

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2010

Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."
— Jn. 13:33a, 34a



The last words of a loved one can linger in our memory for a long time. John's Gospel presents Jesus at the Last Supper leaving his disciples a final command: Love one another. Love begins with those at hand, those who join us at the table, but it can never end there.

In his encyclical, *God is Love*, Pope Benedict XVI writes that "the Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable" (#25).

Preaching Jesus, celebrating Jesus and loving one another in Jesus—this is the circle of life in which we are caught up and that moves out to embrace the world.

We pray that we may love as Jesus loved, especially those in our own community who are most in need of experiencing the love of God mediated through us. We pray that we may give glory to God in all that we say and all that we do.



We welcome to the table of the Lord today the following second graders from our school and CCD programs. A special thank you goes to their teachers, Miss Begley and Mrs. Nichols who prepared them to receive Jesus in this Sacrament of Eucharist.

- Alexandria Babilon
- Arthur Collins
- Rory Douglas
- Ian Frankoski
- Jack Knoll
- Iain Krieger
- Ryan Kernick
- Alexandria Kundraick
- Amanda McCann
- Bailey McDonough
- Emily Nichols
- Joshua Perry
- Stephanie Perry
- Vanessa Persichetti
- Ruthie Ressler
- Tyler Rompala
- Lily Slagle
- Hannah Sugden
- Taylor Trainor
- Larissa Walker
- Alexzander Werner
- Cole Yeager

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 4-25-10 —7,362.60

**Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00**

*Thank you for your sacrificial offering
to your parish.*

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*

SCHOOL NEWS

First Holy Communion

Please remember our 2nd graders in your prayers on Sunday, May 2nd. Our students will be making their First Holy Communion during the 10:30 mass. The children have worked very hard to prepare for this very important day in their lives.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be distributed to our students this week. Parents are required to sign all progress reports and return to the school.

PTG Meeting

The PTG will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 4th in the school library. All parents/guardians are encouraged to come to the meeting. Plans will be discussed for the remaining school year, as well as next year.

May Crowning

Our students will be participating in the May crowning on Thursday, May 6th during the 10 am mass. This is such a blessed event, we hope you can join us.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will hold their next gathering on Friday, May 7, at 1:30 pm in Helzsouer Hall. New members are always welcome and are encouraged to attend.

First Communion Prayer



Dear Jesus, through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church.

You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand.

Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you.

Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church.

As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you. Amen.

MAY DIAPER DRIVE

Once again as part of our Pro-Life efforts St. Bartholomew Parish will be conducting a Diaper Drive in conjunction with Catholic Charities in support of their WIN (Women in Need) program

Items needed are:

Diapers: Size 3 or 4

Baby Wipes

Formula

Baby Lotion

Baby Shampoo

Diaper Creams

Please deposit your items in the basket in the vestibule.

May God Bless you as you help those women who choose life!

MAY 2, 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MONDAY, May, 3
Saint Phillip, Saint James**

10:00 AM Fr. Lachowicz in honor of his Golden Jubilee (St. Bart's)

**TUESDAY, May 4,
Easter Weekday**

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 5
Easter Weekday**

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

**THURSDAY, May 6,
Easter Weekday**

10:00 AM Whilhelmia DiTommaso (Al & Til DiTommaso)
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**FRIDAY, May 7
Easter Weekday**

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Ioli & Secola Families (Rita Secola)

**SATURDAY, May 8,
Vigil, 6th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Holy Hour
5:00 PM Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

**SUNDAY, May 9,
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

Next Sunday May 16, there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Dominic DeFinis from Pat DeFinis