

**Fr. Dave's Den:** "Flesh and Blood." Many of us have no doubt used this phrase to speak about our family. When we think about family typically we think of those who are our flesh and blood. What a beautiful bond exists therein.

**Today the Church acknowledges** the flesh and blood of Jesus as we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast encourages us to reflect on the Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Jesus.

**The Gospel today underlines** the special bond we share with Jesus when we receive Eucharist. Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Every time when we eat the Body of Christ and drink the Blood of Christ we are not only nourished in faith, but also we become one with Jesus. And in this oneness we come to know life. "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

**In some communities** it is the custom on this day to have a procession with the Eucharist as a sign of common faith and adoration. Although this is not the custom here in our parish, we nevertheless acknowledge the Eucharist by the bow we make before receiving it. In addition, our "AMEN" at communion states definitively our belief in the body and blood of Christ. Perhaps the greatest expression of faith and reverence happens by the way we live our lives after communion and beholding the presence of Christ in one another.

**This week as we renew** our devotion to the Eucharist at Mass and Holy Hour, let us also work diligently to behold Christ in one another.

**Tomorrow, May 30, 2005**, is Memorial Day. This is a day for us to remember the sacrifice of the many men and women who fought for the freedom of our country. In a particular way, we remember all of those men and women who lost their lives in Iraq. May God grant them peace. Remember that at the recommendation of our cluster group there will be only two Masses in our area on this day. Both St. Joseph, Verona and St. Susanna will have Mass at 9:00 AM. I will be presiding at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery service, which will be taking place at 9:30 AM. All are welcome. And do not forget the annual Memorial Day

Parade that takes place on Monday morning beginning at St. Bart's. Because of the holiday, please note that there will be no Bingo. Bingo will resume Monday, June 6, at 7:00 PM.

**66** – That's the number of days until our St. Bart's Annual Festival. Be sure to return your sold sweepstakes tickets so as to be eligible for the early bird drawing.

**Thanks to parishioner Julie Pegher** for sharing her experiences in Iraq with the new woman's group. Nearly ninety ladies attended the Brunch last week at the Comfort Inn. If you wish to become part of this wonderful new group, please call Sister Dorothy.

**Congratulations to Bill and Betty Brown** who celebrate 50 years of marriage. They will renew their vows after the 5:00 PM Mass this weekend.

**This Thursday, June 2**, at 6:00 PM our eighth graders will gather one last time as a class in Church for Mass and Graduation. We wish all of the graduates nothing but the best. For a complete list of the graduates, please see another part of the bulletin. And many thanks to our principal and teachers for bringing these children to this historic moment in their lives - - above all thanks to the parents and guardians for supporting Catholic education and St. Bartholomew's School.

**Gentlemen**, do not forget that the Men's Club will be gathering next Sunday, June 5, at 6:30 PM in Helzlsouer Hall. All are welcome.

**Finally**, thanks to your generosity, in just one month we have nearly \$60,000.00 pledged toward the Stocking Fund. Our goal is \$70,000.00. May God reward you for your kindness and generosity.

### **Corrections from Last Week**

Under the heading of "Well Done, Honor Students," Elise Hawthorne's name was incorrectly spelled. Also, the date for the Women's Group Wheeling Downs trip was listed as *Thursday*, June 21. It is in fact *Tuesday*, June 21. Apologies for any inconvenience these errors might have presented.



School News with Mrs. Fleet

**There are no classes scheduled** for Monday, May 30, and Tuesday, May 31. Monday we will celebrate Memorial Day and Tuesday our teachers will have a Clerical Day. Extended Care will not be available on either day.

**Please keep our eighth graders** and their teachers and chaperones in prayer as they journey to Geauga Lake for their end of the year trip on Wednesday, June 1.

**There will be a coaches' meeting** for any interested adult wanting to coach cheerleading and/or any sport during the 2005-2006 school year on Wednesday, June 1, immediately following the 7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church.

**Please join us for our eighth grade graduation** Mass which will be held on Thursday evening, June 2, at 6:00 PM in St. Bartholomew Church. Congratulations during our 50th anniversary year!

**All are welcome** to participate in the 10:00 AM Mass on Friday, June 3. Mrs. Duell and our sixth graders will help to prepare this liturgy.

**Football sign-ups** for next year's teams are scheduled for Saturday, June 4.

**Please continue** to save all Campbell product labels, Box Tops for Education, and Shop n' Save receipts. Thank you for all that you do for our school family.

**MEN'S CLUB**

The St. Bart's Men's Club will meet Sunday, June 5, 2005, at 6:30 PM for an All-American Cookout. The requested donation is \$5.00 per person to help defray costs. This is a Bring-a-Friend night, so come out and enjoy. Please call the rectory to sign up as soon as possible. See you there!

**B-I-N-G-O**

There is no Bingo on Monday, May 30, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend and we will see you back at Bingo next Monday, June 6, in Helzlsouer Hall at 7:00 PM.

Religious Education News with Arlene Golden

*Jesus said, "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever." John 6:51* Jesus invites us to be a part of him as we partake in the Eucharist. The challenge then is to be the bread of life to others.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** CLW will continue through June.

**First Communion Videos:** The Communion DVD's and videos should be available the first week of June. The religious education office will notify families when the videos are available.

**Vacation Bible Camp:** Listed are the neighboring parishes offering Vacation Bible Camp this summer:

St. John, June 13-17, contact Greg Callahan  
412-795-6376

St. Irenaeus, June 20-24, contact Joe Killian  
412-828-9450

St. Maurice, June 20-24, contact Joann Guiffre  
412-271-6606

Word of God, July 11-15, contact Joe Markowski  
412-351-0670

Our Lady of Joy, July 18-22, contact office at  
412-795-4389

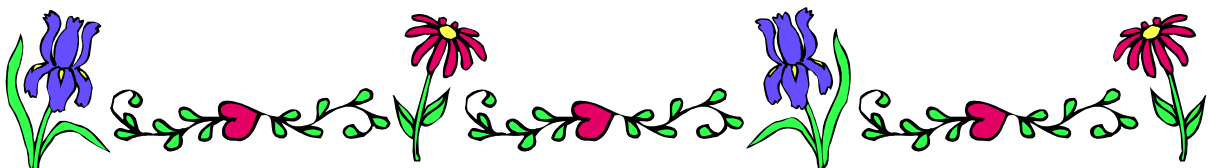
St. Susanna, July 25-29, contact Leann Hrubetz  
412-798-3591

**A Respect Life Moment**

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**DOES OPPOSITION TO CLONING AND EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH COME ONLY FROM ONE THEOLOGICAL OR POLITICAL VIEW?**

No. Serious moral concerns about these practices have been raised by an array of both religious and secular groups, including some who disagree with the Catholic Church about abortion—Friends of the Earth, the United Methodist Church, etc. The human cloning ban supported by the Church has been approved by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming bipartisan majority. Many other countries (including Canada, France, Australia, Germany and Norway) have passed similar bans. Opposition to the idea of treating early human life as a mere object or commodity in the laboratory transcends religious and political divisions.



## Amen

Take a look around the walls of your church. Even if it's only a year or two old, the word "Amen" has resounded off those walls countless times at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer and as the faithful have come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Today's feast is about those "Amens" offered in faith, offered in times of trouble or doubt, spoken in joy, spoken mindlessly, but all given to God in a multitude of ways. It is our very lives that lie behind our "Amens" and are touched by the presence of Christ, the presence we celebrate today. More importantly, we celebrate the love of Christ for us shown in the sacrifice on Calvary and that he continues to give to us in every celebration of the Eucharist. What can we do but rejoice in that great love, and then go out into the world and live that love in sacrificing for others?

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ordinary Time beckons, and so on this Sunday we surrender the last glimmers of paschal joy as we celebrate the renewal of our life around the table of the Eucharist. This feast reminds us that the goal of the catechumen's journey through Lent is not the baptismal font at Easter, but rather the experience of Pentecost. It is all about life lived in the Spirit's embrace in relationship to the Body of Christ, which is found both "on the table" and "at the table."

The season of confirmation is also drawing to a close, and this feast serves as a reminder that this sacrament, a solemn sending from font to table, is keyed to renewed vigor. Confirmation has sometimes been sadly misunderstood as a kind of graduation from religious formation, but it is nothing of the sort. It is about being led by the Lord Jesus to the place where the Spirit flourishes, and where the gifts of the Spirit are most easily detectable. In the next several weeks we will consider the sacrament of confirmation, its rich and somewhat tangled history, its challenging theology, and its changing celebration.—James Field,

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### Mass Intentions



#### **MON., May 30 - Weekday**

9:30 A.M. Memorial Service at Mt. Carmel

10:00 A.M. No Mass

#### **TUES., May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin**

10:00 A.M. Shawn Patrick Noone (Noone Family)

#### **WED., June 1 - St. Justin**

7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

#### **THURS., June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter**

10:00 A.M. Antonio Ariondo (Daughter Michalina Pastor & Family)

6:00 P.M. St. Bart's School Class of 2005 Graduation Mass

#### **FRI., June 3 - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

10:00 A.M. Joseph Weitz (Wife & Family)

#### **SAT., June 4 - Immaculate Heart of Mary**

10:00 A.M. Joseph Triolo

5:00 P.M. Amato Deceased Family Members (Richard & Eleanor Amato)

#### **SUN., June 5 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. Harry & Louise Lagan (Family)

Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the Parish.

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed:

**Sam Conte and John Giaramita**

### Women's Group

Get ready for a day trip to Wheeling Downs! On Tuesday, June 21, 2005, we will be leaving from the Church at 9:00 AM and will return at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$18.00 per person, \$7.00 of which you will get back at the casino. It will be a fun day, so call the rectory to sign up today! The new St. Bart's Women's Group met for Mass on May 22, 2005, and continued on for a delicious brunch at the Comfort Inn that was attended by 85 women and Fr. Dave! Julie Pegher, a parishioner, was our guest speaker. Julie just returned from Iraq and shared with us her experience. Thank you, Julie, for all you did for our country and for joining us at our brunch. May God continue to bless you and your family.