

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 16, 2010



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."

— 1st Jn 17:22-23a



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The final words of Revelation that form today's second reading are rich in symbolism and filled with hope. The Easter candle, which has been burning in our midst, and will do so for another week, incorporates some of the symbols alluded to in the reading. When the candle was blessed at the Easter Vigil, the letters alpha and omega—the first and last of the Greek alphabet—were traced on the candle, a reminder that through his resurrection Jesus is the beginning and the end of all who believe in him. Our life has its origin in him, and he is our final destiny, as is expressed in the selection from Revelation today.

In the hymn sung immediately after the Easter candle is lit, the Exsultet, the priest sings, "May the Morning

Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all humankind." The biblical reference for that are these final words of Revelation.

And the gift of life-giving water that is promised in today's reading to any who thirst is the baptism that we have been celebrating in these fifty days of Easter, from the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil, to those who have completed their initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist, to those of us who have renewed our baptismal vows during this Easter season. We who are baptized in Christ have the right to the tree of life and to enter the city through its gates, as the reading proclaims.

With the author of Revelation, with the saints and elders who gather around the throne, with all those who have washed their robes and made them white, with all living creatures, we can joyfully make the final words of Revelation our own: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" (22:20).



I just wanted to address all of our young adult parishioners who are preparing for prom. I know that prom is an exciting time for everyone (I can almost remember every detail of my own).

As your Parish Life Collaborator and in the name of our parishioners, I want you to know that we are praying for you that you have a great time, make beautiful memories, have a safe night and even more importantly, we pray that you make wise decisions. **HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group board members met this past week and are beginning to make plans for the next year. There are a lot of new and fresh ideas that surfaced and hopefully we will be able to entice the women of our parish to come together for some support: spiritual, social and educational. We look forward to this upcoming year.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
WEEK OF 5-9-10 — \$7,739.75
Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00
Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy

SCHOOL NEWS

Election Day

Students will have class on Election Day, Tuesday, May 18th. This is a snow make up day. Please remind students to be careful in the parking lot during drop off and pick up times.

School Musical

"Through the Decades"

Please join our school students on Wednesday, May 19th for our Annual School Musical. There will be two performances at 10 am and 6 pm. Both performances will be held in the school gym. This is an event that no one should miss.

Mass

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and the 5th graders for mass on Thursday, May 20th at 10 am. Our students always provide a very special mass.



PARENTING POINTERS

It's planting season in most of the northern hemisphere. Plant something with your child this week. Watch it grow. Watch your son or daughter grow. Do you mark their height each year on their birthday? If not, start a custom.



BAKE SALE

The Women's Group of St. Bartholomew Church is sponsoring a bake sale. The date's are June 19 and 20. Baked goods will be sold at all three masses. We would like to extend an invitation to the entire parish to participate in our bake sale. We would appreciate any baked goods you could contribute and any baked goods you will purchase.

The proceeds from this bake sale will go to benefit the family of Denise Ludovici, our dearly departed and loved sister and leader of our Women's Group.

ST. BART'S FESTIVAL DATES
OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 10, 2010

*Sunday, May 9th we welcomed into baptism
Brody Christopher Dudas
and Ellie Jean Shaw.
May God Bless them and
their families.*



The Ladies of Charity meeting will be on May 18th at 6:30 PM in the Pastoral Conference Room. New members are welcomed and encouraged. For information, please call Bess at 412-242-3374.

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

MAY 16, 2010



**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:

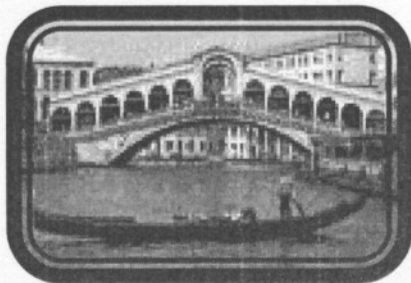
- Round-trip Airfare
- Motor Coach Throughout Italy
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Eight Nights Lodging
- All Sightseeing, Admissions &
Baggage Handling
- Professional Tour Manager

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. After this
date, we will open the trip to our Cluster
Parishes, if space is still available. We are
asking that if you are truly interested that
we receive 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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**MONDAY, May 17
Easter Weekday**

10:00 AM Maureen Thoman
(Leo Plunkett, Father)

**TUESDAY, May 18
Easter Weekday**

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 19
Easter Weekday**

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

**THURSDAY, May 20
Saint Bernadine of Siena**

10:00 AM Henry Ober Rooney (Pauline
Tierno)
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**FRIDAY, May 21
Saint Christopher Magallanes**

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

**SATURDAY, May 22
Vigil, Pentecost Sunday**

4:00 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Holy Hour
5:00 PM Maria Rosso (Rosso
Family)

**SUNDAY, May 23
Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM E. J. Herd (Family)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory of
Jerry McCaffrey
from his Wife Bonnie