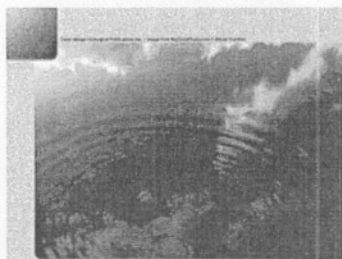


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 27, 2011



And hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God  
has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit  
who has been given to us.  
-Romans 5:5

The journey in today's Gospel is an inner journey into faith in Jesus. Notice how the woman's perspective changes as the story progresses. With that change of perception comes a change of heart. Her first

response to Jesus' request for a drink of water is curt. But after Jesus speaks about being able to give her living water, she sees him as one who will relieve her of the burdensome daily trip to the well, or even of ever being thirsty again.

Lent invites us to journey with this woman and recognize Jesus in his fullness: as one who thirsts for us, who also brings us the life-giving water of baptism, who is a prophet speaking for God, who is the promised Messiah, and most especially, who has come to save us.

What do you thirst for?

How do you relate to Jesus? Do you recognize him as truly human, as a prophet, as the promised Messiah, as the Savior and Son of God?

We can pray that Jesus will bring us to see him as living water that can satisfy us. We pray for all those preparing to be washed in the waters of baptism, that they will recognize in Jesus the source of eternal life.



This coming Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7 PM, the Knights of Columbus will be here at St. Bart's leading the Rosary as part of their Lenten Devotion. All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for this time of prayer.

Our school is continuing to accept new students for the 2011-2012 school year. If you know of anyone who is looking for a new school to send their child, please let them know about St. Bart's. Mrs. Linda Pricer, our principal and all of the teachers work very hard in ensuring that our students receive a top notch education.

Please keep our eight graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Winter will be the conferring Bishop this year. We will once again welcome our Cluster Parishes, St. Joseph, St. Gerard and St. Susanna to St. Bart's and this celebration.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**WEEK OF 3-20-11—\$6,862.93**  
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

† **STEWARDSHIP** ☒  
If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it.

Have a Blessed Week  
—Sister Dorothy

# ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



## SCHOOL NEWS

### No School

There will be no school on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be no extended care offered on this day.

### ACRE Testing

Please keep our 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in your prayers on Monday and Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Our students will be taking the ACRE tests to determine their religious knowledge. With the addition of Mrs. Bess Biamonte, 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion teacher, as always our students will do a superior job.

### Mass

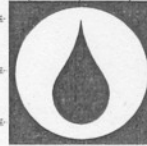
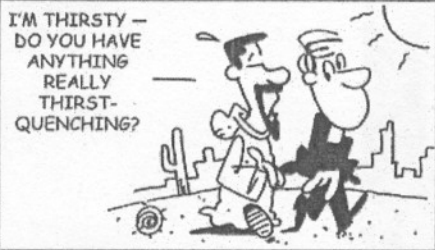
Please join Mrs. Biamonte and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for mass on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade has worked very hard, under the guidance of Mrs. Biamonte, to be mentors in our school.

### Fish Fry

Fish Fry runs every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm. All proceeds benefit our school children.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



## BLOOD DRIVE

Donate blood today, Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Helzlsouer Hall.



## HOLY THURSDAY CHRISM MASS & SEVEN CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

The office of Vocations invites you to join us and pilgrims from across the Diocese for the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass and Seven Church Pilgrimage. The day begins with the Chrism Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral at 10:00 AM, followed by a Seven Church Walk beginning at St. Mary of Mercy Church at the Point, and ending at Historic St. Patrick Church in the Strip district. We will gather in Lawless Hall at St. Mary's for a quick pizza lunch at noon if you so choose. You are more than welcome to join just for the pilgrimage if you are not able to make the Chrism Mass. If you plan to attend or would like more information please contact Janet Roberto at 724-941-9587 ext. 112 or [janetr@stbenedicttheabbot.org](mailto:janetr@stbenedicttheabbot.org).

*On Sunday March 13, 2011 we welcomed into Baptism Carter William Golightly and Ashlynn Jo Schmidt. May God continue to bless you and your families.*



## Golden Agers

The Golden Agers will hold their next meeting on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 PM in Helzlsouer Hall. New members are always welcome.

**MARCH 27, 2011**



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst"



**NITE AT THE RACES**

**APRIL 29, 2011**

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**ST. BART'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

This spring from March 9-April 17 our community will be one of more than 200 cities in North America and beyond joining together for the largest and longest co-ordinated pro-life mobilization in history, The 40 Days for Life Campaign.

40 Days for Life is focused on pro-life effort that consists of: 40 Days of prayer and fasting; 40 Days of peaceful vigil; 40 Days of community outreach.

Please join St. Bart's Ladies of Charity, our core group in the parish, and choose an additional day besides Friday to fast and pray during Lent for the end to abortions in our land. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule. You can pray here at Church or in your home for an end to abortion. This ecumenical movement joined together as the Body of Christ can do amazing things, for "All things are possible with God."

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Marriage is not so much a matter of finding the right partner as *being* the right partner.

Although some people have a natural talent for relationships, some skills can be learned.

See [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org) for resources.



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011**

**Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM Mary Franco (Family)

**TUESDAY MARCH 29, 2011**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011**

**Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM Beatrice L. Robinson (Judith Saunders)

6:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011**

**Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM Frank Viglio (Wife & Family)

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

@ St. Irenaeus

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011**

**VIGIL, 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

4:00 PM **CONFESSIONS**

5:00 PM Josephine Falbo (Colleen Turcol Family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Luigi & Jennie Corvo (Daughter)



*Our Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Marcella Maizie from her family.*