

Repay what belongs to God

• "Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Mt 22:19-21

While anyone with a paycheck ends up paying taxes regularly, there are many others who pay their taxes as a quarterly estimate. Many states or provinces have a sales tax that applies to certain goods and services. Even some local municipalities add their own fraction of a percent on top of that. And anytime we put gasoline in our car we are paying taxes. Benjamin Franklin's adage, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes," is certainly true for any of us in this country. It could be said that we are rendering to Caesar by way of the taxes we pay as part and parcel of our everyday life.

In the Gospel today Jesus points out that there is nothing wrong with paying taxes. In fact, in the examination of conscience in the Rite of Penance, the questions that are asked include, "Have I done my duty as a citizen? Have I paid my taxes?" From the perspective of a Christian, paying taxes is part of promoting the common good, since government exists to foster and protect society. Encouraging development and promoting the common good are causes that the popes from the time of Leo XIII to the present have particularly supported in their encyclicals and reflections. And it is an idea that is occasionally lost in the heated political rhetoric of North American culture. As the popes have highlighted, the "common good" is an especially Christian ideal, since it means that we are attentive to the needs of all in society, an inclusive

and wide-reaching perspective on who the community truly is.

If paying taxes-and in that way promoting the common good-is already a part of our everyday life, we might want to ask ourselves in what ways repaying to God what belongs to God is taking place in our lives every day. How taxing is our spiritual life? Or is our spiritual tax rate too low?



WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 10-9-11— \$6,602.75
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00



Once again, I thank you for all of your prayers for my brother David. On Sunday, the 9th, David was taken off the ventilator and is now breathing on his own with the help of oxygen. That very evening he was sitting up in a chair and conversing, through the use of a white board, with my family that was there with him. I know that David has a rough road ahead of him, but with God there are many miracles happening everyday. Please join with me in thanking God for this miracle and for his continued blessings of health for David.



CONGRATULATIONS to Wanda Weber, a long time parishioner and director of our Bell Choir who won the grand prize from our Festival Raffle of \$5,000. Also, congratulations to Gloria Marano who one the second place prize of a week's stay in Ocean City.

If you were able to come by this year's festival, you would know that we were blessed with beautiful weather and many dedicated workers who gave so much of their time and energy to make everything a success. Thanks once again to Brian and Eileen Butterfield our Chairs and all of the committee for all of their hard work at making this such a successful festival.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



SCHOOL NEWS

REMEMBERING

Seventh and Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to visit Shanksville on Monday, October 17th. Please remember our students and the many lives effected on 9/11 in your prayers on Monday.



Orders placed for Market Day can be picked up in the cafeteria on Tuesday, October 18th. Representatives from the school and Market Day will be there from 5pm-6pm.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, October 19th at 11:15 am. All students are to be picked up in the rear of the school. Extended care will be offered on this day. Students attending extended care are reminded to pack a lunch and drink.

MASS

Please join Mrs. Biamonte and her 8th grade class on Thursday, October 20th at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with our school.



Readings for the Week of October 16, 2011

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



ST. BARTS FALL BLOOD DRIVE

St. Bart's Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th between 8 AM and 1PM in Helzlsouer Hall. There are three ways to schedule a donation time:

1. Online Visit www.centralbloodbank.org, go to "make an appointment" tab, click on "schedule appointment", and then search mobile blood drives. The group name is St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church.
2. Call 1-866-DONORS-1 (366-6771). Let receptionist know you are from St. Barts.
3. Call Patty at 412-793-2423 and she will get you scheduled. Walk-ins are welcome, also!!



Religious Education News

We are off to a wonderful new year in CCD! Our enrollment has now reached 59 students. We thank all of the catechists for their dedication to the ministry of faith formation.

October is the month of the Rosary. In order to celebrate this prayer of devotion, which dates back to the 12th century, our CCD children will meet for a special class session to pray the rosary in the Church on Sunday October 23rd beginning at 9:15 am.

Please join us in prayer and to share their intentions. As a reminder, the children will be attending their entire class session in the church on this day with dismissal from the school.

The cluster effort for RCIA has begun. We are blessed to share the journey with who are engaged in learning the Catholic faith. Please keep Robert Mousseau from St Bartholomew and all who join him from St Joseph and St Irenaeus in your prayers.

Children's liturgy will begin this weekend and then each Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. We are in need of assistance in this ministry. Please call the rectory if you hear the call to assist.



*On Sunday October 2, 2011
we
welcomed into baptism
Nico Shane Rubbe.
May God continue to bless
Nico and his family.*

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**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
OPPORTUNITY AWARD
DINNER**

St. Anthony Programs together with the St. Anthony Charitable Foundation will be hosting its fourteenth annual Opportunity Award Dinner on Friday, November 4, 2011 in the East Club at Heinz Field. This year's dinner will honor three awardees: Mr. Kurt Kondrich, Director of Family/Community Outreach Early Intervention Specialists; Carlow University; and Mr. Frank Coonelly, President of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The silent auction and cocktail reception will begin at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available for \$150 each or a table of ten for \$1,500. For additional information, please call St. Anthony's at 724-940-9020 ext. 104

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; He was firm, honest and direct.



**PARENTING POINTERS
(Respect Life Month)**

Teach your children that human life begins at conception and what it takes to nurture that life through pregnancy and at least 18 more years. It's important to respect each other even when others do things I don't like or that hurt me.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Who is the black sheep in your family? Your spouse's family? Love them anyway. Family is a package deal. Even if you wouldn't pick some relatives as your best friends, they helped form your spouse. A person doesn't need to be perfect to deserve your love.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011
Saint Ignatius of Antioch

10:00 AM John Gregg (Dorothy Cairns)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011
Saint Luke

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011
Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna
1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011
Saint Paul of the Cross

10:00 AM Frances, Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr.
Triolo (Triolo Family)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011
Weekday

10:00 AM Bernie Filipich (Joan Filipich)

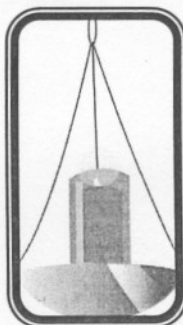
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011
Vigil, Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Confessions**
5:00 PM Tony Giuliano (Mary Grace Giuliano Daughter)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011
Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Baver Family (Mary Jean DeIulius)

**2nd Collection Next Week for
World Mission Sunday**



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory
of
Theresa Nardoizzi
from her daughter
Nancy Pasvantis*