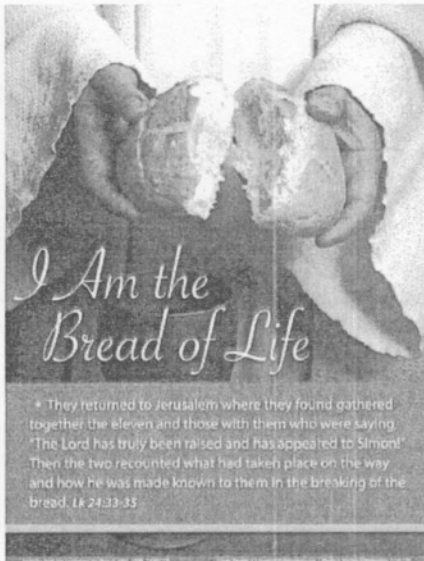


3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 8, 2011



Journey tales are a popular form of literature. Some involve a quest, like the various renditions of the tales of King Arthur or the modern classic by J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*. Others reflect a wandering experience, as chronicled in Jack Kerouac's novel, *On the Road*, or John Steinbeck's diary, *Travels with*

Charley. All of these stories have as a common thread the gradual unfolding of discovery as the journey progresses. New insights are gained and in many tales it is revealed that not everyone is as he or she first seems.

That is certainly the case in this Sunday's Gospel, which portrays the journey to Emmaus, a small village about seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. Jesus comes upon two disciples who are dismayed about the Crucifixion. He talks with them on the way and opens their minds to an understanding of the Scriptures. When they sit down together for the evening meal, they recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

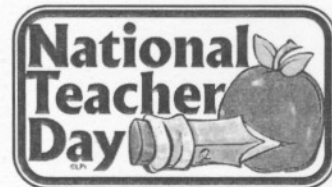
Whether the story is historically accurate or not is of little consequence. It is the meaning that is most important. The real presence of the risen Lord is revealed in the breaking of the bread. When Christians gather, whether around a table in Emmaus or an altar halfway around the world from that little town, the risen Lord is truly there. In the Eucharist we celebrate each Sunday Christ is really present. Preachers are fond of asking the question, "What would you do if you met Jesus today?" as though Jesus were only present two thousand years ago. But the fact is that in the Eucharist we really do encounter Christ. We meet him each time we celebrate Mass and receive Communion. So the preacher's question is far from idle speculation. As the Emmaus story points out clearly, we do meet Christ. But for all of us the question still remains: "What would you do?" Do you have an answer?



Loving God, you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. Amen.



This past week we celebrated our teachers. St. Bart's School is blessed to have many very dedicated teachers under the direction of our principal, Mrs. Linda Pricer. Let us pray for our teachers that they may continue to be a strong influence in the lives of our children.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 5-1-11—\$7,536.65

Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

Easter Collection — \$5,391.00

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

*Have a Blessed Week
—Sister Dorothy*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



SCHOOL NEWS

SBAA OPEN MEETING

The SBAA will hold their open meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend as they discuss next year's plans. St. Bart's school has 3 Diocesan Champion teams this year: JV and Varsity Football and Varsity Girls Basketball.

DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE

Students from our school will participate in the Diocesan Spelling Bee on Wednesday, May 11th. We wish them the best of luck.



MAY CROWNING

Please join Miss Begley and the 2nd grade class for mass on Thursday, May 12th at 10 AM. This mass will be special, as we celebrate May crowning.



KENNYWOOD TICKETS

Kennywood tickets will be on sale on Friday, May 13th at 9 AM. Tickets must be purchased with cash or a money order. No checks will be accepted. The cost of the tickets are \$23.00.



*St. Bart's Women's Group
Invites you to join them Sunday,
May 15th, 2011 for our
Communion Breakfast. Mass will
be 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
Office for Consecrated Life
Diocese of Pittsburgh
Tickets are \$17.00.*

*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



In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

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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.

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS



Husbands, your wife is not your mother, but your mother probably set a tone for how you regard women. If it was a healthy model, thank your mother. If it wasn't, don't live in the past. Change it.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

Easter Weekday

10:00 AM LaFrance & Damico Families (Kay & Emma)

TUESDAY MAY 10, 2011

Saint Damien Joseph

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011

Easter Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

Easter Weekday

10:00 AM Edward Franco (Family)

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

Easter Weekday

10:00 AM Maureen Thoman (Father, Leo Plunkett)

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

3:00 PM Wedding DePasquale & Rosol

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Edith & Anthony D'Andrea (Margaret D'Andrea)

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Martin, Rupp, Ley & Russell Families (Mary Anne Hall)

10:30 AM People of the Parish



Our Sanctuary Candle is lit this week

in memory of

Albert & Maria Rosso

From the Rosso Family