



“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

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Although Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a monotheistic faith, that is a belief in the oneness of God, there is much that is vastly different among the three religions. A common expression used by many Arab Muslims (which has already been subsumed into English) is inshallah a contraction of the Arabic words "in sha' Allah" meaning "if God wills it." The expression holds within itself the attitude that things will unfold because God permits them to happen. "We will see each other tomorrow, inshallah" that is, God willing. There is a kind of a sense of fate in this attitude. Human action is ultimately dependent on divine permission.

The Gospel today takes a different approach. Jesus instructs his disciples that whoever would follow after him must "take up his cross, and follow me." He continues, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" The disciple actively chooses the suffering that is part of human existence and seeks out the will of God in his or her life. By seeking first what is right (i.e., the will of God), the disciple finds true happiness, which eludes those who seek such happiness directly in trying to gain the whole world.

Christianity has always been an active religion. We believe that we cooperate with God's grace in performing God's will. Christians do not shrink from promoting the common good and moving forward as part of their faith. When we act in the social sphere we do so believing that God has placed us on this earth with a purpose, that each person must discern God's will in his or her own life. That gift of vocation, whatever it may be for each individual, is lived out in the community of faith for the building up of God's kingdom.

**ST. BART'S
 FESTIVAL DATES
 OCTOBER
 6, 7, 8 & 9**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
WEEK OF 8-21-11 — \$6,792.61
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

Diocesan Collection
 For Somalia & Eastern Africa
 \$2,245.62

Happy Belated Feast of St. Bartholomew!!! On the feast-day, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Pastoral Staff gathered for an evening meal, talk and time of reflection with Deacon Alex Wroblecky from the Office of Evangelization and Social Concerns in the Diocese. Deacon Wroblecky spoke with us about evangelization in the Church. Deacon Wroblecky brought much enthusiasm and love of God's Church to share with all of us.

This week our school year began. The total number of children is still fluctuating — daily. As soon as we have a solid number, I will let you know what it is. I thank Mrs. Pricer, our Principal, the staff and teachers for all they do to spread the Kingdom of God's love to all of the students that come through our doors. Their job is truly a challenge. Join with me in keeping them in prayer.

*Have a Blessed Week
 —Sister Dorothy*

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter.

But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



Welcome

At this time we would like to welcome all of our new and returning students. We hope you had a safe and restful summer.

There are many wonderful things planned for this school year.

Full Day of School

Monday, August 29, 2011 is our first full day of school. Please be aware of students walking and playing near the school.

Mass

Please join our 8th graders for mass on Thursday, August 2, 2011. If you haven't had the pleasure of experiencing our school mass, we invite you to join us every Thursday at 10 AM.

Registration Opens for Catholic Women's Conference

The inaugural diocesan "Catholic Women's Conference: A Caring Quilt" will take place on Saturday, October 22, at the Marriott City Center, Pittsburgh. Keynote speaker is Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide and renowned speaker on faith and forgiveness.

The day includes five workshops from which to choose and concludes with Mass with Bishop Zubik. Registration opens August 8, by mail only. The registration form will be available on the diocesan website: www.diopitt.org. Registration brochures for the conference are also available by calling 412-456-3129.

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth will host their 6th Annual Grateful Gathering on Saturday, October 1 from 5-10 PM at Mt. Nazareth Center on Bellevue Road in Bellevue. Enjoy an evening of music and dancing, wine/chocolate & hors d'oeuvres, as well as an opportunity to win from a raffle of several exciting theme baskets, cash raffle, grand raffle and a silent auction.

Tickets for the Gathering are \$40 and can be obtained by calling Sr. Catherine Fedewa at 412-931-4778, ext. 2180. Seating is limited. All proceeds benefit the Sisters and their family ministry.

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2011

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



Religious Education News

Preparations are beginning for the start of our fall CCD program here at St Bartholomew. Registration forms will be sent out this week to families with children who attended the program last year. Classes are set to begin on September 25th at 9 am. Registration forms will also be available at the rectory. Stay tuned for updates coming soon!

We are always in need of those adults who hear the call to share the faith. Please call the rectory for more information about this unique and rewarding opportunity.



RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Do you know anyone who is an adult and in need of sacraments? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is the place to begin. Our RCIA Program is run as a Cluster Program. Denise Verosky and Colleen Ford manage the program and arrange for speakers/teachers for each session. The classes are held at St. Joe's in Verona.

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Sister Dorothy at 412-242-3374.

Do you know a loved one or dear friend who has stopped practicing their Catholic faith? Are you concerned about how our society has changed over the years, especially with regard to the role and place of faith and religion in our culture? For these reasons, the "new evangelization" has been a continuing theme in the pontificates of Blessed John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Come and learn about the "new evangelization" with Father James Wehner, a priest of our diocese, who will explore the who, what, and how of the new evangelization as it applies to each and every Catholic in the Church today.

There will be a free lecture open to the public on Friday evening, September 2, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, September 3, there will be an all-day seminar. Registration is required only for the Saturday seminar.

For pricing and to register, please go online at www.gilmarycenter.org or call the Gilmary Center at 412-264-8400.

Catechetical credits will be available for both nights. Forms will be available at the event.

AUGUST 28, 2011



Summer is ending—the students are heading back to school, So that means—The St. Bartholomew Adult Choir will begin rehearsing special music for our masses.

Singing is a wonderful way to give glory to God and praise Him for all the many blessing He has given to all of us.

The first choir rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Please consider adding your voice to ours, as we begin another choir season on September 7th.



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."



PARENTING POINTERS

"Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can't do it. (Nan)" You have to love Nan's sincerity. Love doesn't mean always being happy with everyone, but wanting what's best for them.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do you have a system for deciding who does the dishes? (or the laundry, changes the oil, takes out the garbage, etc.) You can divide up chores, alternate, or do them together. Is your current system fair or is it time to renegotiate?

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011
The Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 George K. Beck (Bob & Judy Babilon)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011
Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011
Weekday

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
Weekday

10:00 AM Frances Shullo (Susan Kusk
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

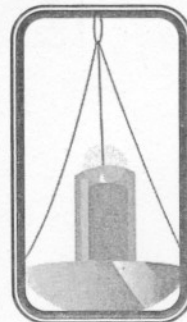
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011
Weekday

10:00 AM Thomas Lagan (Rose Marie Kietter)

3:00 PM Wedding: Bell & Flynn
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011
Vigil, Twenty-Third Sunday
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM People of the Parish
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011
Twenty -Third Sunday
Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Larry Craver (Mom & Dad)
10:30 AM Steven P. Tierney (Lois Tierney)



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory
of
Mary Ann & John Pastor
From the Prioletto/Pastor
Family.*