

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH — FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

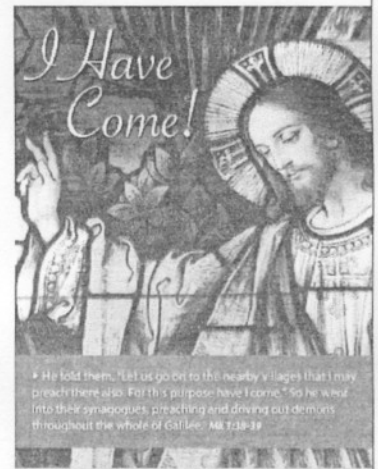
Today's Gospel continues a day in the life of Jesus, begun last week. In these early days of his ministry, Jesus brings healing into many lives, including Peter's mother-in-law, who then gets up to minister to others. Jesus' healing and preaching are balanced by time spent in prayer with the Father.

Job's words remind us how weariness, heaviness of heart, sadness, can sweep over us at times and lodge bone-deep. Sometimes these feelings are inexplicable; at other times the loss of a loved one, a sudden change in our lives, the discovery of a serious illness can be the cause.

Jesus obviously spent the whole day meeting the needs of the people, long into the evening. Then, perhaps he sat up with Simon and Andrew, James and John, talking with them about what had happened, listening to how this coming of the kingdom of God into their world was affecting them. Then he slept.

We are told that he woke early and went off to a deserted place to Pray. This must be how he got the strength to go into another day. As Simon says, "Everyone is looking for you" —whether to thank him or to Ask for one more favor we don't know. But Jesus says it is time to Move on, to preach and free others from demons.

Lord Jesus, you came to show us the face of your Father, who wishes us to be fully alive in the Spirit. Give us the health we need to do the work you have called us to do. Help us to see clearly what our Life needs to be open to you and your Father's will. AMEN.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 1-29-12— \$7,611.65
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00



WORLD DAY
for Consecrated Life



World Day for Consecrated Life was celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, and observed today. Sunday, February 5, 2012, in parishes. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

We pray in a special way for Brother Kenneth Curley, son of parishioner Mary Curley who is a Christian Brother. Brother Kenneth entered his religious community from St. Bartholomew Parish. We ask for God's special blessings that Brother Kenneth may continue to serve God with love.

We also offer up in prayer, Sister John Paul Bissonette (Betsy) who entered the Holy Family of Nazareth from St. Bartholomew Parish. Sister John Paul is currently a novice. As a novice Sister John Paul is involved in learning about the community, studying religious life and spends a good part of her day in prayer. We ask God's blessings as Sister John Paul continues to prayerfully discern her vocation.

Those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience seek to live their Baptismal promises more intensely. May the consecrated persons of this community of faith have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

Blessings, Sister Dorothy

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



SCHOOL NEWS OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house on Monday, February 6th, from 9:30 AM—11:30 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the school for the upcoming school year.

MASS

Please join Mrs. Smith and the seventh grade for Mass on February 9th at 10 AM. Our students have prepared a beautiful liturgy and they encourage you to attend mass with them.

SCHOOL DANCE

There will be a dance on Friday, February 10, from 7:00 PM—10:00 PM. This is for grades 5 through 8.

Our Religious Education Program Needs YOU

Our CCD calendar continues to April 15th for the year, though it is never too early to plan for the upcoming session to begin in September. We are aware that at least two of our current regular teachers will not be available to continue in the fall. Without dedicated catechists, of course, the CCD programs along with the Children's Liturgy are challenged to continue.

This is a unique opportunity should you feel the call to the ministry to share your faith along with investing in the future of our faith through the children.

With the exception of Feb 19th and April 8th we are in sessions each Sunday morning from 9 am to 10:15 am. Please feel free to stop by to visit the program, or call the rectory for more information.

Denise and Colleen

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

February

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45



ANNUAL WHITE MASS

- What:** Annual White Mass for all Healthcare Workers in Pittsburgh Diocese
- When:** Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 10:00am
- Where:** St Paul Cathedral, Oakland
- Main Celebrant:** Most Rev. William Waltersheid
- Concelebrants:** Very Rev. Lawrence DiNardo; Very Rev. Donald Breier
- Who's invited:** All Physicians and Healthcare workers throughout the Pittsburgh Diocese.
- Additional Comment:** Reception with light refreshments in Lower Cathedral Hall following Mass

CPR CLASSES



Life Teen is sponsoring a CPR class open to all the parish. February 19th, 12 noon in the cafeteria. Cost is \$30 a person. All participants will be certified in 1 and 2 man CPR, infant and child CPR, and AED use, as well as Heimlich procedure.

This is a wonderful chance for anyone that works with children (coaches) and anyone needing to be recertified as well as the new beginners.

Please register by calling the rectory at 412 242-3374. Registration deadline February 17th.

FEBRUARY 5, 2012



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"They brought to [Jesus] all who were ill." (Mk 1:32) How do you like to be treated when you are ill? Do you want to be left alone or fussed over? What about your spouse? Don't assume that what you like is what your beloved would like. Ask them.



PARENTING POINTERS

Parents naturally want their children to be successful in life and love. "When raising children focus on enduring values and character - the success that counts will fall into place." (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference) wealth and good looks are nice but can be false friends. Go for integrity and compassion.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

This year's men's retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center will be held March 16-18. It's a great opportunity to do something special for lent. You will be spiritually enriched and enjoy the experience.

For more information, or to register please call Sam Manganello at 412-824-2526 or Tom Kmonk at 412-714-8847.

Car pooling will be available.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Saint Paul Miki and Companion

10:00 AM Marcella Maizie
(Family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Weekday

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Weekday

10:00 AM John Stack (Lois Stack)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012

St. Scholastica

10:00 AM F. Van Horn Smith (Mark
Kudlawiec Family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

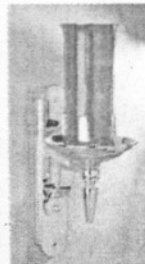
4:00 PM **Confessions**
5:00 PM Walter & Julia Szatkowski
(Family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph W. Regan (Family)
10:30 AM People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in



*Memory of
Joseph W. Regan
From his
Family.*