

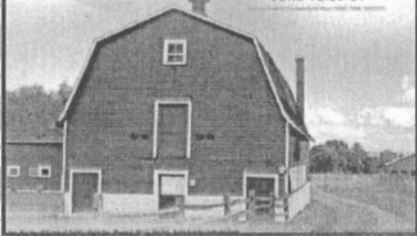
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2010

*"But God said to him,
"You fool, this night your LIFE
will be demanded of you;
and the THINGS you have prepared,
to whom will they belong?"
Thus will it be for ALL who
store up TREASURE for themselves
but are NOT rich
in what MATTERS to God."*

LUKE 12:20-21



We hear the voice of the teacher in today's readings.

"Qoheleth" (which means "teacher") and Jesus remind us of the passing nature of life and what we often value greatly—our property and possessions. Paul instructs us to redi-

rect our minds to things above, that is, our relationship with God in Christ.

At some point in their development, children go through the "me" phase. Everything is about "me." This is usually when "No" becomes a frequent word in their vocabulary. Sometimes the "me" phase extends into adulthood, with everything continuing to be about "me, me, me."

What sustains life? Physically we know that we must have adequate food, drink, and shelter from the elements. In today's Gospel reading Luke weaves together several passages to comment on how a person should deal with these physical needs in the light of faith in God. Through three distinct passages Luke lets us know who is in control of every aspect of life and how this should affect the way that we live.

The natural drive for security can easily become all-consuming. Jesus provides the perspectives so that life can be properly ordered and not hijacked by this unruly drive.

When we pray the Our Father, we focus first on God, then on our life as a community. The second half of the prayer is said as a community, asking God to give us our daily bread, forgive us our trespasses, lead us not into temptation. We pray as a family, God's family.

Our School continues to accept registrations throughout these summer months. Under the direction of Mrs. Pricer, our principal, St. Bart's school continues with the same high quality of education that has been a part of our history. I ask your continued prayers for Mrs. Pricer, the staff, the teachers and especially the students as they prepare for another successful school year.

*A Catholic school at any level
needs to teach what the
Church believes.*

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. Daily mass will not be affected by this closure.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 7-25-10 — \$7,135.52
Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00

"Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have" (1 Tm 6:18). May Timothy's letter move us to better see how we are using all that the Lord has entrusted to us; our income, our talents. This sense of stewardship will help us grow in faith and concern one for another. That's what faith community is all about.

Have a Blessed Week.

- - Sister Dorothy

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration

If you are interested in sending your child to St. Bart's, please call the school office for information at 412-242-2511.

Sharing the Gospel for Children

When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what He has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself giving one of your books away to someone who doesn't have any.

Mission for the Week

When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.

ST. BART'S FESTIVAL
OCTOBER



7, 8, 9, 10, 2010
Rides, Games,
Food,
Basket Auction

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

We pay a dear price trying to possess the biggest, best, and latest. Satisfaction will never be spelled with LETTERS (SUV, DVD, IRA, and IPOD) but rather by the WORD of God in today's gospel: "Be on your guard against all greed." Happiness comes from those we love and who love us and not from gadgets because we are more than consumers.



Magnificat Pittsburgh

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an uplifting prayer breakfast on Saturday, August 21 from 9 AM to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Township. Hear speaker Debi Byham tell of her journey of faith and inner healing. Debbie was living a life of guilt, depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for over 25 years after a tragic car accident. She was literally throwing her life away until God touched her in an extraordinary way during a pilgrimage. Her testimony will inspire you to endure hard times and strengthen your faith. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 13. To register call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or download a registration form at Www.magnificatpittsburgh.org

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010
ARE YOU PUZZLED?



AUGUST 1, 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.

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS



Auditions for the 2010-2011 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Caspistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Auditions times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office (412-456-3042) before August 11.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, August 2
Weekday

10:00 AM Ross Pullet
(St. Bart's Ladies of Charity)

TUESDAY, August 3
Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, August 4
Saint John Mary Vianney

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
1:30 PM **NO Quest Bible Study**

THURSDAY, August 5
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

10:00 AM Patricia Mancuso (Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Tresa)
6:30 PM **NO Quest Bible Study**

FRIDAY, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 AM Armand Vorrasi (Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Vogel)

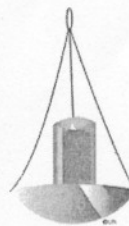
SATURDAY, August 7
Vigil,

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Confessions
4:00 PM **NO HOLY HOUR**
5:00 PM Francis Pische (Donahoe Family)

SUNDAY, August 8
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Charles Smith (Denise Ludovici)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of
John Vacchiano
from his wife
Jean