

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

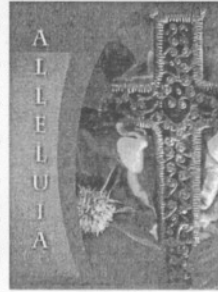
EASTER SUNDAY
April 24, 2011



Easter symbols are all about life. The lilies that bloom radiate living beauty. Easter eggs symbolize the life that breaks out of the tomb. The Easter candle burns brightly as a sign that light conquers darkness, a light that brings life to all. Water is needed by every living thing. Even secular symbols like rabbits and chicks point to abundant life—recall the phrase, "they multiply like rabbits," used to describe a proliferation of life.

The cross that graces so many Easter cards as well as the Easter candle itself, also reminds us that Easter is about death and transformation. The symbols of life have within themselves the power of death. The lily gives up its bloom and the plant dies back retreating into the bulb that nourished it. The egg pours out its life and the shell is left behind. The fire that is contained in the Easter candle can just as easily roar into a refining conflagration. Water, which all life needs, can also destroy. And the cross at its inception was an instrument of death and hardly a symbol of life.

This is the hard truth of the Easter message. Life comes at a price, and eternal life at the costliest price of all: the death of the only-begotten Son. Christ's death brings life, and is so radically transformative that even the very instrument of his death is seen today as a sign of life for all. The newly baptized are sealed with a cross of chrism on their forehead, a fragrant transformation of the ashes that graced us all at the beginning of Lent. The newly baptized died to sin in the bath of water and rose to life in Christ, and the rest of us renewed our baptismal commitment to follow Christ faithfully through life. This Easter day is a celebration and a commitment, a promise to leave the past behind and to walk in the newness of life.



On behalf of the Parish and School staff, Fr. Frank Kurimsky, our Priest Director, Fr. Tom Danksak our Sacramental Minister and myself, we wish each of you a very blessed Easter. May the Risen Savior be your companion and guide and may you always turn to God in the recesses of your heart for the peace and comfort that can only come from a loving God.



Next Sunday at 10:30 am mass we welcome our First Communion Class of 2011 to our Eucharistic table. I asked for your continued prayers for these children who will meet Jesus for the first time through this most awe inspiring Sacrament.

I pray that each of us will renew our "awe" in a gift we have the privilege of receiving whenever we gather for liturgy.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**WEEK OF 4-24-11—Will be reported next week.
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00**



Have a Blessed Week
—Sister Dorothy

SCHOOL NEWS



EASTER



On behalf of our principal, Mrs. Linda Pricer, the teachers, staff and students, we would like to wish our church family a blessed and happy Easter. We thank you for all of your prayers and support throughout the school year. May God Bless you.

SCHOOL IN SESSION

There will be school on Monday, April 25th. This is a snow make-up day.



SCIENCE AND ART FAIR

Our student's science and art projects will be on display on Wednesday, April 27th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. All our welcome.

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held on Wednesday, April 27th from 6 pm-7:30 pm. Faculty, Staff, Students and Parents will be on hand to answer any questions. St. Bart's School is better than ever.

MASS

Please join Mrs. Conn and the 4th grade for Mass on Thursday, April 28th at 10 am. Our students have worked very hard to make this mass special.

JESUS DAY

Please keep our second grade students in your prayers on Friday, April 29th as they celebrate Jesus Day. Students spend this day celebrating Jesus, as they prepare for their First Communion.

*St. Bart's Women's Group
Invites you to join them
Sunday, May 15th, 2011 for a
Communion Breakfast. Mass will
at 10:30 AM. The brunch will be
immediately following, at the
Comfort Inn on Rodi Road.*

*Guest speaker will be
Sister Geraldine Wodarczyk, Csfm
Tickets are \$17.00 and are available
after all weekend masses.*

*This event is open to all women and
men of the parish.*

*For more information please call
Katherine Abriola at
412-798-9819*



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead."

The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



APRIL 24, 2011

**SPRING EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR
SEPARATED/DIVORCED**

On May 12, 2011, at St. Bernard Parish, Mount Lebanon, there will be an Evening of Reflection for those who are separated or divorced. The topic is "Annulments in the Catholic Church: the Why and the How." Our presenter will be Fr. Brian Welding. The evening will be from 7-9 PM. There is no charge. A free will offering will be taken. This event will take place at Clairvaux Hall (lower church). Anyone interested in learning about the Annulment Process, in the Catholic Church, is welcome to attend. It is a good opportunity for adult faith formation.



**NITE AT THE RACES
APRIL 29**

SPONSORED BY
ST. BART'S ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER

ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

What a great way to spend the evening
with a group of friends.

**If you haven't purchased your
ticket, please call the school.**

Thank you from Central Catholic

A few weeks ago we had a special collection taken up by students from Central Catholic who are parishioners here at St. Bart's. This collection was part of Central's Lenten Mission Project. I am happy to report that because of your generosity, these young gentlemen were able to collect \$2,008.39 towards their \$25,000 goal. Thank you on behalf of Central Catholic.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Celebrate new life today! Recall a hardship in your marriage that is now history. Rejoice that you've weathered it together. Remember this, and Jesus' resurrection, in future tough times.



EASTER SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011
Monday in the Octave of Easter

10:00 AM John Stack (Lois Stack)

TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2011
Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011
Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011
Thursday in the Octave of Easter

10:00 AM Michael Sedlak

(Patti Diamond)

6:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011
Friday In The Octave of Easter

10:00 AM Beatrice L. Robinson

(Judith Saunders)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011
Vigil, Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anna Ingagliato

(Guy J. Ingagliato, Sr.)

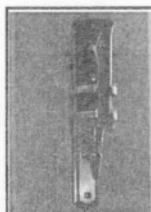
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011
Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Frances, Joseph Sr.,

Joseph Jr., Triolo (Triolo Family)

10:30 AM **First Holy**

Communion



*Our Sanctuary Candle
is lit this week
in memory of
Philomena Matts
from her husband Frank*