

*Fr. Dave's Den:* Every year, each Pastor in the Diocese is obligated to publish in the Parish bulletin an Annual Financial Report of the Parish and the School. This report, approved and signed by the Pastor, the bookkeepers (Anna Bell Shaner, Marianna Janaszek), and the members of the Parish Finance Council (Tony Angiulli-Chairman, Brian Butterfield, Stan Janaszek, Lisa Macioce, Megan Shanley and Dr. Tom Zullo), is then forwarded to the Office of the General Secretary to the Diocese. Enclosed within this week's bulletin please find the Annual Financial Report for the Parish and School for 2003-2004. The Finance Council recently approved these statements. I am grateful to our Parish Staff, Finance Council and entire Parish family for their stewardship and generosity.

Please note that we received a special exemption from the Diocese on the Parish Share assessment for the St. Bart's Stocking Project because all the money used was for capital improvements. In effect, that means the \$59,182.50 was pure profit. Essentially that resulted in an extra \$10,000.00 that did not need to be put towards Parish Share.

The Parish Finance Council approved the recommendations to paint both the interior and exterior of the Church. In addition, the Finance Council also approved the purchase of new carpeting for the Church. It is my hope to have all of this work completed before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the School which will take place at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 20, 2004 with Bishop Donald W. Wuerl presiding.

While these expenditures are unplanned, they are none the less necessary as we strive to give the proper respect, honor and dignity to God's house. The carpet is literally disintegrating and coming apart at the seams. And with new carpet, it only makes sense to paint.

The Finance Council also unanimously approved the full time status of Sr. Dorothy Pawlus, CSFN Social Service Director effective November 29, 2004. This week, all of us Priests will be at Oglebay, West Virginia for the triennial multi-day convocation. As a result, there will be no Mass, Monday through

Thursday, unless there is a funeral. There will be Holy Hour on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Deacon Mike Kelly presiding.

In terms of the other coverage, in the event of a funeral, there are two retired priests on call for the Deanery. Please keep all of us priests in your prayers this week as we gather together and plan for the future, which as Bishop Wuerl has mentioned – means fewer Priests; but not necessarily less Ministry.

For your convenience during the convocation, daily Masses are going to be held at St. Irenaeus, Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM, at St. Colman, Monday through Thursday at 8:30 AM, and also at St. Maurice, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Monday, and 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM Tuesday through Thursday.

Please note that the Erhardt Street sidewalk in front of the Rectory and alongside the Church will be torn up and replaced during this week. If the entrance of the Rectory is closed, please use the back door which also has a video intercom system. The side stairwell from the Chapel of the Church and downstairs room will be painted the same week. This Friday, October 1, we will have the second annual Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis, who's feast day is celebrated October 4. The blessings will be celebrated in the lower parking lot behind the school at 2:30 PM.

Have a wonderful week!

### St. Bart's Golden Agers

The St. Bartholomew's Golden Agers will meet this Friday, October 1, in Helzlsouer Hall at 1:30 PM. Please plan to attend.

### BIRTHRIGHT RED ROSE DAY

The annual Red Rose day will be held next weekend, October 2 and 3. Volunteers will be at the Church entrances to accept donations for Birthright before and after each Mass. Birthright provides pregnancy counseling services to women.

### St. Bart's Men's Club

The Men's Club would like to thank all who attended the meeting on September 12. It was an enjoyable evening of good fellowship and delicious food. Special thanks to Chef Beck and his wife, Ginny, who helped in the preparation. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 14, so mark your calendar!

School News with Mrs. Fleet

**Progress reports** will be distributed to students on Tuesday, September 28.

**Our monthly envelope** is scheduled to be distributed on Wednesday, September 29.

**September 30 is a dress-up day** for all faculty, staff, and students.

**On Friday, October 1**, our eighth grade girls are scheduled to visit Oakland Catholic. Please keep them and their chaperones in prayer as they embark on this field trip.

**We are in desperate need** of volunteer nursing assistants. As you may know, the Penn Hills public school system eliminated the nurse's aide position from St. Bartholomew School. She took care of routine boo boo's, dispensing medication, and other medical needs. If you are a nurse and/or know of a nurse, working or retired, who is able to donate some time during the school day to us, it would be most appreciated. The hours we would most like to fill are those between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, as this includes our lunch and recess time. Please call the school at 412-242-2511 if you are willing to assist us in our hour of need.

**We are still saving** Campbell's labels, Box Tops for Education,

**Shop N Save receipts**, and elementary school friendly copy paper.

**Congratulations** to our varsity football team as they beat St. Sebastian 22-0 on Sunday, September 19. Our next home game is on September 26 at Friendship Park. The junior varsity game begins at 1:00 PM and the varsity game begins at 2:45 PM.

**If you are looking** for a night of excitement why not come out to the SBAA Night at the Races on Saturday, October 9. Doors open at 6:00 PM at Helzlsouer Hall.

**Thank you** to each and every one of you for all that you do for our school family. You are a true blessing to all of us.

BINGO

St. Bart's Bingo is every Monday night in Helzlsouer Hall at 7:00 PM.

A Respect Life Meditation

(Humanae Vitae, Pastoral Directives to Priests #28 - Pope Paul VI, 1968) "Your first task is to expound the Church's teaching on marriage without ambiguity. Be the first to give the example of loyal internal and external obedience to the teaching authority of the Church."

**We pray** that all priests, in preparing engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage will have generous hearts and instill in these couples a genuine spirit of covenant love, humility, and purity.

Religious Education News with Arlene Golden

**Religious Education:** Classes began last Sunday. Classes for children in grades kindergarten through eight meet in the school from 9:00 AM until 10:15 AM. This will be the last chance to register your student.

**Sacraments:** Any student who will be receiving a sacrament this year must have attended religious education classes at least one year prior to receiving the Sacrament.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Did you know there is a special liturgy for children aged 5 and above? Children who come to the Saturday night 5:00 PM Mass with their families are called forward to go and hear God's word in child's language. The children return to their families in Church at the Offertory. Adults are welcome to help "shepherd" the children to and from Church.

**Please contact Arlene Golden** at the Religious Education office at 412-242-7207 with any questions or concerns.

Life Teen - Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Happily ever after??? What does that mean in today's world? What does the church say about same sex marriage? Come to our Life Night on September 25 and find out. Join us for Mass at 5:00 PM and then stay for the Life Night.

Golf Outing

A reminder about the 2nd Annual St. Bart's School Golf Outing coming up on October 4, 2004. Please call the rectory for more details.

Masses Sent to Seminary

The following mass intentions were sent to the Seminary to be said during the month of September:

Alvin Drozdowski (Wife Fran)

Urban Dishart (Wife Theresa)

Altar Society Members (Membership)

George & Mary Bernadette Bonnar (Dr. & Mrs. Bernie Bernacky)

Margaret M. Hornick (Friends)

Teresa Pizzonia Hawkins (Family & Friends)

McQuillan Family (Kenneth McQuillan)

Martha Smith (Ann & Gil Ruffing)

Amodeo Ranallo (Vince Piscioneri)

Margie McMahan (The Women's Guild)

Clarence Schaffer (Gary Rick)

Gordon Walker (Tom Klocko)

Giovanna Serrao (Mary Turno)

Josephine E. Dallas (Virginia Fey)

Robert Stitzel (Charles & Eileen McCartney)

## Seek Virtue

In today's first reading, Amos condemns a self-absorbed people and their morally corrupt behavior and attitudes, which, he warns, will bring devastation. In the Gospel, the wealthy man is not given a name; he is simply the epitome of greed and irresponsibility. His lack of caring has created a gulf between him and the beggar Lazarus that not even Abraham can bridge. In his letter to Timothy, a young bishop in the small Resurrection community of Ephesus, Paul exhorts this leader to seek virtues such as integrity, faith, and steadfastness with great gentleness. Paul also asks Timothy to keep in mind the future life with God who "dwells in unapproachable light." This is the blessedness of all those who, like Lazarus, were once poor but who are now rich.

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### Treasures from our Tradition

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" (from the Greek word meaning the "the whole inhabited world") began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as "outside the Church." A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.

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## Mass Intentions



### **MON., September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul**

10:00 A.M. NO MASS - Clergy Convocation

### **TUES., September 28 - St. Wenceslaus**

10:00 A.M. NO MASS - Clergy Convocation

### **WED., September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael**

7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

### **THURS., September 30 - St. Jerome**

10:00 A.M. NO MASS - Clergy Convocation

### **FRI., October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

10:00 A.M. Ferla & Henninger Families (Lois Ferla)

### **SAT., October 2 - Guardian Angels**

10:00 A.M. Walls & Hurley (Family)

11:00 A.M. Confessions heard until 12:00 noon

5:00 P.M. Robert Harris (Donna, Frank, & Stacey)

### **SUN., October 3 - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. Eric Rex Moore (Patricia Moore)

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

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed:

**Robert Taylor, Italo Castelli, and Mathilda Corpora**

#### Weekly Offering:

September 5: Total: \$8624.50 Env. Dist.: 1753 Env. Used: 676

September 12: Total: \$7465.50 Env. Dist.: 1753 Env. Used: 584

September 19: Total: \$8496.60 Env. Dist.: 1753 Env. Used: 622

Scrip Program Approximate Profit:

September 12: \$220.42

September 19: \$213.38

## MOPS

MOPS, also known as Mothers of Preschoolers, invites you to attend a Teddy Bear Picnic on Wednesday, September 29, at 9:30 AM at Hebron United Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, on Frankstown Road. This indoor picnic will include stories, music, and a snack. Please bring your favorite teddy bear, a blanket to sit on, and your children. If you have a favorite teddy bear story or activity, please feel free to bring it with you. Come join in on the fun and learn what MOPS is about! If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kernick at 412-244-8085.