

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 27, 2010

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

— LK 9:51-62



As much as we might think that the life of faith is only about "letting go and letting God" it is equally true that the life of faith is about our getting up and getting going. God has expectations, too. To take seriously the life of discipleship means following Jesus' lead, as He reminds us today.

Today Jesus is teaching His disciples what it means to follow Him. For one thing it means renouncing the way of violence, that is, of responding to the violence of others by our own form of violence, whether in word or deed. The hatred between Jews and Samaritans shows itself here in the Samaritans' refusal to let Jesus and His disciples pass through their town on their way to Jerusalem. When James and John want to call down fire on them, Jesus rebukes them.

Jesus asks much, but gives even more in response to our generosity. Following Christ gives us freedom from being enslaved by our anger, our desire for vengeance, our being held captive to anything other than Christ. In Christ is our freedom; in Christ, the life of the Spirit.

We ask God to free us from anything that enslaves us; even more, we ask God to help us recognize the more subtle addictions and habits that prevent us from living in the freedom of the children of God. We pray that we may follow Christ wholeheartedly.

What does Christ free you for?

What does Christ call you to leave behind so that you can walk with Him in freedom?

LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER RAFFLE

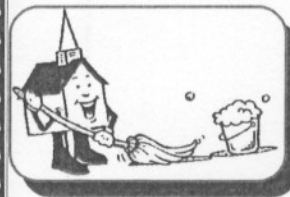
It gives me great pleasure to announce the winners of our raffle:

1st Place — Joanne Jeffcoat
\$1,000.00

2nd Place — Mary Ciuksza
\$500.00

3rd Place — Anne Rindt
\$500.00

Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle. We made \$5,976.57, which will go towards operations of our parish and school.



Did you ever wonder how our Church is kept so clean? We have a few very dedicated women called, "God's Housekeepers". They do such a wonderful job in keeping our place of worship fit for the God we come to worship.

These ladies need some help. Over the past years they have lost 'workers' due to age, sickness and death. Could you possibly give two hours of your time once every other week to help in keeping God's house looking so beautiful? If you feel you can give of yourself for this worthy cause, please contact me. If you only have an hour to give, the ladies will be happy to have you join them. Thank you for considering this worthy ministry.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 6-20-10 — \$6,620.90
Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00

The Scriptures call each of us to a deeper awareness of the wonders of God's blessings, the gifts that He has showered on us in so great an abundance, and to the challenge to use those gifts and talents creatively and responsibly.

Have a Blessed Week.

- - Sister Dorothy

SCHOOL NEWS

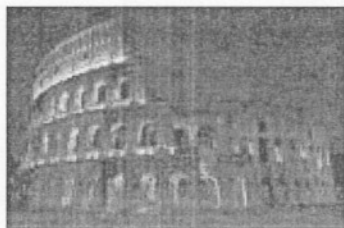
Registration

Our school is growing each year. This year's registration is expected to be a seven year high. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Bart's, please call the school office for information at 412-242-2511.


Thank You


On behalf of the St. Bart's Women's Group, please accept our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped to make our bake sale last weekend such a huge success. With your help, we were able to assist Denise Ludovici's family in their time of dire need. Thank you so much on their behalf.

There are a few spaces available for our pilgrimage to Italy. The tour departs October 11, 2010. Please call the rectory if you are interested or have any questions.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



The Gospel reports Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem" and his disciples could not dissuade Him from this commitment. The life changing commitments of marriage and parenting bind a family together. "No one puts a hand to the plow and looks back" because commitments "set our face" to a future we create.

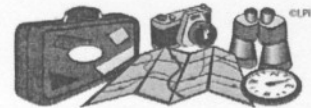
PRAYER FOR TRAVEL

God of our ancestors, long ago you sent Abraham on a journey of faith to a land promised to him and his descendants.

You led the people of Israel through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey where they might live according to your covenant.

You continued to protect and guide your people, sending Raphael to watch over Tobiah on his way as he journeyed to fulfill his father's command.

Watch over us as we travel and keep us secure. May your angels protect us on our journey and lead us safely home at the end of our trip. Let your provident hand guide us while we're gone and upon our return may we offer you thanks for your protection and watchfulness over our days. Amen.



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

Festival Planning Meeting
Monday

June 28, 2010 — 6:30 PM
Pastoral Conference Room
Everyone Invited

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010
ARE YOU PUZZLED?

JUNE 27, 2010



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW
FAMILY PICNIC
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**BY THE ST. BARTHOLOMEW
MEN'S & WOMEN'S CLUB
AUGUST 1, 2010
CHURCH GROUNDS**

**12:30 PM BIG TRUCK
"DADDY'S NIGHTMARE"**

FOOD SERVED

1:00 PM—3:00 PM

**HOT DOGS HAMBURGERS
AND MORE**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW
ADULTS—\$6.00**

CHILDREN 4--12 \$4.00

CHILDREN 3 & UNDER FREE

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, June 28

Saint Irenaeus

10:00 AM Sophia Visco (Mt.
Alvernia School Faculty &
Students

TUESDAY, June 29

Saint Peter Saint Paul

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

WEDNESDAY, June 30

Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

1:30 PM **Quest Bible Study**

THURSDAY, July 1

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 AM Joseph & Peter DeFinis

(Pat DeFinis)

6:30 PM **Quest Bible Study**

FRIDAY, July 2

Weekday

10:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, July 3

Vigil,

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Confessions

4:00 PM **NO HOLY HOUR**

5:00 PM William Maguire (Joanne)

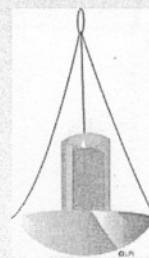
SUNDAY, July 4

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Sean McCoy (Family)

***4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY MASS
ST. BART'S —JULY 5 AT 9 AM***



The Sanctuary Candle is
lit this week in memory
of
Sandra Vilsak from
her husband, Ed.