

## SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

January 16, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SPONSOR LETTERS

One of the requests that come through our office on any given day is a request for a 'sponsor paper' that someone needs if asked to be a godparent for Baptism or to sponsor someone for Confirmation. Because of so much misunderstanding regarding this request, I will once again run the Church's rules in order for me to be able to sign such a paper. Please take note that these are not my regulations, they come from the Church.

In order to be a Sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation, you must be able to answer YES to **ALL** of the following requirements:

- 1. I am a registered member of St. Bartholomew Parish.**
- 2. I am 16 years of age, or have permission from my Pastor/Administrator/Parish Life Collaborator to be a Sponsor.**
- 3. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation.**
- 4. I presently practice my Catholic Faith by attending Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, receive Communion, contribute to the support of my parish, and I am living a good and charitable moral life.**
- 5. If married, I have been validly married in the Catholic Church and I am raising my Children as Catholics.**

Often when a person is not able to answer yes to all of these questions and I am unable to provide this form for them, they become quite irate with me. I have heard over and over again, "it is about the money". I am here to attest that it is not. If a person is a parishioner and I see them at mass each week and they are unable to financially support the parish at this time in their life, I have no hesitation signing this form for them.

We must remember, that this parish (as well as any other) does require the financial support of its members to survive. The phone company, gas company, electrical company, computer company, property tax office, candle company, wine distributor, snow removal company, and I could go on and on and on, do not donate their goods or services to our Parish or any other parish.

With the assistance of our Finance Council, the parish staff and I work very hard to be good stewards of your donations. We realize that you work very hard and make great sacrifices to support your parish and school. If you would like to talk about this, please contact me at the office.

### ARE YOU PUZZLED

At a meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council last week, we had a lengthy discussion of how to pass on the results of our survey that we conducted this past year. It was decided that we would provide a copy of the results in the vestibule and also put a copy on the bulletin boards. You will find them there this weekend. We all thank you for your input and we have begun formulating action plans from your suggestions. Through discussion, it was decided that we will begin a new program that we have entitled our **EPIPHANY PROJECT**. What does this mean?

In an attempt to really listen, it was decided that Bess Biamonte, our Pastoral Associate, and I will begin making home visits to each of our registered parishioners. Beginning in February, we will start this process of visiting, praying with you, blessing your home and finding out first hand who each of you are, how we can better serve you, what gifts and talents you may have to share that have never been called forth from you and how we can better pastorally minister to your needs.

An epiphany is a sudden realization, discovery, perception, disclosure or grasp of essential information. It is in this hope that we pray that God will be with us and bless our efforts.

### **The Epiphany Project**

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**WEEK OF 1-9-11—\$7,625.52**  
**Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00**

**OUR BEHAVIOR STEMS FROM RESPONSE**  
**Because God has done this, I respond gladly and freely by doing that. Because God has given himself for me, I respond by giving myself to him in every way that I can. It is not that I owe him anything, or that he needs in a particular way anything that I have. It is simply that I, in sheer gratitude for his many gifts, want to return these gifts, in some small way, by giving of myself.**

*Have a Blessed Week*

*—Sister Dorothy*



## SCHOOL NEWS



**No School**  
Students will not have classes on Monday, January 17, 2011 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. There will be no extended care offered on this day.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences- No School**

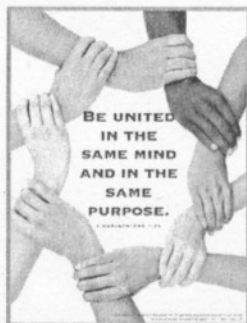
Students will not have classes on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Parents are expected to attend a mandatory Parent/Teacher Conference. Parents should have scheduled a time with their student's teacher. There will be no extended care offered on this day.

### **Mass**

Please join Miss Homer and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for mass on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Take time out of your busy schedule to spend time in church with our students.

### **Open House**

Parents thinking about sending their students to St. Bart's are encouraged to attend our Open House on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 1 PM to 3 PM. Parents will have an opportunity to observe all classrooms, meet faculty and staff and talk with parents.



**ST. BART'S PTG  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
KICK-OFF SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Saturday, January 29, 2011  
4:00 PM--8:00 PM

**Presale**  
Adults \$6.00  
Seniors/Children \$5.00

**At the door**  
Adults \$7.00  
Seniors/Children \$6.00

Dinner includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad Roll/Butter and a Drink

All proceeds benefit the school.



**MARRIAGE  
MOMENTS**

Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. Think of a way that you and your spouse are different yet your traits complement each other. (Consider things like attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, quick thinker vs. thorough planner, extrovert vs. self-reflective...)



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Want to reconnect after the stress of the holidays? Come to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend February 18-20, 2011 at the Gilmory Center, Coraopolis.

Call 412-635-7775 or visit us on the web at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).



**JANUARY 16, 2011**

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**



Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



**ST. BART'S  
WOMENS GROUP  
WINTERFEST 2011  
DINNER**

*All women of the parish are invited to join the Women's Group on January 25th, 6:30 pm in Helszouer Hall.*

*A delicious buffet dinner will be served. It will be an evening to catch up with old acquaintances and make new friends.*

*Tickets are \$15.00 and are on sale after all weekend masses or by calling the rectory.*



**ANNUAL MEN'S  
RETREAT**

This year's men's retreat at St. Paul Retreat Center will be March 18-20, 2011. Plan to attend. It's a great opportunity to do something special for

Lent. You will be spiritually enriched and enjoy the experience. For more information, call Sam Manganello at 412-824-2526 or Al Pugliese at 412-371-4074. Car pooling will be available.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***MASS SCHEDULE***

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011**

**Saint Anthony**

10:00 AM Helen Molchan (Guy & Pat Mazzella)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011**

**Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**

**Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011**

**Saint Fabian**

10:00 AM Elizabeth Begley (St. Bart's PTG)

6:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011**

**Saint Agnes**

10:00 AM The Ciccotelli Family (Family)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

**VIGIL, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM **CONFESSIONS**

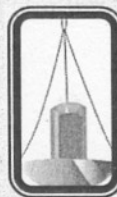
5:00 PM Edward Callahan (Pat & Family)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2011**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Tierney & Miller Family (Lois Tierney)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of James Kiesel from his Wife and Daughter