

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 5, 2010



Getting things straight in our own minds is not easy, as the Book of Wisdom reminds us this week. Jesus has confidence that we can make a commitment to Him, responding to the demands He asks His disciples.

Today's Gospel reading from Luke contains radical images to express the degree of service that Jesus expects His disciples to render to others. Luke makes the first image even more radical than its use in Matthew. Whereas Matthew warns against loving family more than Jesus, Luke says that one must hate family members and even one's own life.

These extreme images stress that one must place service of others above personal ease and comfort.

Last week's Gospel stressed the importance of service to others versus ease for oneself. What today's Gospel shows is that the service of others that enables one to enter the Kingdom of God entails the making of radical sacrifices. Luke stresses that even the legitimate duties to family and work, as all-consuming as they can seem to be at times, must not be allowed to outweigh service to others.

Choice is at the heart of Jesus' words to the crowds in today's Gospel. The choices that we make define us far more than our abilities. Jesus outlines three decisions that define a disciple:

- † Putting Jesus first, above all other persons, plans, and possessions. Before family, before friends, even before one's own life, a disciple chooses Jesus.
- † Carrying one's own cross and following after Jesus. This means taking up whatever duty calls us to lay down our life in service for the sake of others.
- † Finally, Jesus asks for a renunciation of all possessions, allowing no thing, just as there is to be no person, to take the place in our hearts that belongs to Christ.

HOW DO YOU EXPERIENCE THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP IN YOUR OWN LIFE?

FESTIVAL

Last night the festival committee met and there was much enthusiasm in planning for this year's event. We will have the "wish list" in next weeks bulletin. We are always so grateful for your willingness to donate items and help cut down on the expenses.

This year we will also ask your help with our basket raffle. This being the 60th anniversary of St. Bart's and of our festival, we would like to be able to have 60 baskets to raffle.

We cannot do this without your help. We are asking each family for a donation of \$6 so that the committee will be able to purchase items to fill the baskets. If you are creative and would like to donate a basket, we would be happy to accept that donation. If you have brand new items that you are not using and would like to donate them, we can create a basket around them.

Look for an envelope attached to the wish list for this purpose. You may either drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. Thanks you once again for your support.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 8-29-10 — \$7,757.50
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

Whatever standard we choose, be it tithing or some other, it must never be confused with the reason for giving. We give because God has blessed us and because we want with all our hearts and minds to return to Him that which He has given. This is the motive.

Have a Blessed Week.

- - Sister Dorothy



SCHOOL NEWS

BRUIN FOOTBALL



Please join us on Sunday, September 5th for our Home Opener at Friendship Park. The 2010 Bruins will take the field for the first time this season. Our developmental team plays at 1:00pm, Junior Varsity at 2:00pm and Varsity at 3:00pm. Stop and enjoy great football games, wonderful food and friendship. We look forward to seeing you there.

LABOR DAY

There will be no school on Monday, September 6, 2010 in observance of Labor Day. Extended Day will not be offered.

MASS

Please support our students on Thursday, September 9th at 10 AM. Mrs. Smith and the 7th graders have planned this mass. Our school students are so proud of their involvement in the mass.

ASSEMBLY

Officer Phil will be visiting our school on Friday, September 10th at 2 pm. Students in grades K thru 3 will participate in this safety assembly.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel a king and a builder failed to plan properly and met with ridicule and defeat. Plan to spend time with the people most important to you. Don't leave it to chance. Plan ahead. Who in your family needs your time, your forgiveness? Don't get caught wondering "Where did the time go?" Like the builder in the gospel, when fail to plan, we plan to fail.

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers will hold their September meeting on Friday, September 10th at 1:30 PM in Helzlsour Hall.

The Golden Agers are a group of senior citizens of St. Bart's that meet monthly for companionship, play bingo and enjoy a nice dessert and coffee. New members are always welcome!



You are invited to join St. Bart's Choir

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 PM in the choir room.

The first rehearsal for the new choir season is on Wednesday, September 8th at 7 PM.

Our choir works very hard on our music to sing prayer and praises to our God.

Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry here at St. Bart's Parish!

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CCD—RICA**

As summer moves swiftly on, we are beginning preparations for the coming year of CCD and RCIA. There will be an open house for all CCD students on Sunday, September 19th following the 10:30 am mass, and classes will officially begin on Sunday, September 26th at 9 am.

Registration forms have been e-mailed or mailed to those who were in the program last year. Extra forms can be found in the vestibule of the church or you may stop by the rectory office. Early bird registration discounts are available if forms are returned before August 22nd.



For those interested in full communion with the church through the RCIA program, we will be once again conducting classes as a part of the cluster activities. Classes will begin in late September or early October. Please call the rectory as soon as possible for more information.

Blessings
Denise and Colleen

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
LABOR DAY**

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
WEEKDAY**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
SAINT PETER CLAVER**

10:00 AM Rose Capozzoli (Pat DeFinis)

6:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
WEEKDAY**

10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members
of Politano & O'Shea Families (Children
& Grandchildren)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
VIGIL, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM HOLY HOUR

5:00 PM Victor Ludovici (Family)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Robert Harris (Donna,
Frank & Stacey Lamanna)

12:00 PM PARISH ASSEMBLY
Second collection next week for Bish-
ops Education Fund



The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory of
Robert Harris from his daugh-
ter Donna Lamanna.