

*Fr. Dave's Den:* **This Tuesday, July 20, 2004** at 7:00 PM there will be a memorial Mass for Sister Rosemary McLain. As you know Sr. Rosemary was suddenly called home by God on June 30. Sister spent a great amount of time visiting with and helping the poor in our community. Both Sister's zeal and ministry flowed from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. She found great strength in God's Word and the Eucharist daily. In our parish Sister served as a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister and during the many funerals Sister was always present to support and encourage the grieving. Now Sister Rosemary sits at the Eternal banquet in heaven, free from the rigors of this world.

**As we mourn** Sister's loss there is perhaps no better way for us to remember her life, honor her legacy, and support one another than to come together at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I hope to see you on Tuesday evening.

**Traditionally** anniversaries are a time to remember the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future. As a parish family we look forward with great longing to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish school which will take place on November 20, 2004 at 5:00 PM with Bishop Donald W. Wuerl. Please circle this date on your calendar and if you know of any alumni please spread the word. It is our hope to assemble a large gathering of St. Bartholomew alumni. Speaking of anniversaries, this Friday, July 23, will mark my 16<sup>th</sup> year as a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. As I mark this milestone, I thank God for the privilege and joy to be His Priest. As the scriptures says, "It was not you that chose Me, but I who chose you."

**Over the years** the Lord has continued to make the choices for me. In retrospect I never would have chosen any of my assignments, but the Lord did. I thank God for all of my assignments and I would embrace them all again. From New Castle to Greenfield, from Bethel Park to Crafton, from Penn Hills to only God knows where! I am so grateful! In a particular way I am grateful for the people of God of whom it is a joy to serve. So often it is you the people of God who show me the face of Christ. Above all, I thank God for my dear parents, George and Bernie Bonnar, who taught me the faith, and my brothers and sisters and their families, who continue to be such a strong and steady support.

**I celebrate the present** and this appointment as Pastor of St. Bartholomew's. Every day is a blessing here as we all continue to grow in the faith. There is a special excitement in my heart to not only being a Pastor, but also to being your Pastor.

**And I look forward to the future**, whatever, wherever, and whenever it may be with eager longing, trusting God's

Divine Providence. As you know, the best is yet to be for all of us!

**You know** that as I look back at our time together, one of the most special moments happens every Wednesday at Holy Hour. It is such an inspiration to be not only in the Presence of the Lord but to be with others at that time. As I begin my third year here with you, my goal this year is to put a greater focus on this Holy Hour. I know how valuable Holy Hour can be for me and I know it can be just as precious for all of you. I hope that you will all come and see.

**Special thanks** to Ginny Beck for establishing our parish website. Now you can obtain vital parish information with a click of the mouse. We are located at [www.stbartparish.com](http://www.stbartparish.com). In addition to general information, the website will soon include the weekly bulletin, the parish calendar, photo album, etc. Liturgical schedules will also be posted on this site. If you have any ideas about the parish website, please feel free to contact us.

**Don't forget** the Blessings from Heaven party that will take place Saturday, July 24. After the 5:00 PM Mass we will bless the heart defibrillator, the parish sign, and Helzlsouer Hall. It is also our hope to release our CD at that time.

**The countdown** for the Festival continues. It is 17 days from August 4!

**Have a wonderful week!**

### Masses Sent to St. Januarius Parish

The following mass intentions have been sent to St. Januarius to be said during the month of July:

Mr. Al Howard (Tom Klocko)  
 Gertrude Brink (Mr. & Mrs. Stan Janaszek)  
 Victoria Shaner (Leo & Jean West)  
 James Gregg (The Fords)  
 Amodeo Ranallo (Joann Fitzgerald)  
 Margaret McMahon (Golden Agers)  
 Anthony Farina (Leo & Jean West)  
 Clarence Schaffer (Gary Rick)  
 Rose Daugherty (Melanie, Ben and Mike)  
 Alex Roszatycki (Ronnie Ditillo)  
 Bettie Slagel (Pat Nigro)  
 Robert Stitzel (Friends)  
 Ann Manning (Harry & Yolanda Kolar)  
 Giovanna Serrao (Diana Bachy)  
 Thelma Moran (Virginia J. Fey)  
 Elizabeth Camarda (Prayer Partners in Christ)  
 Joe Snyder (J. Carter Tackett)  
 Mario Santamaria (Alayne & Jerry Harris)  
 Michael Moore (Grandchildren Hunter, Madison, Mason)  
 Teresa Pizzonia Hawkins (Family & Friends)

School News with Mrs. Fleet

Remember that though the school year has ended you can still register your children for preschool through eighth grade at St. Bart's school. Also, please continue to save Campbell's product labels, Shop N Save receipts, Box Tops for Education, and school friendly copy paper.

**ATLANTIC CITY!**

There is still room left on our sign-up sheet for the Atlantic City trip, but DON'T DELAY! Call the rectory to reserve your room at Caesar's from October 26 to October 28, 2004. The

cost is \$162.00 per person, based on double occupancy with a deposit of \$62.00. Call today, before the bus is full!

**Comcast ON DEMAND**

Comcast Digital Cable customers can now access Diocesan programming through Comcast ON DEMAND. *The Teaching of Christ*, Bishop Wuerl's weekly program, and Daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral are the available programs. To access Diocesan programming, go to the ON DEMAND feature, select "Our Town", then "Diocese of Pgh." This will bring you to the selections: Bishop Wuerl and Daily Mass.

Religious Education News with Arlene Golden

The religious education office is closed for the summer. Classes for religious education will begin the third Sunday of September.

**A Respect Life Meditation**

("Voting Can be Faith and Prayer in Action" by columnist Frank Morriss, April 1, 2004) "A nation with a majority of citizens who claim the right to determine who should join them in the privilege of birth is actually a nation of voters determined to use their votes to the end purpose of government itself - the purpose of promoting and defending our society into future generations. A vote for abortion is actually an act of national suicide."

**We pray** that future generations will be eternally grateful to voters who made the best choice for them... Life!

**Life Teen - Leading Teens Closer to Christ**

Again, many thanks to the many friends that helped to make this year's Relay for Life a truly **HUGE** success! Why? St. Bart's Life Teen was this year's highest money donating team. We were the Relay's first Platinum Level donor! The total raised was \$12,807.50. We could not have met this level without the generous gift of \$10,200.00 from the McCaffrey family, nor without the help of the Beck's. Many thanks and many blessings!

**Music Notes****Why This Music Now?***The Entrance Hymn*

Chapter 2, paragraph 47 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes the use and purpose of the entrance hymn:

"After the people have gathered, the opening liturgical song begins as the priest with the deacon and ministers come in. The purpose of this liturgical song is to open the celebration, intensify the unity of those who have assembled, lead their thoughts to the mysteries of the season or feast, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers."

Contrary to popular belief, the entrance hymn is not a song to help the priest "walk down the center aisle." The entrance hymn is used to bring everyone together and direct their thoughts into the liturgy that is taking place. Think about it: if you arrive a few minutes early, what do you do? Most people take the time to either pray, read the Pittsburgh Catholic, or peruse the bulletin. Even if everyone were praying, *your prayers* will be very different from the next person's prayers. The purpose of the entrance hymn is to bring everyone who has gathered in worship into one singular frame of mind. This is best accomplished by song.

So the next time you are early for Mass, after your prayers have been said, look up at the entrance hymn number and turn to the correct page. This will help you and others get ready to lead your thoughts into the celebration of the day.

## Treasures from our Tradition

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

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## Listen

The first reading tells of the "annunciation" of the birth of Isaac. It is profoundly mysterious, beginning with the appearance of the "three men." This reading illustrates God's active role in our history.

The second reading treats a universal experience: suffering. Paul sees suffering as the mark of discipleship. He finds joy in the suffering he endures because it is for the sake of the Church. Through his preaching he hopes all people will come to accept Christ.

The Gospel paints a lovely picture of Jesus at rest among his friends. Luke has placed the incident right after the parable of the Good Samaritan. But lest "activism" be seen as the only path, we now hear Jesus' call to sit quietly and listen to the word of God. We have to be like both of the sisters. Even in our harried and noisy world, there is an insistent call to sit back



## **Mass Intentions**



### **MON., July 19 - Weekday**

10:00 A.M. George & Mary Bernadette Bonnar  
(Rita Wilson Kane)

### **TUES., July 20 - Weekday**

10:00 A.M. B. Williams - Mass for the living  
(Friends & Loved Ones)

7:00 P.M. Memorial Mass for Sr. Rosemary  
McLain, RSM (Parishioners of St. Bart's)

### **WED., July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

### **THURS., July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene**

10:00 A.M. Debbie House (Dad & Rose)

### **FRI., July 23 - St. Bridget of Sweden**

10:00 A.M. Maddalena DiTano (Nino & Ida Sciulli)

4:00 P.M. Wedding: Rigby-Tutak

### **SAT., July 24 - Weekday**

10:00 A.M. John Konchak (Stella Konchak - wife)

5:00 P.M. Alex Tomaszewski (Wife Edythe &  
Children)

### **SUN., July 25 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary**

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. Madge, Dick, and Rick Berdis (Marcia  
Berdis)

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

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed:

**Harold Carson, Gary DeLucia, and Elizabeth Posch**

Weekly Offering: Total: \$8340.00 Env. Dist.: 1753 Env. Used: 629  
Scrip Program Approximate Profit: \$218.41

## BINGO

St. Bart's Bingo is held every Monday night in Helzlsouer Hall, starting at 7:00 PM. *Monday, July 19, 2004 is the St. Bartholomew Festival Sweepstakes Seller's Raffle.*

## Young Adult Sunday

Jesus Christ conducted his entire ministry and saved the world as a young adult. On Sunday, August 8, 2004, parishes across the Diocese of Pittsburgh will celebrate Young Adult Sunday and honor Him and other young adults - singles and couples in their late teens, 20s, and 30s. Watch for more information!