

MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 30, 2010



God's incredible love is totally incomprehensible. We can try to imagine it, and we can compare it to the love we experience as human beings, but the reality is that God's love is so overwhelming and unconditional, that it will never be possible for us to comprehend how great God's love is. That's why the feast we celebrate today, the Most Holy Trinity, can leave us with more questions than answers. In truth, any theologian who has tried to plumb the mystery of the Trinity, whether saints like Thomas Aquinas or Augustine, or contemporary scholars like Karl Rahner or Gerald O'Collins, may write page after page, but in the end is still left standing before the mystery.

One of the most famous images of the Trinity, the icon by the Russian master Andrei Rublev (ca. 1360-1430), is an image of hospitality. The three persons of the Trinity are represented by angelic beings seated around a four-sided table inviting the viewer to come and take a place to dine with them. When we encounter the love of God and truly experience it, this is in effect what happens to us: we are seated at the table and enveloped in God's love.

In the icon, the place at the table is empty, because it is there for anyone and everyone. It is not just my place or yours. Everything that the Father has, is also of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And so it is with the place at the table. When God invites us in, it is not to the exclusion of others, but to the welcome of all. We may question how this is even possible, since as limited creatures we parcel out our time, our resources, and even our love. God does no such thing. And the more we are caught up in God's love, the more we are able to express that love to others.

I received this forward in an email from a parishioner and it gave me a lot of food for thought, so I wanted to pass it on and invite you to spend some time in prayer with it.

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but.. you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or ZANE GREY book?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but....we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but... they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 5-23-10 —\$7,604.35

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

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

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*

SCHOOL NEWS



Memorial Day

There will be no school on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. No extended care will be offered this day.

PTG Meeting

The final PTG meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, June 1st at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please plan on joining us.

Mass

Please join Miss Begley and the 2nd graders for Mass on Thursday, June 3rd at 10 AM. Please join us to see what a wonderful job our students do.



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

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

&

**OAKLAND CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOLS**

St. Bartholomew Parish is proud to announce the following students who have achieved Honor Roll status for the Third Quarter.

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC
High Honors**

Mario Buczowski Matthew Casey
Christopher Craver Joseph Macioce
Benjamin Punturi

Honors

Joshua Casey Jonathan Dawson
Jason Dillon James Maher
Anthony Myers Nicholas Nejak
Brian Palermo Richard Pirolo

OAKLAND CATHOLIC

Highest Honors

Claire Giblin Emily Goling
Carly Pina Alexis Restori

Honors

Morgan Bush & Sarah Butterfield
Congratulations



C.C. BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Applications are now being accepted for the C.C. Basketball Camp to be held this summer in the Central Catholic High School gym. The camp, now in its thirty-second year of operation, has two separate sessions for boys entering grades 4-9: June 14-17 and June 21-24. Cost for the four day camp is \$100.00 per session. Enrollment is limited. Interested students can make a reservation or obtain information by calling Coach Chuck Crummie at 412-208-3494 or 412-322-9399.

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**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 June 10, 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.



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**MONDAY, May, 31
Memorial Day**

9:00 AM St. Susanna
9:00 AM St. Irenaeus

**TUESDAY, June 1
Saint Justin**

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

**WEDNESDAY, June 2
Saint Marcellinus**

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

**THURSDAY, June 3
Saint Charles Lwanga**

10:00 AM Lena M. Carmosina (Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rice)
6:30 PM **Quest Bible Study**

**FRIDAY, June 4
Weekday**

10:00 AM Frances, Joseph Sr. & Joseph Jr. Triolo (Triolo Family)

**SATURDAY, June 5
Vigil,**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

4:00 PM Confessions
4:00 PM HOLY HOUR
5:00 PM Marie & Jim Byrnes (Cheryl & Ray Byrnes)

SUNDAY, June 6

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM John E. Kotts (Fred & Rose Perry)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Frances, Joseph Sr. and Joseph Jr. Triola from the Triola Family