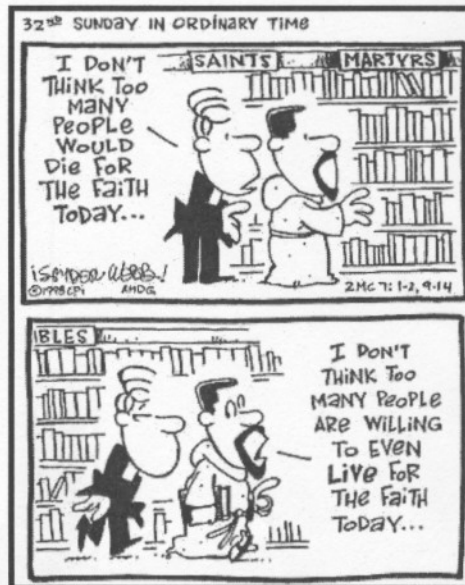
Religious Education News

This month is a busy one for us in religious education. We celebrate the Feast of All Saints and begin preparations for Thanksgiving; as well as preparing for the special season of Advent.

"One man is lavish yet grows still richer; another is too sparing, yet is the poorer. He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11: 24-25.

This year, we will once again sponsor our "spare change" collection for the local food bank in the month of November. Families are encouraged to donate any spare change they may have to fill our *Thanksgiving Jar*.

Please continue to keep in our prayers all of our parish cluster RCIA candidates as they continue their preparation for full communion into the faith. Our St Bartholomew family welcomes Tina Marie Aquiline with a promise of our support and prayer as she continues her journey.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

You already love each other. Have you ever considered extending that love to a child in need of a permanent home? Adoptive parents are "real" parents just as much as those who have biological children. Every child deserves to have a "real" family.

NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel Jesus talked about what you will be like one day in heaven. God made you to be his special child. There is no one else like you. If you truly love God with all of your heart, you will never be apart from him. Even when your body dies, you will still be alive with God. In heaven, God will give you a new body, like an angel. You will live forever. Even in your new body, you will still be God's own special child.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for promising that I can live with you forever.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself like an angel in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Write on a piece of colored paper, "One day I will be like an angel in heaven." Decorate your picture with angels, and hang it up in your room.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



The Sadducees' question to Jesus is a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling families remember their past. Through birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate the present. Family stories expose the companionship of God from generation to generation with our family.

FOOD BANK



HELP NEEDED

The Food Bank of St. James Parish in Wilkinsburg needs volunteers. On Wednesdays, deliveries from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank are unpacked and involve heavy lifting.

Thursday, November 18: bagging of paper and cleaning products from 9 to 11 am; Friday, November 19: distribution of Senior Boxes from 9 to 11 am; and Saturday, November 20: distribution of food and paper products from 9 to 11 am.

For more information or to volunteer, call 412-244-9280 on Tuesdays after 9 am.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

10:00 AM Richard & Helen Freiland
(Patricia McMullen)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Saint Leo the Great

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Saint Martin of Tours

10:00 AM Anthony DeFinis (Pat DeFinis)
6:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Saint Josaphat

10:00 AM Lena M. Carosina
(Mr. & Mrs. Frank Grant)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

VIGIL, 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM **CONFESSIONS**
5:00 PM Otha Fink (Dorothy Fink, Wife)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Eva Valacenti (Family)

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR SCHOOL'S ANGEL FUND



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Ruth Plunkett from her husband Leo