

## SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
August 8, 2010

*"Gird your loins and LIGHT your lamps  
and be like SERVANTS  
who AWAIT their master's return  
from a WEDDING,  
READY to open immediately  
when he comes and KNOCKS."*

LUKE 12:35-36



What does it mean to live a life of faith? The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. In the meantime we live in expectation, trusting God to be true to the promises made, trusting Jesus to return.

Sometimes the future looks grim. Will there ever be a time when some country in the world is not at war? Or a time when no children are dying of starvation or lacking the security of a home and the promise of a future? Will there ever be a time when people will not resort to violence to solve their problems?

The words of Jesus today are directed to a community already waiting half of a century for Jesus to return. He has not yet arrived—at least, not in glory. The parable of the master who will return from the wedding feast when you least expect him refers to Jesus, who is presently at the wedding banquet in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke calls the church to think of itself as a community of servants, taking care of one another, with one eye on the door for the master's return.

Jesus returns to us at every Eucharist. He comes as the master who proceeds to wait on us at the table and feed us with his body and blood. This food is meant to nourish our hope in God, who will not let us down.

We can pray to the Lord who will return to let us live in a way that looks to the future with hope. We ask the Lord that whether we are servants at home or people like Abraham and Sara sent out on a journey, we will trust in the goodness of our God.

**Does anything in your life need to change to be a faithful servant?**



### FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

August 24th marks the feast of our parishes patron, St. Bartholomew. With this being the 60th anniversary of our Parish, the Pastoral Council has planned a light reception gathering in the vestibule of the Church on August 21 and 22 after each mass. Please join us as we celebrate the many blessings of St. Bart's Parish over the past 60 years.

### CHOIR



It is almost time for choir practice to begin for another season. As always, the choir is looking for new members who are willing to share their love of music and their love of God expressed through their music. With Navada Pociernicki as our new Music Director, we have experienced a new level of music, which is very exciting. If you have any questions regarding being part of the choir, stop by and talk with Navada or give her a call at the rectory.

### SCHOOL

As I was preparing this bulletin, I received a call from Mrs. Linda Pricer, our Principal that she had just registered our 180<sup>th</sup> student for next year. Mrs. Pricer has worked so hard at increasing enrollment and it is truly paying off. May God continue to bless Mrs. Pricer and her family for all that she does in God's name.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**WEEK OF 8-1-10** — (not available at printing)  
**Budgeted Collection Amount**  
**\$8,100.00**

If Jesus walked up to you and said: "Come follow me—I have a lot of work to do and I really need your help," would you tell him to get lost because you are just too busy in your pursuit of personal possessions and worldly comfort? Every day is a time to reflect on all that God has given you and a time to share and care about others. Have you given any consideration to helping Jesus carry out his works in your own church?

*Have a Blessed Week.*

*- - Sister Dorothy*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Registration

If you are interested in sending your child to St. Bart's School, please call the school office for information at 412-242-2511. First day of the 2010-2011 school year is August 26th.

### Sharing the Gospel For Children

Talk to God in prayer every day. Tell Him when you are afraid. Tell Him when you are happy. Tell Him that you love Him. Obey His commandments. Be a light to others. Show them by your shining example how to be a Christian.

Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Give clothes to the needy. Forgive yourself and others. When Jesus, the Son of Man comes to get you, you will be ready.

### Prayer

Lord, help me be a shining example to others.

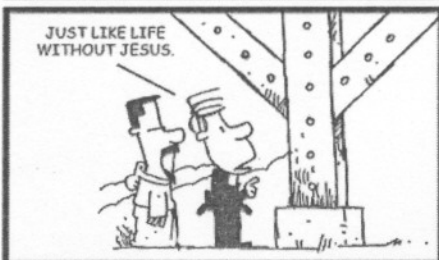
### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus opening the golden gates of Heaven for you.

### Mission for the Week

I will give clothing I have outgrown that is still good to the needy.

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## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel a servant waited for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

ST. BART'S "60th"  
PARISH FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER  
7, 8, 9, 10, 2010  
Rides, Games,  
Homemade Food,  
Basket Auction  
Poker, Bingo  
Instant Bingo,  
50/50 Raffle Nightly

SAVE THE DATE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010  
ARE YOU PUZZLED?



**AUGUST 8, 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.



**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 consists 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.**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**



**MONDAY, August 9  
Weekday**

10:00 AM John Stack (Lois)

**TUESDAY, August 10  
Saint Lawrence**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

**WEDNESDAY, August 11  
Saint Claire**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

1:30 PM **Quest Bible Study**

**THURSDAY, August 12  
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

10:00 AM Jack E. Foley (Ed & Sally Joint)

6:30 PM **Quest Bible Study**

**FRIDAY, August 13  
The Transfiguration of the Lord**

10:00 AM Ethel Tirpak (Margie Jones)

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY, August 14**

**Vigil,**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

3:00 PM Wedding Brown/Lewis

4:00 PM **NO Confessions**

4:00 PM **NO HOLY HOUR**

5:00 PM Leslie Kensinger (Donahoe Family)

**SUNDAY, August 15  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM In Celebration of  
Helen DeSantis 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
(Family and Friends)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Bernie Pastor from his parents John & Mickey.