

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY December 26, 2010



My Dear Parishioners;

As I stand before the crib of our Savior, I am brought to tears as I contemplate the most awesome gift of all—the gift of life. It is in this spirit that I bring you each in prayer to the One who became one with us asking that your hearts be touched and you continue to be gift to others in the spirit of Jesus.

I am most grateful for each of you and wish you all a most Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessings and happy surprises.

*Blessings,
Sister Dorothy
Parish Life Collaborator*

A popular country Christmas song begins, "Mary did you know?" If I could amend it today I would add, "Mary did you know that the parishioners of St. Bart's love your Son so much that they provided hope and joy to dozens of people this Christmas through the Giving Tree?" Your generosity helped the elderly, families, cancer patients, the unemployed and underemployed, orphans and the homeless to mention just a few.

A holy family is every family because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Thank you for being such bright reflections to our parish, our community and world.

*Bess Biamonte
Pastoral Associate*

Dear Parishioners of St. Bart's;

In the spirit of Bethlehem, I wish you a holy Christmas season and a blessed New Year.

*God Bless You,
Fr. Frank
Priest Director*

Dear St. Bart's Parishioners:

As you celebrate this great season, remember to give a very special gift to one very important person--YOU!

Let's take the time to enjoy God's gift of life by enjoying our family and friends. Let's get on the phone and call the people dear to us and tell them they are part of our Christmas. Let's all forget about our aches and pains and the fears about the future and instead let's remember that our lives have all been blessed with the gift of faith, the joy of people we care for, and many more chances to smile about something rather than to cry.

May all of us recapture that wonder that we all had as kids, and the wonder and excitement we still need to have as we celebrate the birth of the Savior.

It's Christmas! Our God has become a human being. Wow! What a compliment Jesus gives to us all! He became one of us!

*Father Thom Dansak,
Sacramental Minister*

The Christmas season celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Lights, candles, trees and decorations are all around us. During this time we are asked to light up our world by kind words and actions. We are called to radiate God's presence to all those we meet.

The faculty and staff of St. Bartholomew School wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year. We will continue to remember our parish family in our daily prayers and at mass. We also want to thank everyone for their continued support of our Catholic School.

*Mrs. Linda Pricer
Principal*



SCHOOL NEWS

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school this week. Extended care will not be offered.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From our school family to yours, may you have a safe and blessed New Year. We pray for your health and happiness always.

SCHOOL RESUMES

School will resume on Monday, January 3rd.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Music for the Spirit

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) musical Director Manfred Honeck will lead the PSO in a free Music for the Spirit concert that is part of an annual program of concerts that celebrate the spiritual and universal message of music. The special concert will begin at 7:30 pm, on February 17, 2011, at St. Paul Roman Catholic Cathedral in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood. The program will include works by Haydn, Bruckner, Mahler, Faur'e, Berlioz and more. General admission tickets are free to the public and are limited to four per household. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Heinz Hall box office at 412-392-4900.

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES GET ACQUAINTED DAY OPEN HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, SENIORS JANUARY 15

LATROBE, PA – Saint Vincent College Office of Admission and Financial Aid has announced plans for an upcoming Get Acquainted Day Open House for college-bound high school juniors and seniors and their families on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

The day begins with registration and breakfast from 8:15 to 9 am. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of attending a Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college and to meet faculty, administrators, coaches and current students to discuss academic programs, student life, financial aid, scholarship opportunities and athletics.

Campus tours will be given by student ambassadors.

Pre-register by phone, 1-800-782-5549, fax 724-805-2953,

e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or online at www.stvincent.edu/admission/visit.

Christmas Gift Prayer

Thank you, God for the wonderful gift of your son, Jesus, as we celebrate His birthday. Help us to remember Him as we give and receive gifts, taking time to pray for each person and for those who have nothing. Help us, Lord, to fill this Christmas with you and with your love, peace and joy. Amen

MARRIGE MOMENTS



As the song goes, "On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me...3 French hens." I'm not sure what is special about a French hen, but I do know that sometimes 3 can be a crowd. Find a time (an evening, an hour, 10 minutes) that you and your beloved can cozy up and just focus on each other during this busy season.

DECEMBER 26, 2010

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support.

The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live "anyplace", live at HOME!

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
ASSOCIATION
OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
Cordially invites you, and your family
and friends to attend the dedication of
MARY, MOTHER OF CHRIST CHAPEL
MAUSOLEUM

at
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY
1443 Lincoln Highway
North Versailles, PA 15137-2448
412-823-9111

*Very Reverend Frederick L. Cain, VE,
Presiding*

**Sunday, January 2, 2011
3:00 PM**

O HOLY
FAMILY. BLESS
AND PROTECT ALL
THE FAMILIES OF
THE WORLD.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2010

Saint John

10:00 AM Anna Ingagliato (Rose Popice)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2010

The Holy Innocents

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2010

St. Thomas Becket

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2010

6TH Day of Christmas

10:00 AM John Stack (Lois Stack)

6:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2010

St. Sylvester

10:00 AM Leslie Kensinger (Gil & Ann
Ruffing)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

VIGIL, EPIPHANY

4:00 PM **NO CONFESSIONS**

5:00 PM Rose Mongiat (Virginia Fey)

SUNDAY JANUARY 2, 2011

EPIPHANY

8:00 AM Carmen Iodice (Daughter, Jean)

10:30 AM People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this
week in memory of
Mary Lou Vogel from her
husband Dennis