

In Deus's Den: "**Have in you** the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." This command comes from the pen of St. Paul in today's second reading from Philippians. As Christians we are to daily embrace the attitude of Jesus Christ who emptied himself and demonstrated humility and obedience all the way to his death on the cross.

Such an attitude of self-emptying is increasingly difficult to embrace in as much as the world in which we live promotes a self-filling disposition. The former attitude views others as more important than ourselves, while the latter understands one's self as the most significant entity. What is more, the self-emptying attitude of Jesus leads to suffering and death, while the self-filling attitude of the world yields a temporary pleasure. There is an old saying, "Attitude determines altitude." When we embrace the attitude of Jesus, the altitude of heaven becomes even closer. This week, let us together pray, "Lord Jesus, help us to embrace your attitude."

One of the dimensions of Jesus' attitude is his sense of invitation which is depicted in our new sculpture above the tabernacle. *The Inviting Jesus*, as conceived by sculptor Duncan MacDairmod, is an open invitation for us to bring all of our cares and concerns to Jesus. For Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

This weekend we welcome to our parish the Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley, Auxiliary Bishop and General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. During the 10:30 AM Mass, Bishop Bradley will bless the new image of Jesus above the tabernacle. We are so grateful to Bishop Bradley for celebrating with us this historic moment.

Bishop Paul J. Bradley was appointed titular bishop of Afufenia and auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on December 16, 2004 and was ordained on February 2, 2005.

The son of John and Cecilia Bradley, Bishop Bradley was born on October 18, 1945, in Glassport, Pa. He attended St. Cecilia Grade School and attended high school, college, and graduate theology studies at St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana. He also earned a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh.

Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on May

1, 1971, by Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, Bishop Bradley served for the next 12 years as parochial vicar in the parishes of St. Sebastian in the North Hills, St. Paul in Butler, and St. Kieran (now part of St. Matthew Parish) in Lawrenceville.

Bishop Bradley served as Director of the Family Life Office and Secretary for Social Concerns. At the same time, Bishop Bradley was a member of a ministry team serving Madonna del Castello Church. Subsequently, he served as Pastor of St. Sebastian and then Rector of St. Paul Cathedral.

As General Secretary, Bishop Bradley is responsible for the overall direction of the operations, programs, and activities of the central administration of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as well as for supervision of the many ecclesial institutions, organizations, and programs directed by or associated with the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Welcome Bishop Bradley!

And we also welcome Mr. Duncan MacDairmod, the sculptor and we thank him for sharing his talents with us. For more information on Duncan, as well as an explanation on the sculpture, please see the enclosure in today's bulletin.

Also enclosed within the bulletin this week is news from our cluster group (St. Bartholomew, St. Gerard, St. Joseph, St. Irenaeus, and St. Susanna). As you will see, we are growing everyday in our relationship with one another. On Tuesday, October 4, we will begin a cluster sponsored RCIA program at St. Gerard Majella beginning at 7:00 PM. If you know of anyone who wishes to convert to Catholicism, or who wants to receive eucharist and confirmation and be fully initiated into the faith, please call the rectory.

Next Sunday, October 2, we will have the Anointing of the Sick Mass at 12:30 PM. The Sacrament of the Anointing is for those who are impaired by sickness and old age, or in need of surgery. At 3:00 PM on that same day there will be the Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessing will take place in the bigger upper lot near the new steps. All pets are welcome, they must be accompanied by a human being, however.

Have a blessed week, and a very happy 90th birthday to my aunt, Rita Wilson Kane, who receives this bulletin every week!

School News with Mrs. Fleet

Please join us at McDonald's on Tuesday evening, September 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for St. Bartholomew School's "McPrincipal" Night. Come see our faculty and staff wait on you. All proceeds benefit our school! Thank you for your support.

Progress reports will be distributed to students on Tuesday, September 27.

The Officer Phil Safety Program for pupils in grades Kindergarten through three will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 9:00 AM.

Please join us for Mass on Friday, September 30 at 10:00 AM. Ms. Manzo and our fifth graders will help to plan our celebration.

Friday, September 30, is School Choice and Educational Improvement Tax Credit Day. This year, the Education Secretariat is asking all schools to have students and parents send thank you cards and letters to state representatives and senators. Because the tax credit funding in the budget was expended in 30 days this year, we need to seek support from the General Assembly for more funding. Please contact St. Bartholomew School at 412-242-2511 for further information.

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. **Registrations are still open** for all students in grades three-year-old preschool through eight. We do offer half- and full-day kindergarten sessions. For more information please call the school office at 412-242-2511.

School Catechists

Last week a list of CCD catechists was published.

Here follows a list of school catechists:

Diane Begley	Susan Deet	Diane Fleet
Kevin Heid	Sharon Lewis	Mary Loera
Marie Manzo	Wilma McCafferty	Lynn McGreal
Susan Newcamp	Don Philips	Linda Pricer
Jill Smith	Lindsey Valenti	

Women's Group Correction

The St. Bartholomew's Women's Group Christmas gathering will be on December 6, 2005 and NOT December 13. This date needed to be changed since our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held December 13. Thank you for your understanding.

Religious Education News

A reminder that CCD Classes will begin next Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 AM. If you have not yet returned your registration, please do so this week!

We celebrate the month of the Rosary in October. Our children grades 3 and up will be focusing on the prayers of the Rosary and its mysteries all during this month.

Supplies are always needed for the classrooms. Things like glue sticks, crayons, pencils, craft paper and the like are greatly appreciated. You can bring the supplies to the office on Sunday mornings or leave at the rectory marked for the attention of CCD. If you would like to help us spread the word of God in music, we would also gratefully accept the donation of portable CD players and CD's. Thanks so much in advance.

RCIA classes will begin on Tuesday October 4th at 7pm at St. Gerard's Parish.

This is the first year we will be sharing resources in the cluster of parishes. Those interested in the formation of the faith should contact the rectory or the CCD office.

BINGO

See you at Bingo, Monday nights at 7:00 PM in Helzlsouer Hall!

A Respect Life Meditation

(Dr. Rob Walley, Consultant to the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers) "The privilege that obstetricians have is of being there to help the co-creators. Motherhood is of such fundamental importance that we should cherish, nourish, and celebrate it. The most important event in the history of humanity, the incarnation, occurred because a mother said 'yes.'"

We pray that all expectant mothers, like Mary, will accept the will of God and put their trust in Him.

ATTENTION CANTORS

There is a meeting for all Cantors Wednesday, September 28, 2005, after Holy Hour. Please plan on attending. Thank you!

Necessary Repetition

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain that God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof is in the pudding." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work, but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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Treasures from our Tradition

The sacrament of penance has a long and difficult history. The Church sometimes struggles with how best to be faithful to the image of an all-forgiving God. Once a very public rite with publicly visible participation on the part of the penitent, it became in time a very private matter. By the fourteenth century, when a prayer of absolution and a laying on of hands was still required in sacramental confession, theologians were saying that even that was too much liturgy. All that was required was confession itself, and the sacramental words "*Ego te absolvo*," or "I absolve you." In 1614 the Council of Florence tried to flesh out this bare skeleton, requiring that if possible the priest should wear a stole, that the confession should be in church, and that there be questions about the person's state in life, occupation, and last confession. This is the first time the Church recommended that the penitent and priest be separated by a grill, thereby eliminating the ritual laying on of hands once so central to the sacrament, substituting the priest's raised right hand in blessing. This is the rite that remained in force until the sacrament became the subject of very stormy debates at the Second Vatican Council, leading to a major reform in 1974 that is still only partially received.

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Mass Intentions



MON., September 26 - St. Cosmas & Damian
10:00 A.M. Francesco & Nicoletta DiNardo (Nino & Ida Sciulli)

TUES., September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
10:00 A.M. Calogera Messina (Josephine Collins)

WED., September 28 - St. Wenceslaus
7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

THURS., September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
10:00 A.M. Deceased Ciccotelli Family (Family)

FRI., September 30 - St. Jerome
10:00 A.M. Warren Kietter (Rose Marie Kietter)

SAT., October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus
10:00 A.M. Antonio Fratangelo (Wife, Mary)
5:00 P.M. Tom Zacchia (MacDonald Family)

SUN., October 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. George W. Nichols (Family)
10:30 A.M. Michael Ritko (Denise Verosky)
12:30 P.M. Anointing Mass (People of the Parish)

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

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed.

Golden Agers

Please note that there will not be a meeting of the St. Bartholomew's Golden Agers in October. See you again in November!

Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing will be held at a special 12:30 PM Mass on Sunday, October 2, 2005. If you or anyone you know is in need of this sacrament, please join us. There will be light refreshments in the vestibule after Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Dorothy at 412-242-7357.

Angel's Closet

Once again the Christ Child Society is offering winter coats for children 15 years of age and younger. If you or anyone you know is in need of a winter coat, please contact Sister Dorothy at 412-242-7357.