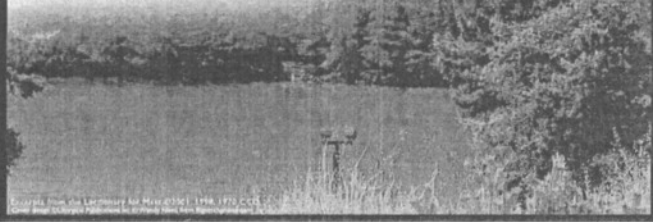


## SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2010

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."  
He said to them, "When you pray, say:  
Father, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread."  
— Lk 11:1-3



Prayer is one of the most important things we do, an action that keeps us in touch with God. St. Paul thought it so important that he wrote to the Thessolonians, "Pray without ceasing". Jesus taught his disciples to pray, then added some motivating stories to keep them praying. The prayer and the motives are still in play.

Of great importance is the fact that Jesus prayed. Think about that for a moment. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, prayed. We know that Jesus went off by himself to pray. Jesus did this before some of the most important moments in his ministry, like before he chose those who would follow him. I would be pretty sure that Jesus prayed "without ceasing".

When one of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and Jesus responded with the Our Father, it certainly deserves our attention. This prayer reveals the heart of Jesus, and tells us how we should speak to God. The prayer has two parts: blessing the Father and calling for God's presence in the world, then turning to God for our basic needs of food, forgiveness and fidelity.

I encourage you to pray. We have several different opportunities for prayer here at St. Bart's. Weekly we offer bible study based on the coming weekend readings. This is offered on Wednesday at 1:30 pm and Thursday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. It is a great way to prepare for Sunday's liturgy. We offer holy hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction on Saturday from 4 pm until 4:45. If you would like to see other opportunities and variety of prayer to be offered, please call me.

### SUMMER OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed, except for emergencies, August 2-6th. If you have an emergency, please call and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

### SECURITY PROJECT

As you have probably seen in the last couple of bulletins, I have asked for financial support from you in our efforts to keep St. Bart's a safe environment by installing security cameras as Phase One of our project. Thus far I have received two phone calls. This is nowhere enough to cover this \$25,000 project. I ask that you seriously think about donating to this project. You can call me at the rectory, drop a note or donation in the collection basket with my name on the envelope or drop it in the mail. We would like to get this project started as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

### SUMMER PICNIC

The Parish Picnic that was scheduled for August 1st on the parish grounds has been cancelled due to lack of interest. The Men's and Women's Groups sold only 8 tickets for this event. If you bought a ticket, please bring it to the office and we will give you your refund.

### RCIA

When someone is interested in learning about the Catholic faith, they begin by joining a group which meets to discuss some of their questions. This group can consist of those who have never been baptized, Christians who would like to investigate Catholicism and even baptized Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith or who were never able to finish making their Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. This group will begin meeting sometime in September. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact me at the rectory. I will try to answer any questions you may have.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**WEEK OF 7-18-10 — \$7,330.05**  
**Budgeted Collection Amount**  
**\$8,100.00**

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*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.

### ST. BART'S FESTIVAL OCTOBER



7, 8, 9, 10, 2010

Rides, Games,

Food

Basket

### Top 10 Reasons To Stay Until The End of Mass

1. You will avoid getting run over by the servers as you try to sneak out just ahead of the procession.
2. You will receive the final blessing—and who among us doesn't need to be blessed?!
3. While you are waiting to get out of the parking lot, you have time together as a family to talk about the question of the week.
4. Those sitting around you won't worry that you lost your way coming back from communion when they notice your empty seat.
5. You can enjoy those final peaceful prayerful minutes of Mass before the kids start their barrage of questions and requests during the car ride home.
6. You won't miss any important announcements.
7. The distraction of people leaving to those praying the Mass would be eliminated.
8. You have the wonderful opportunity to bond with your fellow parishioners after Mass.
9. The choir sings the best songs at the end of Mass.
10. Unlike some football games, Mass isn't over at halftime!

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Loving parents don't give children everything they request. We strive to provide what they need. This is the lesson of today's gospel. As our children trust us, so we must trust Our Father. Just as trust gives security to our children so our trust in God, Our Father, will give security to us as well.



There are 52 weeks in a year. Doesn't your marriage deserve one of them? Join us September 24-28 for a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend, where you can focus on your marriage like never before. For more information or to register please contact Jay or Judy at 412-635-7775 or visit us on the web at [www.wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://www.wwme-pittsburgh.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**  
**ARE YOU PUZZLED?**



**JULY 25, 2010**

**From Sister Dorothy's bulletin  
article on July 11, 2010**

Part of my responsibility as your Parish Life Collaborator is to take care of our parishioners as well as our parish property. It is in this vain that I come to you.

We (the finance and pastoral council) have been accessing the need to be proactive and the need to install security cameras on our property. After much discernment, it has been decided that we would begin with Phase One of this project by installing cameras around the school and parking lots. This would entail the side and back parking lots as well as the area outside of the Sacred Heart Chapel.

As you know, an undertaking of this multitude will need a big financial commitment from us. I am waiting for the bids to come in, but it appears to be around \$22-24,000.

Because of everyone's generosity, I have not found it necessary to ask for additional money from you before this. I know that times are tough for a lot of people right now, but should you find that you can help with this effort, please drop me a note or give me a call. Thank you for your consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**St. Gerard Majella Church, 121 Dawn Drive, Penn Hills is having a SUPER BINGO on Wednesday, July 28th.**

Starts at 7 pm, Kitchen open until 9 pm  
Admission of \$25 includes 12 cards and 1 book of specials including jackpot!

REGULAR GAMES..... \$100.  
CRAZY "T" & SPECIAL "X" .....\$250.  
ROUND ROBIN .....\$250.  
DOUBLE BINGO .....\$250.

**BINGO**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**



**MONDAY, July 26**  
**Saint Joachim & Saint Anne**

10:00 AM Isadoro Porco  
(Marie Ciccotelli & Family)

**TUESDAY, July 27**  
**Weekday**

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

**WEDNESDAY, July 28**  
**Weekday**

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

**THURSDAY, July 29**  
**Saint Martha**

10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. John Pronio (Their Children)  
6:30 PM **Quest Bible Study**

**FRIDAY, July 30**  
**Saint Peter Chrysologus**

10:00 AM St. Rocco (Lena Talotta)

**SATURDAY, July 31**  
**Vigil,**

**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM **HOLY HOUR**  
5:00 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, August 1**  
**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM John Vacchiano (Wife, Jean)  
10:30 AM Ann & Frank Busa (Richard & Gloria Busa)



The Sanctuary Candle is  
lit this week in memory of  
Ethel Tirpak  
from  
Lilian Brevort